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Sources of Wisdom and Authority Unit 1 Judaism

Unit 1: Religion and Philosophical themes from a Jewish perspective

Part A: Judaism: core beliefs and practices

<p>Beliefs Belief in God</p>	<p>Genesis 1 3-5 ³ God said, 'There shall be light,' and light came into existence. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and God divided between the light and the darkness. ⁵ God named the light 'Day,' and the darkness He named 'Night.' It was evening and it was morning, one day.</p> <p>Exodus 20 1-17 The First Two Commandments ¹God spoke all these words, saying: ²I am God your Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, from the place of slavery. ³Do not have any other gods before Me. ⁴Do not represent [such] gods by any carved statue or picture of anything in the heaven above, on the earth below, or in the water below the land. ⁵Do not bow down to [such gods] or worship them. I am God your Lord, a God who demands exclusive worship. Where My enemies are concerned, I keep in mind the sin of the fathers for [their] descendants, to the third and fourth [generation]. ⁶But for those who love Me and keep My commandments, I show love for thousands [of generations].</p> <p>The Third Commandment ⁷Do not take the name of God your Lord in vain. God will not allow the one who takes His name in vain to go unpunished.</p> <p>The Fourth Commandment ⁸Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. ⁹You can work during the six weekdays and do all your tasks. ¹⁰But Saturday is the Sabbath to God your Lord. Do not do anything that constitutes work. [This includes] you, your son, your daughter, your slave, your maid, your animal, and the foreigner in your gates. ¹¹It was during the six weekdays that God made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on Saturday. God therefore blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.</p> <p>The Fifth Commandment ¹²Honour your father and mother. You will then live long on the land that God your Lord is giving you.</p> <p>The Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Commandments ¹³Do not commit murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not testify as a false witness against your neighbour.</p> <p>The Tenth Commandment, Envy ¹⁴Do not be envious of your neighbour's house. Do not be envious of your</p>
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<p>God as transcendent</p>	<p>neighbour's wife, his slave, his maid, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that is your neighbour's.</p> <p>Aftermath of the Ten Commandments</p> <p>¹⁵All the people saw the sounds, the flames, the blast of the ram's horn, and the mountain smoking. The people trembled when they saw it, keeping their distance.</p> <p>¹⁶They said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen. But let God not speak with us any more, for we will die if He does.'</p> <p>¹⁷'Do not be afraid,' replied Moses to the people. 'God only came to raise you up. His fear will then be on your faces, and you will not sin.'</p> <p>Isaiah 55:8-9 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</p> <p>⁸'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD.</p> <p>⁹'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'</p>
<p>Practices The Shema</p>	<p>Part 1 Deuteronomy 6:4-9</p> <p>⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God; the Lord is one.</p> <p>⁵And you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your means.</p> <p>⁶And these words, which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart.</p> <p>⁷And you shall teach them to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.</p> <p>⁸And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for ornaments between your eyes.</p> <p>⁹And you shall inscribe them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.</p> <p>Part 2 Deuteronomy 11:13-21</p> <p>¹³And it will be, if you hearken to My commandments that I command you this day to love the Lord, your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,</p> <p>¹⁴I will give the rain of your land at its time, the early rain and the latter rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil.</p> <p>¹⁵And I will give grass in your field for your livestock, and you will eat and be sated.</p> <p>¹⁶Beware, lest your heart be misled, and you turn away and worship strange gods and prostrate yourselves before them.</p> <p>¹⁷And the wrath of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will close off the heavens, and there will be no rain, and the ground will not give its produce, and you will perish quickly from upon the good land that the Lord gives you.</p> <p>¹⁸And you shall set these words of Mine upon your heart and upon your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand and they shall be for ornaments between your eyes.</p> <p>¹⁹And you shall teach them to your sons to speak with them, when you sit in your house and when you walk on the way and when you lie down and</p>

