The Seven Dimensions of Judaism

Ritual:

- **Shema:**
  - 4. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our G-d, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your G-d with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deut. 6:4-9)
  - Affirmation of Jewish faith in monotheistic G-d
- **Teffilin** – prayer ritual
- **Wedding tradition**
- **Passover** (Pesach) and the Haggadah
- **Tradition!** From Fiddler on the Roof

Narrative and Mythic:

- **Abraham and Isaac**
- **Moses** (video not available)
- **Abraham**: Father of Judaism, Islam and Christianity

Experiential and emotional:

- **Ask a friend!**

Social and Institutional:

- **Orthodox**: Strict observance of Torah and Talmud. 7% of American Jews.
- **Reform**: Adapt to modern world, but preserve Jewish identity. 42% of American Jews
- **Conservative**: Moderate. Conserve traditional elements, allow for modernization
- **Mysticism**: Kabbalah

Ethical and legal:

- **Tikkun Olam**: Repairing (perfecting) the world
- **Ten Commandments**
- **Book of Leviticus**

Doctrinal and philosophical:

- **Tanakh**: Hebrew Bible
  - **Torah**: First five Books or Pentateuch, means “law” or “instruction”
Nevi'îm: Prophecy, Wisdom Literature, Stories
Ketuvim: Psalms, Proverbs, Stories, Prophecy

“Oral Torah”
- Mishnah: Teachings of Early Rabbis (AD 200)
- Talmud: Based on Mishnah, Commentary

Material:
- Mezuzah: hangs next to a door, holds a scroll of Torah
- Yarmulke/ Kippah: prayer cap, commonly worn by boys and men, sometimes by women in the Reform tradition
- Shofar: Ram’s horn. Blown to welcome in the new year (Rosh Hashanah)
- Matzo: Unleavened bread, eaten during Passover
- Huppah: traditional wedding canopy
- Temple Mount: binding of Isaac, first temple built by King David