

Kol Ha-Rav Jewish Misconceptions

How many of these are true? How many are false? (Check your answers at end of this newsletter)

If you have tattoos you cannot be buried in a Jewish Cemetery.

Jews do not believe in angels.

There is no "after-life" in Judaism.

Pace-makers must be removed before burial.

It is still common practice not to bury suicides in a Jewish cemetery

Listening (obeying) your parents' wishes is an absolute value in Judaism (except when it comes to cremation).

It is forbidden to donate organs.

There are very few alcoholics, abusers, & gamblers among Jews.

Every inter-marriage is a disaster.

Jewish children are named for deceased relatives, never for living ones.

Mitzvah means good deed.

Jews don't believe in Heaven and Hell.

Kaddish is a prayer for the dead.

People whose parents are living may not be present for Yizkor.

The Star of David is an ancient Jewish religious symbol.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews have sex through a hole in the sheet.

You need a Rabbi to have a Jewish wedding.

Bar Mitzvah is a verb.

The holidays (choose your favorite) are early/late this year.

Judaism has never sought converts.

Yom Kippur is the most important Jewish holiday.

Judaism holds that people are basically good.

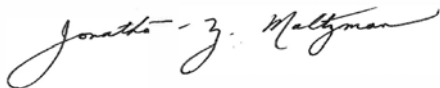
All synagogues must face eastwards.

The mezuzah protects the house.

If you drop the Sefer Torah, you have to fast 40 days in a row.

If you didn't have a Bar Mitzvah, you cannot get an aliyah.

You are not Jewish if you are not circumcised.



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ANSWER: The answer to all questions is False.