



# JUDAISM

## What is Judaism?

Judaism is one of the oldest monotheistic religions and was founded over 3500 years ago in the Middle East. Jews believe that God appointed the Jews to be his chosen people in order to set an example of holiness and ethical behavior to the world.

### **Rabbi Stuart Paris on Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Part 1 - <https://youtu.be/xKPpPFTGsVg>**

Rabbi Stuart gave a brilliant talk on the Jewish traditions and history of the high holiday of Rosh Hashana but also shared some of his personal history both before and after meeting with Rabbi Joseph H. Gelberman, our seminary's founder, and his personal teacher. Rabbi Stuart's personal connection with Rabbi Gelberman shows through brightly.

### **Rabbi Stuart Paris on Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Part 2 - <https://youtu.be/jtsvzU-MMWc>**

Rabbi Paris got into even more personal stories of how he met and studied with Rabbi Gelberman (Rebbe). He also spoke about Rebbe's final days, and how he was present with him almost right up until the end when Rebbe passed on. His stories, as well as his explanation of Jewish traditions, and the way he integrates them into his teachings for his interfaith congregation at the New Synagogue of Long Island were emotional and touched all our hearts.

### **Rabbi Scott Matous on Jewish Mysticism Part 1 – <https://youtu.be/qw76psse8o4>**

Rabbi Scott eases into the subject of Jewish Mysticism with context and background ranging from Genesis to the history of the written and oral traditions within Judaism, practices from before, during, and after the ancient Hebrew Temples were built and destroyed—as well as more modern ones—beliefs about Adam and Eve and other biblical personages, the deeper meaning of Hebrew names and words and much more . . .

### **Rabbi Scott Matous on Jewish Mysticism Part 2 – <https://youtu.be/pjt3vt4diow>**

Rabbi Scott answers some questions about the timeline of the oral & written Torah, some of the laws of Kashruth (kosher), the correct translation of the Ten Commandments, and more, eventually leading into a discussion of Kabbalah and the meaning of the Tree of Life.

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