	<p>when you rise. ²⁰And you shall inscribe them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates, ²¹in order that your days may increase and the days of your children, on the land which the Lord swore to your forefathers to give them, as the days of heaven above the earth.</p> <p>Part 3 Numbers 15:37-41 ³⁷The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ³⁸Speak to the children of Israel and you shall say to them that they shall make for themselves fringes on the corners of their garments, throughout their generations, and they shall affix a thread of sky blue [wool] on the fringe of each corner. ³⁹This shall be fringes for you, and when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of the Lord to perform them, and you shall not wander after your hearts and after your eyes after which you are going astray. ⁴⁰So that you shall remember and perform all My commandments and you shall be holy to your God. ⁴¹I am the Lord, your God, Who took you out of the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the Lord, your God.</p>
Shabbat	<p>Exodus 20 8-10 The Fourth Commandment ⁸Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. ⁹You can work during the six weekdays and do all your tasks. ¹⁰But Saturday is the Sabbath to God your Lord. Do not do anything that constitutes work. [This includes] you, your son, your daughter, your slave, your maid, your animal, and the foreigner in your gates.</p>
Kosher laws	<p>Leviticus 11 1-24 The Dietary Laws ¹God spoke to Moses and Aaron, telling them ²to speak to the Israelites, and convey the following to them: Of all the animals in the world, these are the ones that you may eat: ³Among mammals, you may eat [any one] that has true hooves that are cloven and that brings up its cud. ⁴However, among the cud-chewing, hooved animals, these are the ones that you may not eat: The camel shall be unclean to you although it brings up its cud, since it does not have a true hoof. ⁵The hyrax shall be unclean to you although it brings up its cud, since it does not have a true hoof. ⁶The hare shall be unclean to you although it brings up its cud, since it does not have a true hoof. ⁷The pig shall be unclean to you although it has a true hoof which is cloven, since it does not chew its cud. ⁸Do not eat the flesh of any of these animals. [At this time] do not touch their carcasses, since they are unclean to you. ⁹This is what you may eat of all that is in the water: You may eat any creature that lives in the water, whether in seas or rivers, as long as it has fins and scales. ¹⁰[On the other hand], all creatures in seas and rivers that do not have fins and scales, whether they are small aquatic animals or other aquatic</p>

	<p>creatures, must be avoided by you.</p> <p>¹¹They will [always] be something to be shunned. You must avoid them by not eating their flesh.</p> <p>¹²Every aquatic creature without fins and scales must be shunned by you.</p> <p>¹³These are the flying animals that you must avoid. Since they are to be avoided, do not eat any [of the following]: The eagle, the ossifrage, the osprey,</p> <p>¹⁴the kite, the vulture family,</p> <p>¹⁵the entire raven family,</p> <p>¹⁶the ostrich, the owl, the gull, the hawk family,</p> <p>¹⁷the falcon, the cormorant, the ibis,</p> <p>¹⁸the swan, the pelican, the magpie,</p> <p>¹⁹the stork, the heron family, the hoopoe, and the bat.</p> <p>²⁰Every flying insect that uses four legs for walking shall be avoided by you.</p> <p>²¹The only flying insects with four walking legs that you may eat are those which have knees extending above their feet, [using these longer legs] to hop on the ground.</p> <p>²²Among these, you may [only] eat members of the red locust family, the yellow locust family, the spotted grey locust family, and the white locust family.</p> <p>²³All other flying insects with four feet [for walking] must be avoided by you.</p> <p>²⁴There are [also] animals that will defile you so that anyone touching their carcasses will be unclean until evening.</p> <p>Exodus 23:19 Bring your first fruits to the Temple of God your Lord. Do not cook meat in milk, [even] that of its mother.</p>
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Part B: Theme 1 Issues of Life and Death

