

Jewfis or Jufis

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<http://www.sevenpillarshouse.org/emails/email09/7pnewsletter-promiseofjudaism.html>

**[THE LIFE OF A JEWFI \(JEWISH SUFI\)](#)
**[presented by Sarah Manolson at the Third](#)
[Annual LE MOOD Festival](#)****

Sun Nov 03 2013 [Add to calendar](#)

**Venue : Espace Reunion, 6600 & 6610 Hutchison,
Outremont, Canada**

Presenter(s): Sarah Manolson

Sarah Leila Manolson grew up on a hippie commune outside Montreal in the early 80s with her Jewish Sufi parents. In her 20s, she took an active interest in Sufi studies and moved to a universalist Sufi retreat center in New York State for one year... which turned into more than 6 years! In this participatory session, Sarah Leila shares her experiences navigating multiple religious and spiritual influences to settle into her identity as a Jewfi. Come share your stories about practicing spiritual traditions; and how they clash or blend with your Jewish identity.

<http://allevents.in/outremont/the-life-of-a-jewfi-jewish-sufi-presented-by-sarah-manolson-at-the-third-annual-le-mood-festival/168172520050595>

The fad for Eastern mysticism, Kaplan explains, has produced a new genus of hyphenated Jew: “American Jews interested in Buddhism have been called JuBus, or sometimes BuJews. Likewise, a Hindu Jew is called a Hinjew, a Sufi Jew is called a Jewfi, and so forth.” (It is hard to see Hinjews as a successful hybrid, though; no matter how many times they’re reincarnated, they still won’t please their mothers.)

<http://www.firstthings.com/article/2010/01/the-hitchhikers-guide>

I know a few Muslim Jews, one called himself a Jewfi. There is a few prominent ones, like Robert Frager.

<http://www.shalom2salaam.com/2007/11/approval-received.html>

I'm proud to be a thinking Jewish Sufi (or Jewfi if you prefer). I've also taken shihada, so I'm a Muslim convert. But then religions are just ways of accessing God. Alas, my point is there are liberal religious people too. I have no problem with anyone's atheism. I just think those who don't have a way to connect to God are missing out.

<http://tawqer.com/comment/2900131#.Um3-MxDHih4>

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(Contemporary American Judaism: Transformation and Renewal

By Dana Evan Kaplan)

<http://books.google.com/books?id=0NrIPT7KWTYC&pg=PT123&lpg=PT123&dq=jufi+sufi&source=bl&ots=gTR5kDoLKU&sig=>

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