



5 Facts You Need to Know About: Orthodox Judaism

1. There are approximately 529,000 Orthodox Jews in the United States and 2.2 million worldwide.
2. Orthodox Judaism is a denomination of Judaism that aims to preserve daily practice and adherence to Jewish law as described in the Torah, Talmud and other codes of Jewish law.
3. Orthodox theology states that written and oral law were given to Moses and the Israelites through mass revelation. They believe Jewish law is divine will and binding for all Jews.
4. There are three main subgroups of Orthodox Judaism- Modern Orthodox, Haredi Orthodox, and Hassidic. They differ mainly on the issues of Zionism and the extent to which Jews should be integrated with the society around them.
5. There is no one authority for Orthodoxy, though each subgroup relies on its own rabbinic leaders. Each group thinks it is one of many traditions continuing the true legacy of Judaism.

Learn more at:

<http://www.orthodox-jews.com/#axzz4rB3VAUru>

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/background-and-overview-of-orthodox-judaism>

These five points are not meant to be comprehensive or authoritative. We hope they will encourage you to explore this tradition more deeply and seek out members of this community to learn about their beliefs in action. It is our firm belief that in understanding our differences we will better understand our common humanity.

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