

## Analysis: Video Voices of Diverse Jewish American Identities

**Directions:** Watch the videos that highlight diverse identities and use the spaces below to record your observations and thoughts.

- [Diverse Jewish Voices: Jonah Tobin's Bar Mitzvah](#)
- [Actor and Singer Ben Platt Reflecting on His Jewish Identity](#)
- [Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: The Danger of a Single Story](#) (beginning at 13:37 - end)

<b>JONAH TOBIN</b>	
What are the components of Jonah's identity that you can identify from this video?	
Did anything in the video surprise, challenge, or confuse you? Explain.	
What personal connections can you make to the themes explored in the video?	

<b>BEN PLATT</b>	
What are the components of Ben's identity that you can identify from this video?	
Did anything in the video surprise, challenge, or confuse you? Explain.	
What personal connections can you make to the themes explored in the video?	

<b>JONAH TOBIN + BEN PLATT</b>	
What similarities did you discover between Jonah's and Ben's identities?	
What differences did you discover between Jonah's and Ben's identities?	
Did the videos change your understanding of the concept of identities? Explain.	

<b>CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE: THE DANGER OF A SINGLE STORY</b>	
What is the danger of a single story?	
What do we gain by rejecting single stories about a group of people or a place?	
What is the most important takeaway you had from Adichie's talk? Explain.	

## REFLECTIVE INQUIRY

After learning about the rich diversity within the Jewish American community and how easy it is to fall into the trap of a 'single story', consider this: the next time you meet someone from a background different from your own, **what specific steps can you take to move beyond assumptions or stereotypes, and truly understand their individual experience?** Think about how you can apply the concepts of recognizing diverse identities, appreciating historical context, and actively seeking multiple perspectives, just as you did with Jonah and Ben.