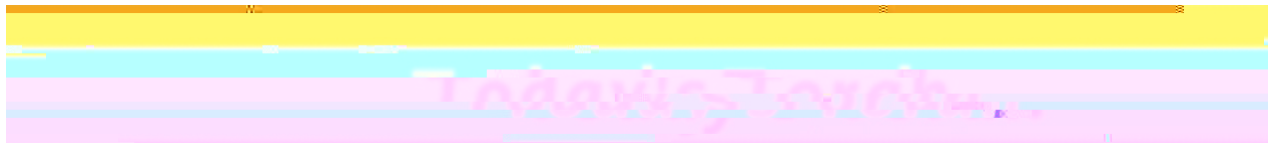


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**Veterans Day  
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**Judaism and War**

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A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven:

A time for being born and a time for dying, ...

A time for slaying and a time for healing, ...

A time for loving and a time for hating,

A time for war and a time for peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1 8)

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Although the Rabbis who shaped the Jewish tradition had trouble with some parts of the biblical

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not pacifistic. While Judaism abhors war and yearns for a Messianic world in which it will cease, it recognizes that our world is unfortunately not Messianic. It provides guidelines for determining when it is indeed “a time for war” and when not, and it establishes rules for the just conduct of wars all the time seeking to avoid war and to work for peace. It recognizes that sometimes justice requires even violence, not only in personal self-defense but in the military action of a nation.

The morality of war is a topic Jews faced seldom in their history

