

## **Episode 7: The Golden Land**

### **VII-1: Atlas: Western United States: 1848**

As America spread westward, Jews settled in the new states and territories, participating in the expansion. But in the decade following the first major influx of German Jews, the United States was also being torn apart by issues of slavery and states rights.

- Point out the major midwest and western population areas and the decisions regarding slavery that were to be made in the 1850s about new states being formed from “The Unorganized Territory” in the western half of the continent.
- Then, using the navigational thumbnail at the bottom left, move the map eastward to discuss the north-south divide that reached a flashpoint in 1861.