

# Why I'm NOT ...



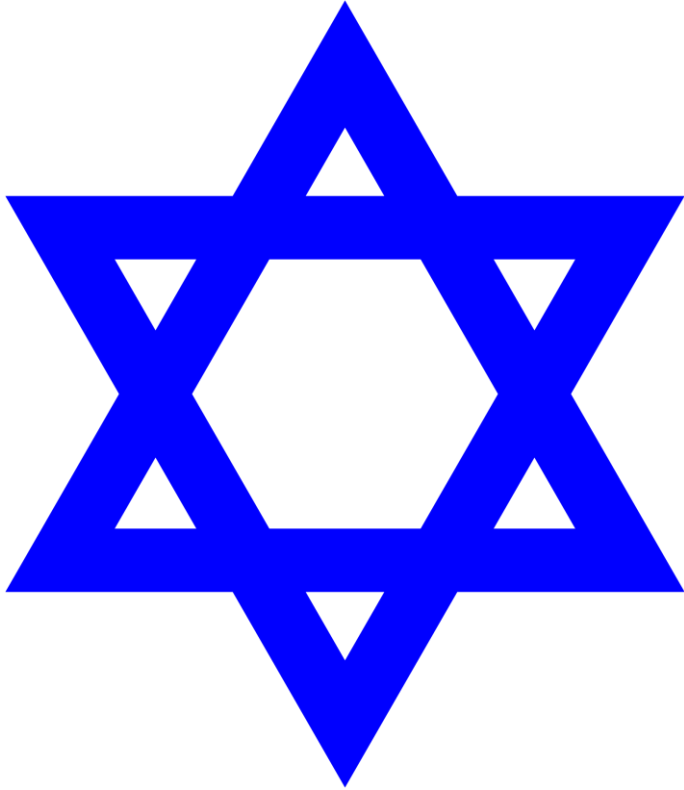
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**Why I'm NOT a Jew...Or Am I?**



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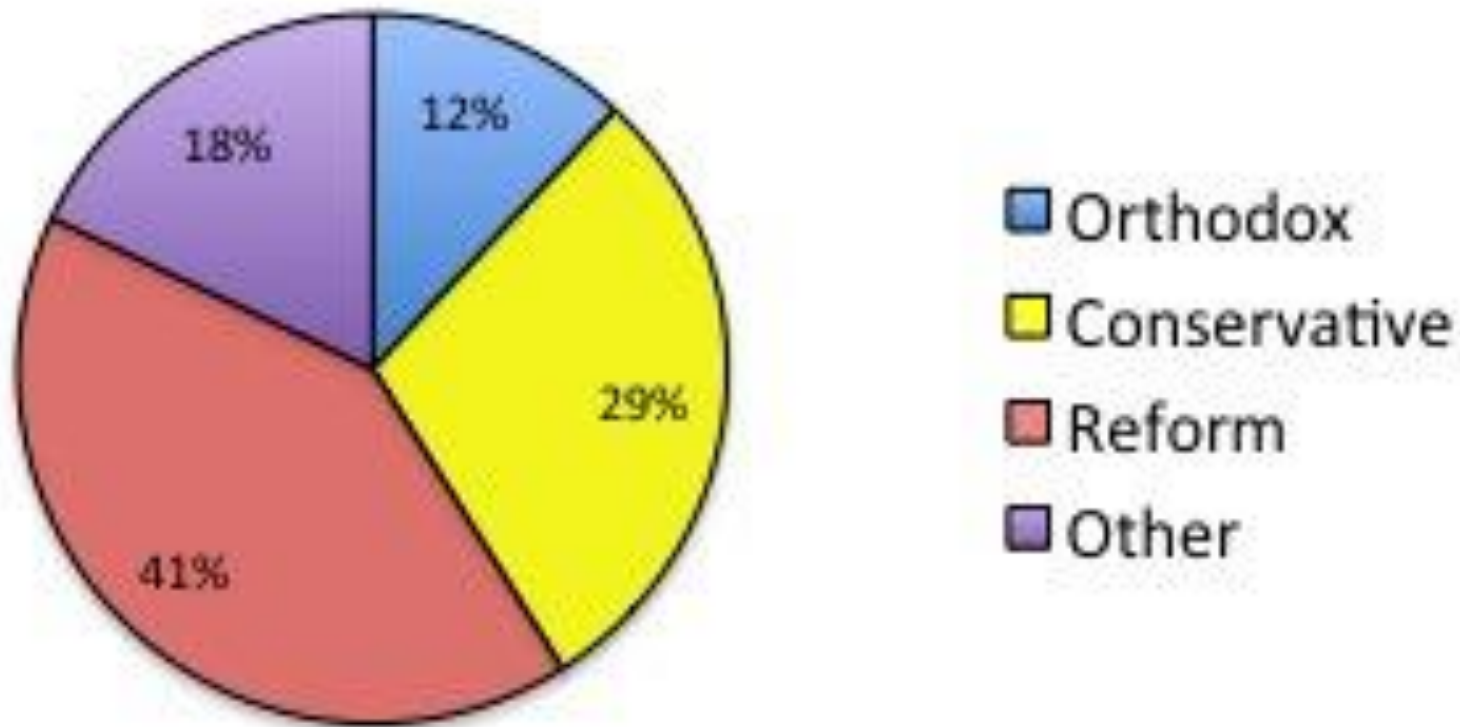
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*Principle 12*

*The Messiah...*



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*Messianic days; namely, to believe and trust that [the Messiah] will come soon.... One must believe that he will have superior rank and honor to any other king that ever ruled. One should exalt and love and pray for him, according to what all the prophets from Moses to Malachi had prophesied. This principle entails belief that every king of Israel [including the Messiah] must be from the house of David and from the line of Solomon*

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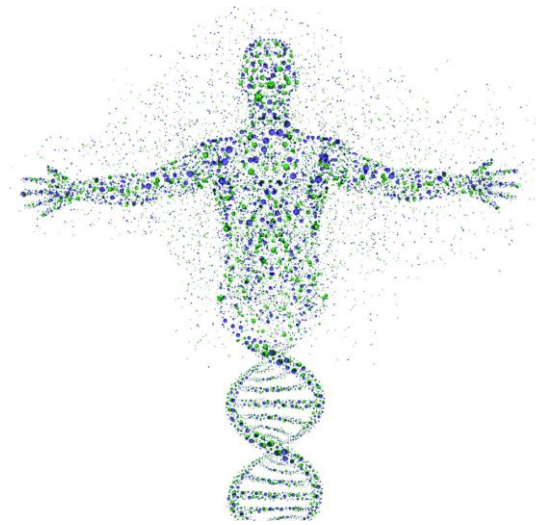
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