

## Lesson 2:

# Celebrating Middle Eastern Jewish Clothing

### Appendix A - Midrash on Jewish Clothing

**Minor Pesikta, Devarim (Ki Tavo) 41a:** “And there they became a nation” – this teaches that the Israelites were distinct there, in that their clothing, food, and language was different from the Egyptians’. They were identified and known as a separate nation, apart from the Egyptians.

פסיקתא זוטרתא (לקח טוב) דברים פרשת תבא דף מו עמוד א  
דבר אחר ויהי שם לגוי. מלמד שהיו ישראל מצויינים שם. שהיה  
מלבושם ומאכלם ולשונם משונים מן המצריים. מסומנין היו וידועין שהם  
גוי לבדם חלוק מן המצריים.

#### Discussion Questions

- a. How did the people of Israel “Become a nation”?
- b. What does it mean to “Become a nation”?
- c. What is the connection between food, clothing and language?
- d. What is “Jewish clothing”? Who wears it? When?