

Candidate 2 evidence

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13.	<p>Jews believe that God is omnipotent. This means all powerful and is shown through God's creation of the universe. God is also omniscient which means all knowing. He knows of everything that has ever happened and everything that will happen. God is also transcendent which means he exists beyond our human understanding. This is shown through God parting the Red Sea. God is also a lawgiver. He wrote the 613 mitzvot for all Jews to follow. Finally, God is eternal. He has always existed and will always exist.</p>
14. a)	<p>Jews believe that judgement is the process of God judging our souls to determine our afterlife. Judgement takes place after we die and the final judgement takes place when the messiah comes. Judgement can also take place during the high holy days. Once we die, we are given 10 days to repent for our actions to try and wipe the slate clean. Some Jews might believe that we shouldn't worry about judgement as there is no evidence to suggest</p>

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14. b)	

that it actually takes place. Instead of worrying about it we should use our time to work on our relationship with God.

One way judgement might affect Jews is that many Jews will try and be better people by doing things such as performing tzedakah. Some Jews will try to do these things not to build their relationship with God, but to try and get a better judgement. Many Jews will feel comforted by the idea of judgement because God is a merciful judge so they know that they will be judged fairly. This could also be because if they have followed the 613 mitzvot then judgement promises them an eternity spent with God. However, some Jews might feel like they have been set up to fail as they are being judged upon their obedience to 613 laws which is too many to follow.

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15. a)	<p>One way the Jews keep the covenant is by adhering to Brit Milah. This is the law stated in the covenant that means that every Jewish male must be circumcised by the time he is 8 days old. This takes place in a room full of male family members. He is placed on the sandek's knee, a drop of wine is placed on his tongue and he is circumcised. Another way is by keeping kosher. This is the diet that is mandatory for all Jews. It involves not eating food such as pork and shellfish, and animals must also be killed correctly. Also, it is forbidden to mix meat and dairy. These must be eaten at least 3 hours apart from each other.</p>
15. b)	<p>On the one hand I agree because a lot of rules don't mean the same as what they used to. It is forbidden to cook during Shabbat, but turning on an oven is a lot easier than gathering wood to start a fire. Also, brit milah is a brutal and outdated rule that provides no benefit to anyone. Furthermore, shabbat can exclude people, damaging their social life.</p>

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It is unfair to expect people not to go out on Friday night or Saturday. Kosher is also very difficult to follow and can exclude Jewish teenagers. It can be difficult to find places to eat where the food is kosher, especially in more rural areas.

On the other hand I disagree because some rules still benefit us to this day. For instance, we cannot eat shellfish because it often carries noro virus which is very harmful. Also, the covenant unites Jews around the world with a way of life that all Jews go by. Furthermore, Shabbat provides us with a day of relaxation to spend with family. This positively impacts our mental health. Finally, it is important to follow the covenant as it keeps Jewish identity which is important now as antisemitism is on the rise.