

# The Hebrews and Judaism

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- Religion is foundation of society
  - Monotheism (belief in one god)
  - Education
  - Justice and Righteousness
  - Observance of Religious and Moral Law

# **Jewish Beliefs Anchor Their Society**

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- YHWH
  - Hebrew name for God
- Monotheism
  - Belief in one god
- Oldest monotheistic religion
- Believe that God had guided their history through relationships with Abraham, Moses, other leaders

# Belief in One God

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- Teaching children history of Judaism central to Jewish society
- Boys studied with professional teachers to learn religion
- Education still central to Jewish society

# Education

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- Justice
  - Kindness, fairness
  - Strangers, criminals
  - Give to poor, sick, orphans
  - Fair in business dealings
- Righteousness
  - Proper behavior at all time
  - More important than formal ceremonies

# Justice and Righteousness

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- Ten Commandments
- Mosaic Law
  - Laws God gave to Moses
    - Prayer
    - Holidays
    - Sabbath
      - Begins at sundown Friday night, ends at nightfall Saturday
- Unclean foods
- Kosher
- Orthodox Jews
  - Still follow Mosaic Law strictly
- Reform Jews
  - Do not follow ancient laws
- Conservative Jews
  - Fall in between

# Observance or Religious and Moral Law

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- Helped shape Christianity
  - Teachings shaped by Judaism
- Influenced Islam
  - Early adopters believed they descended from Abraham
- Ten Commandments
  - Social laws today
- Jewish Ideas seen in society today
  - Concept of charity

# Judaism and Later Cultures

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