The world	<p>Genesis 1 and 2</p> <p>The beginning</p> <p>¹ In the beginning God created heaven and earth.</p> <p>² The earth was without form and empty, with darkness on the face of the depths, but God's spirit moved on the water's surface.</p> <p>³ God said, 'There shall be light,' and light came into existence.</p> <p>⁴ God saw that the light was good, and God divided between the light and the darkness.</p> <p>⁵ God named the light 'Day,' and the darkness He named 'Night.' It was evening and it was morning, one day.</p> <p>The Second Day</p> <p>⁶ God said, 'There shall be a sky in the middle of the water, and it shall divide between water and water.'</p> <p>⁷ God [thus] made the sky, and it separated the water below the sky from the water above the sky. It remained that way.</p> <p>⁸ God named the sky 'Heaven.' It was evening and it was morning, a second day.</p> <p>The Third Day</p> <p>⁹ God said, 'The waters under the heaven shall be gathered to one place, and dry land shall be seen.' It happened.</p> <p>¹⁰ God named the dry land 'Earth,' and the gatherings of water, He named 'Seas.' God saw that it was good.</p> <p>¹¹ God said, 'The earth shall send forth vegetation. Seedbearing plants and fruit trees that produce their own kinds of fruits with seeds shall be on the earth.' It happened.</p> <p>¹² The earth sent forth vegetation, plants bearing their own kinds of seeds, and trees producing fruits containing their own kinds of seeds. God saw that it was good.</p> <p>¹³ It was evening and it was morning, a third day.</p> <p>The Fourth Day</p> <p>¹⁴ God said, 'There shall be lights in the heavenly sky to divide between day and night. They shall serve as omens [and define] festivals, days and years.</p> <p>¹⁵ They shall be lights in the heavenly sky, to shine on the earth.' It happened.</p> <p>¹⁶ God [thus] made the two large lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the smaller light to rule the night. [He also made] the stars.</p> <p>¹⁷ God placed them in the heavenly sky to shine on the earth,</p> <p>¹⁸ to rule by day and by night, and to divide between the light and the darkness. God saw that it was good.</p> <p>¹⁹ It was evening and it was morning, a fourth day.</p> <p>The Fifth Day</p> <p>²⁰ God said, 'The water shall teem with swarms of living creatures. Flying creatures shall fly over the land, on the face of the heavenly sky.'</p> <p>²¹ God [thus] created the great sea monsters, along with every particular species of living thing that crawls, with which the waters teem, and every particular species of winged flying creature. God saw that it was good.</p> <p>²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and become many, and fill the waters of the seas. Let the flying creatures multiply on the land.'</p> <p>²³ It was evening and it was morning, a fifth day.</p>
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The Sixth Day

²⁴ God said, 'The earth shall bring forth particular species of living creatures, particular species of livestock, land animals, and beasts of the earth.' It happened.

²⁵ God [thus] made particular species of beasts of the earth, particular species of livestock, and particular species of animals that walk the land. God saw that it was good.

²⁶ God said, 'Let us make man with our image and likeness. Let him dominate the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock animals, and all the earth - and every land animal that walks the earth.'

²⁷ God [thus] created man with His image. In the image of God, He created him, male and female He created them.

²⁸ God blessed them. God said to them, 'Be fertile and become many. Fill the land and conquer it. Dominate the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every beast that walks the land.'

²⁹ God said, 'Behold, I have given you every seedbearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree that has seedbearing fruit. It shall be to you for food.'

³⁰ For every beast of the field, every bird of the sky, and everything that walks the land, that has in it a living soul, all plant vegetation shall be food.' It remained that way.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good. It was evening and it was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2

The Sabbath

¹ Heaven and earth, and all their components, were [thus] completed.

² With the seventh day, God finished all the work that He had done. He [thus] ceased on the seventh day from all the work that He had been doing.

³ God blessed the seventh day, and He declared it to be holy, for it was on this day that God ceased from all the work that He had been creating [so that it would continue] to function.

Man; the First Sin

⁴ These are the chronicles of heaven and earth when they were created, on the day God completed earth and heaven.

⁵ All the wild shrubs did not yet exist on the earth, and all the wild plants had not yet sprouted. This was because God had not brought rain on the earth, and there was no man to work the ground.

⁶ A mist rose up from the earth, and it watered the entire surface of the ground.

⁷ God formed man out of dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils a breath of life. Man [thus] became a living creature.

⁸ God planted a garden in Eden to the east. There He placed the man that He had formed.

⁹ God made grow out of the ground every tree that is pleasant to look at and good to eat, [including] the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden, and the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became four major rivers.

¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon. It surrounds the entire land of Havilah where gold is found.

¹² The gold of that land is [especially] good. Also found there are pearls and precious stones.

¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon. It surrounds the land of Cush.

¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris which flows to the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to work it and watch it.

