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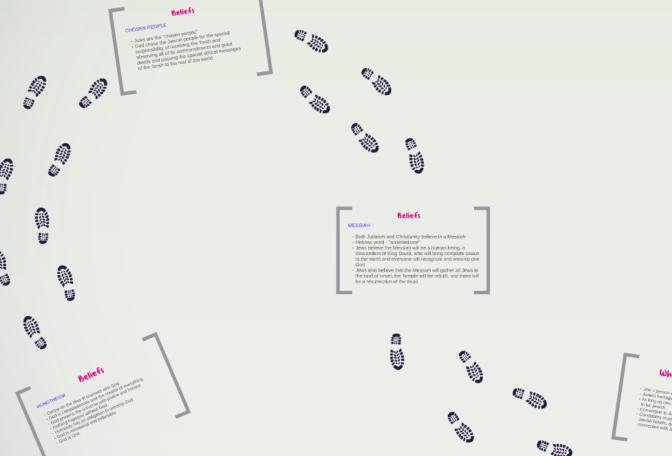
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MONOTHEISM

- Centre on the idea of oneness with God.
- God is compassionate and the creator of everything.
- · God governs the universe with justice and honour.
- Nothing happens without God.
- Humanity has an obligation to worship God.
- God is immaterial and indivisible.
- God is One.



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CHOSEN PEOPLE

- Jews are the "chosen people"
- God chose the Jewish people for the special responsibility of receiving the Torah and observing all of its commandments and good deeds and passing the special ethical messages of the Torah to the rest of the world



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MESSIAH

- Both Judaism and Christianity believe in a Messiah
- Hebrew word "anointed one"
- Jews believe the Messiah will be a human being, a descendent of King David, who will bring complete peace to the world and everyone will recognize and worship one God
- Jews also believe that the Messiah will gather all Jews to the land of Israel, the Temple will be rebuilt, and there will be a resurrection of the dead



Who are the Jews?

- Jew = person either born Jewish or converts to Judaism.
- Jewish heritage follows matrilineal line.
- As long as one parent is Jewish, the child is considered to be Jewish.
- Conversion to Judaism = gerut.
- Candidates must reveal knowledge of Judaism, confirm Jewish beliefs, demonstrate a will to act ethically, show connection with Jewish people.



How do Jews Honour God?

- Life is to be treated as an ongoing covenant with God.
- God created commandments to help people keep covenant.
- People demonstrate their devotion to God through study of the Torah, prayer, and good deeds (charity).
- Act of performing a good deed = mitzvah.
- · Mitzvah is a commandment from God.
- Gives people direction on how to live ethically.
- Bible contains 613 mitzvoth.
- 248 positive, "do" commandments and 365 negative "do not" commandments.



Mitzvot

Jewish beliefs are structured around doing mitzvot (commandments) singular form: mitzvah

EXAMPLES:

Prayer: obligated to pray certain prayer 3 x a day

Tzedakah: obligated to give at least 10-15% of income to

charity

Kashrut: dietary laws in order to sensitize Jews to proper treatment of animals

Shabbat: from sundown on Friday night until dark on Saturday night - time to rest. Symbolic of God's 7th day of rest after creating the world. Includes special meal. Refrain from cooking, shopping, electricity, sewing, cleaning, writing, or anything creative.



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