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# JAC & ELIAS – SHOWING YOUR JEWISH IDENTITY

## Before you watch

**Think about your own identity. How would you define it in a few words?**Consider cultural background, nationality, religious beliefs, ethnicity, etc. Discuss in pairs.

I speak Spanish and Catalan, but I feel much more Catalan, that's my culture and first language...

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#### How can you identify yourself to others visually?

If you identify as gay, you could put a rainbow pin on your backpack...



## While you watch

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#### Circle the correct answer.

- 1 What symbol of her identity does Jac refer to?
  - a a necklace
  - **b** a t-shirt
  - c a tattoo
- 3 What did she decide to do about this on her visit to Amsterdam?
  - **a** She decided not to wear it because of antisemitism.
  - **b** She chose to wear it because of its significance to her in this place.
  - **c** She hasn't made a decision yet about wearing it yet.

- 2 What did people say about her identifying herself in this way?
  - **a** It was dangerous to wear it.
  - **b** Not many people wear it these days.
  - c She should be careful about wearig it.
- 4 What is her conclusion about wearing it?
  - a She'll always wear it as it's part of her identity.
  - **b** She'll only not wear it if she feels danger.
  - **c** She'll wear it when she wants to tell people about her identity.

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#### Complete the gaps with the correct word.

-	•	careful danger religious	
	I was told "be	, don't tell people you're Jewish".	
2	I'm in a very historically_	place.	
3	I want to be	of who I am and not be scared.	
4	I'll maybe cover it up if I'm in a place where I feel .		
5	I'm also not a	person.	
6	I don't feel like I should ha	ave to hide that unless I'm in physical	

Which of the words describe how Jac feels?



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#### **Read this quotation:**

"I want to be proud of who I am and not be scared which is difficult and it's scary sometimes."

What is the difference in meaning between **scared** and **scary**? Can you think of any other pairs of adjectives like this?



Note: Elias speaks in Danish. Make sure to activate the English subtitles.



#### Circle the correct answer.

- 1 What does Elias say about his kippah?
  - a He is the only boy at school who wears it.
  - **b** It reminds him of the power of God.
  - c His family tell him to wear it.
- 2 What is the form of discrimination that he suffered playing football?
  - a Somebody shouted an insult at him.
  - **b** Somebody refused to play with him.
- **c** Somebody told him to remove his kippah.



# The two videos have some things in common. Match the names with the facts. Both can be true. Cross out what is not true.

- a Jac / Elias describe (s) a symbol of Judaism.
- **b** Jac / Elias explain (s) when they wear this symbol.
- c People told Jac / Elias that the symbol can make people insult them.
- **d** Jac / Elias describe(s) a moment when they were insulted.

# After you watch



#### Choose ONE of the questions to discuss in pairs or small groups.

- a Do you empathise with what Jac or Elias say about their identities? If so, how? If not, why not?
- **b** What do you think is the difference between your personal identity and your *social identity*? Think of ways people project their social identity on to others.
  - I think your social identity is the one you project to others, for example on social media.
- **c** Would you say that the situation that Jac and Elias describe is similar where you live? Why? Why not?
- d What do you think can be done to allow people to express their identities as they want to?