

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.

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Rabbi Scott on Spiritual Judaism, Part 1 - Click here to watch--> https://youtu.be/buY0harbiiA
Rabbi Scott Matous began his explanation of Spiritual Judaism with some background about his own history, and the places he has worked. He also shared several musical pieces to help illustrate the feeling he was talking about, including the Krakow Nigun by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach which demonstrates how even wordless song can convey deep prayerful feeling.

Rabbi Scott on Spiritual Judaism, Part 2 - Click here to watch--> https://youtu.be/a46JpljzVTQ
During this segment there was a lot more dialogue with the students, both as question-and-answer, as well as sharing personal experiences. Rabbi Scott discussed different approaches to Judaism and how he personally fits in with them in his role as a kind of bridge-builder between orthodox and spiritual, but not necessarily orthodox, approaches. Again, music played a part in his presentation, with one song being left for the end of the class. One very moving song, Kol Berama By Simcha Leiner

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://voutu.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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