

# THE CORE BELIEFS OF JUDAISM

- There is a single, all-powerful God, who created the universe and everything in it.
- Jews are directed to be like God, to be KADOSH (*sacred*). KEDUSHA: seeking the sacred is central to Jewish beliefs. Judaism imagines a world in which each and every action has the potential for KEDUSHA.
- Each action or obligation that brings KEDUSHA into the world is called a *mitzvah*. Doing a *mitzvah* is the key that allows each person to experience the sacred. The *mitzvah* of TIKKUN OLAM (to be God's hands here on Earth and help repair the world) is central to Jewish belief.
- Judaism tends to be more focused on the actions of *mitzvah* than faith alone.

