



RE: What do different Jewish people believe about God?

Year 1

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Key Vocabulary

Patriarch	The first and main church leader or father, out of whom the main teachings and beliefs stem.
Monotheistic	A religion believing in one God only.
Covenant	A promise or agreement between two people.
Israel	The tribe chosen to be God's chosen people.
Abraham	The first Jew- the person who made the covenant agreement with God
Commandment	The laws or rules of God. 10 main commandments, but 613 in the Torah as a whole.
Torah	The holy book of the Jewish people, made up of the first 5 books of the Old Testament.
Shema prayer	The central affirmation of Judaism. The prayer expresses belief in the singularity of God, that is, in God's oneness and incomparability. It is traditionally recited twice a day, as part of the morning (Shacharit) and evening (Arvit or Ma'ariv) services.
Synagogue	A place of worship for the Jews
Mezuzah	A Mezuzah is a small, decorative case which Jewish households attach to the right door frame of the entrance to their home. It contains the Shema prayer and is angled towards the entrance to welcome God in.
Tefillin	Small prayer box worn on the head or arm containing the Shema prayer.

Key facts

- Many people believe in some divine being.
- Many people believe that there is no God and that humans are free to make their own choices.
- There are lots of stories that people tell to help them understand the ideas.
- Christians believe God created the universe.
- All creation is important to God.
- God's character is reflected in the beauty of the world.
- The Jewish religion began in Israel when Abram (Abraham) was called by God.
- Jews believe that there is one God.
- Jews believe that God is creator.
- They believe that God sets rules for life.



Threshold Concepts

God	God is the creator of the world whom Christians/Jews worship.
Creation	<i>Genesis 1-2</i> - tells how God made a perfect world and was very pleased with it. He put people in charge of looking after it.
Celebration	Key events in a religious calendar that draws believers together and teaches them about their god/gods and how believers should behave.
Leaders	Important teachers and leader and their teachings.
Special	Places, people, texts and objects that have an important meaning to a group of people.
Communication	A way of talking and expressing belief.