



It's been said that **traditions** are important. They provide **balance** in our lives.

Tevye, the Milkman, believed that without tradition, life was as "**shaky**" as a fiddler on a roof."

In Tevya's world, the **papa** had the final say...



The **mama** ran the house,



The **son** learned a trade,



... and the **daughter** married who papa picked.



Those were the traditions. And following them meant balance, smooth-sailing and a tsuris-free existence. Right?

Of course, right!

But life isn't that simple. It wasn't for the Jews of Anatevka and it **isn't** for **us** today.

Today, traditions are often questioned and even abandoned.

At one time it was tradition for a doctor to make **house calls**.



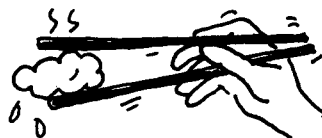
SHABBAT = GO TO SHUL



At one time, it was tradition to go to **Shul** on Shabbat.

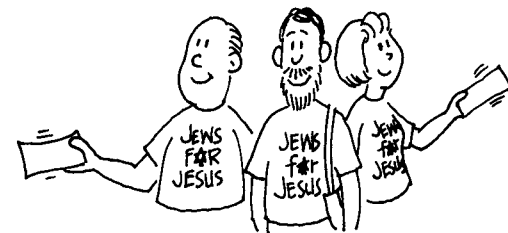
At one time, it was tradition for New York Jews to go out for **Chinese food** on Sundays.

SUNDAY = CHINESE FOOD



At one time, it was tradition for Jews **not** to believe in **Jesus**.
(Now **WAIT A MINUTE!**)

But today it is tradition for New Yorkers to receive lots of colorful pamphlets from **Jews** who **DO** believe in Jesus.



Some traditions **are** worth keeping—(like Chinese food on Sundays.)

Others are really worth questioning.
(Well maybe Jesus really **is** for us Jews.)



Y'shua (Jesus) challenged the rabbis who were opposed to him:

"You have let go of the **Commands of God** and are holding on to the **traditions of men.**"

(MARK 7:8)

Jesus' challenge still stands today.

Traditions **are** important, but if they serve to keep us from examining the **TRUTH**, don't you think those are the ones we should be questioning?

Jesus said,

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

(JOHN 8:32)

After all, if Jesus **is** the **Messiah** — if he died for your sins and mine and rose again — then **believing** in him and **following** him is a tradition that, in truth, **every Jew**, every person everywhere should adopt!



"The woman said, 'I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

Then Jesus declared, 'I who speak to you am he.' "

(JOHN 4:25-26)

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