	<p>¹⁶ God gave the man a commandment, saying, 'You may definitely eat from every tree of the garden.</p> <p>¹⁷ But from the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil, do not eat, for on the day you eat from it, you will definitely die.'</p> <p>¹⁸ God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a compatible helper for him.'</p> <p>¹⁹ God had formed every wild beast and every bird of heaven out of the ground. He [now] brought [them] to the man to see what he would name each one. Whatever the man called each living thing [would] remain its name.</p> <p>²⁰ The man named every livestock animal and bird of the sky, as well as all the wild beasts. But the man did not find a helper who was compatible for him.</p> <p>²¹ God then made the man fall into a deep state of unconsciousness, and he slept. He took one of his ribs and closed the flesh in its place.</p> <p>²² God built the rib that he took from the man into a woman, and He brought her to the man.</p> <p>²³ The man said, 'Now this is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh. She shall be called Woman (Ishah) because she was taken from man (ish).'</p> <p>²⁴ A man shall therefore leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and they shall become one flesh.</p> <p>²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, but they were not embarrassed by one another.</p> <p>https://www.learningtogive.org/resources/tikkun-olam</p> <p>Honi from the Talmud (Avot d'Rebbe/Rabbi Natan 31b) http://www.on1foot.org/text/avot-de-rabbi-natan-31 Rabbi Yohanan Ben Zakai used to say: "If you have a sapling in your hand and they tell you 'The Messiah is coming!' first plant the sapling and then go to greet him."</p> <p>Teachings of Maimonides' 13 Principles (no. 10) http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/332555/jewish/Maimonides-13-Principles-of-Faith.htm 10. The belief in God's omniscience and providence.</p>
The origin and value of human life	<p>http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judaism/pikuach_nefesh.html</p> <p>The Talmud (B. Yoma 84b number 8-9) http://juchre.org/talmud/yoma/yoma4.htm#84b BECAUSE IT IS A POSSIBILITY OF DANGER TO HUMAN LIFE. Why was it necessary to add 'AND WHEREVER THERE IS DANGER TO HUMAN LIFE, THE LAWS OF THE SABBATH ARE SUSPENDED?'-Rab Judah in the name of Rab said: Not only in the case of a danger [to human life] on this Sabbath, but even in the case of a danger on the following Sabbath.</p> <p>8 Our Rabbis taught: One must remove debris to save a life on the Sabbath, and the more eager one is, the more praiseworthy is one; and one need not obtain permission from the Beth din. How so? If one saw a child falling into the sea, he spreads a net and brings it up — the faster the better, and he need not obtain permission from the Beth din though he thereby catches fish [in his net]. If he saw a child fall into a pit, he breaks loose one segment [of the entrenchment] and pulls it up — the faster the better; and he need not obtain permission of the Beth din, even though he is thereby making a step [stairs]. If he saw a door closing upon an infant, 9 he may break it, so as to get the child out — the faster the better; and he need not obtain permission from the Beth din, though he thereby consciously makes chips of wood. One may extinguish and isolate [the fire] in the case of a</p>

	<p>conflagration — the sooner the better, and he need not obtain permission from the Beth din, even though he subdues the flames</p> <p>Ethics of the Fathers 4:22 http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/2032/jewish/Chapter-Four.htm He would also say: Those who are born will die, and the dead will live. The living will be judged, to learn, to teach and to comprehend that He is God, He is the former, He is the creator, He is the comprehender, He is the judge, He is the witness, He is the plaintiff, and He will judge. Blessed is He, for before Him there is no wrong, no forgetting, no favouritism, and no taking of bribes; know, that everything is according to the reckoning. Let not your heart convince you that the grave is your escape; for against your will you are formed, against your will you are born, against your will you live, against your will you die, and against your will you are destined to give a judgement and accounting before the king, king of all kings, the Holy One, blessed be He.</p> <p>Mishnah Oholot 7.6 http://www.sefaria.org/Mishnah_Oholot.7.6?lang=en&layout=lines&sidebarLang=all A woman who was having trouble giving birth, they cut up the foetus inside her and take it out limb by limb, because her life comes before its life. If most of it had come out already they do not touch it because we do not push off one life for another.</p>
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Part B: Theme 2 Good and Evil

