# Thirteen Principles of Faith י"ג עָקָרִים

The First Principle:

## God is the Creator...

"I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, creates and guides all creatures, and that He alone made, and makes, and will make everything."

The Second Principle:

## God is Unique...

"I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, is unique and there in no likeness to Him in any way, and that He alone is our God, who was, and is, and is to come."

#### The Third Principle:

## God is Spirit...

"I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, has no body and is unaffected by physical phenomena, and there is no comparision to Him with anything."

#### The Fourth Principle:

## God is First and Last...

"I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, is the First and the Last."

The Fifth Principle:

## Pray to God Alone...

"I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, is the only One to whom we should pray, and it is not proper to pray to any other."

The Sixth Principle:

# The Hebrew Prophets are True...

"I believe with complete faith that the words of the prophets are true."

The Seventh Principle:

## Moses is God's Prophet...

"I believe with complete faith that the prophecy of Moses our teacher, peace upon him, was true and that he was the father of the prophets, both to those who preceded him and to those who came after him."

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#### The Eighth Principle:

## The Torah is True...

"I believe with complete faith that the entire Torah now in our hands is the same one that was given to Moses our teacher, peace be upon him."

#### The Ninth Principle:

## The Torah cannot be change...

"I believe with complete faith that the Torah will not be changed nor will there be another Torah from the Creator, blessed be His Name."

#### The Tenth Principle:

## God knows all things...

"I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be He, knows all the deeds of human beings and all their thoughts, as it is said, 'He who fashions together their hearts is He who understands all their deeds."

The Eleventh Principle:

# God rewards the Righteous...

"I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be He, rewards good to those who keep His commandments but punishes those who violate them."

The Twelfth Principle:

## The Messiah will Come...

"I believe with complete faith in the coming of the Messiah, and though he may delay, nevertheless I wait for his coming every day."

The Thirteenth Principle:

## The Dead will be Raised....

"I believe with complete faith that there will be a resurrection of the dead when the Creator so wills, blessed be His Name and exalted be His remembrance forever and for all eternity."

# The Concluding Appeal...

"For Thy salvation I do yearn, O LORD; I do yearn, O LORD, for Thy Salvation. O LORD for Thy salvation I do yearn."