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Sri Chinmoy Centres  
Syda Yoga Dham  
World Plan Executive Council

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Islamic Center  
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Buddhist Churches of America  
Nichiren Shoshu of America  
Perfect Liberty Kyodan  
Zen Center of Rochester (New York)

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**INTRODUCTION**

## PURPOSE

This Handbook has been prepared for the Office of Chaplains, Department of the Army, in order to provide information useful for chaplains on the beliefs and practices of certain "religious" groups.

Specifically, the purposes of this Handbook are three:

To facilitate the provision of religious activities which serve the needs of persons of certain faiths not otherwise represented by military chaplains and others;

To define the specific requirements and practices in such a way as to enable commanders at all levels to make effective personnel decisions in those instances when religious beliefs and practices are claimed to be in conflict with military directives and practices; and

To provide the specific information about each group in a form which has maximum utility for military purposes, yet is approved as normative or at least acceptable by the leaders of those various groups under study.

The Handbook is written as a guide for chaplains and, where appropriate, for commanders. Although it accurately reflects the positions of each group in general, chaplains are urged to consider the religious needs of each member individually.

The specific purposes of the Handbook also serve to limit the amount of information provided on each group. Thus, while the information provided is accurate (in most instances approved by authorities from the individual groups themselves), it is by no means comprehensive. Lay persons, particularly, are cautioned that the Handbook is not a guide to religion, and that consideration of the implications of adopting a particular faith.

## INTRODUCTION: JEWISH GROUPS

Black Judaism

Conservative Judaism .

Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havaruth

Lubavitch Hassidism

Orthodox Judaism

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ECKANKAR

Elan Vital

Movement for Spiritual Inner Awareness, church of the

Sikh Council of North America

Sikh Dharma (3HO)

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Church of Satan

Church of Scientology

Church Universal and Triumphant

Gardnerian Wicca

"I AM" Religious Activity

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