Crime and Punishment	<p>Leviticus 24:17-20</p> <p>¹⁷ One who takes a human life must be put to death.</p> <p>¹⁸ If one kills an animal, he must pay for it, [the value of] a life for a life.</p> <p>¹⁹ If one maims his neighbour, he must be penalized accordingly.</p> <p>²⁰ Thus, full compensation must be paid for a fracture or the loss of an eye or a tooth. If one inflicts injury on another person, he must [pay as if the same injury were] inflicted on him.</p> <p>Exodus 20:13</p> <p>¹³ Do not commit murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not testify as a false witness against your neighbour.</p>
Forgiveness	<p>Micah 7:18</p> <p>www.chabad.org</p> <p>¹⁸ Who is a God like You, Who forgives iniquity and passes over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not maintain His anger forever, for He desires loving-kindness.</p>
Good and Evil	<p>Berakhot 9:5</p> <p>http://www.sefaria.org/Mishnah_Berakhot.9.5?lang=he-en&layout=heLeft&sidebarLang=all</p> <p>A person is obligated to bless upon the bad just as he blesses upon the good. As it says, “And you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart and all your soul and with all that you have.” (Deut. 6:5) “With all your heart” – with your two inclinations, with the inclination of good and the inclination of evil. “And in all your soul” – even if He takes your soul. “And with all that you have” – with all your money. Alternatively, “With all that you have” – with every measure that is measured for you thank Him very much. Man must not be light with his head [frivolous] near the eastern gate, for it is near the foundation of the house of the Holy of Holies. One may not enter the Holy Mount with his staff, or with his sandal, or with his belt-pouch, or with dust on his feet, and may not make it a shortcut, and spitting is forbidden, as deduced from [the principle of] lesser to greater. All that ended the blessings when they were in the Temple would say, “From the world.” When the heretics corrupted [matters] and said, “there is no world but this one,” they [the Sages] corrected this so that they should say, “From the world and until the [next] world.” And they corrected this, that one shall inquire after the peace of his friend with the Name [of God], as it says, “And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the harvesters, ‘God be with you’, and they said to him, ‘God bless you.’” (Ruth 2:4) And it says, “God is with you, great and valorous one.” (Judges 6:12) And it says, “Do not scorn, because your mother is old.” (Proverbs 23:22) And it says, “It is time to do for God, they have broken your Torah.” (Psalms 119:126) Rabbi Nathan says, “They nullified your Torah’ – because it is time to do for God.”</p> <p>Avodah Zarah, 3b</p> <p>http://halakhah.com/pdf/nezikin/Avodah_Zarah.pdf</p>

	<p>Why is man here compared to the fishes of the sea? To tell you, just as the fishes of the sea, as soon as they come on to dry land, die, so also man, as soon as he abandons the Torah and the precepts [incurs destruction]. Another explanation: Just as the fishes of the sea, as soon as the sun scorches them, die; so man, when struck by the sun, dies. This can be applied to the present world, or to the future world. You can, in accordance with R. Hanina, apply this to the present world, for R. Hanina says: Everything is in Heaven's hands, except cold and heat, as is said, 'colds and heat-boils are in the way of the forward, he that keepeth his soul holdeth himself far from them; 29 or, according to R. Simeon b. Lakish, it can be applied to the future life, for R. Simeon b. Lakish says: There is no Gehenna in the Future World, 30 but the Holy One, blessed be He, brings the sun out of its sheath, so that it is fierce: the wicked are punished by it, the righteous are healed by it. The wicked are punished</p> <p>Deuteronomy 30:15-19</p> <p>¹⁵ See! Today I have set before you [a free choice] between life and good [on one side], and death and evil [on the other].</p> <p>¹⁶ I have commanded you today to love God your Lord, to walk in His paths, and to keep His commandments, decrees and laws. You will then survive and flourish, and God your Lord will bless you in the land that you are about to occupy.</p> <p>¹⁷ But if your heart turns aside and you do not listen, you will be led astray to bow down to foreign gods and worship them.</p> <p>¹⁸ I am warning you today, that [if you do that] you will be utterly exterminated. You will not last very long in the land which you are crossing the Jordan and coming to occupy.</p> <p>¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses! Before you I have placed life and death, the blessing and the curse. You must choose life, so that you and your descendants will survive.</p>
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