



#### FAITH & FUNDRAISING: THREE TRADITIONS, UNLIMITED QUESTIONS

A trio of Jewish, Muslim and Christian fundraisers explain what you need to know about religious donors.



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# COUSINS





#### **GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT... GRANDFATHER ABRAHAM**

\*Full disclosure: This is not the patriarch Abraham, this is a Microsoft Stock image of an old guy with a cool hat



What is the day today?

### **Jewish Calendar**



5783

#### **Christian Calendar**



# 2023

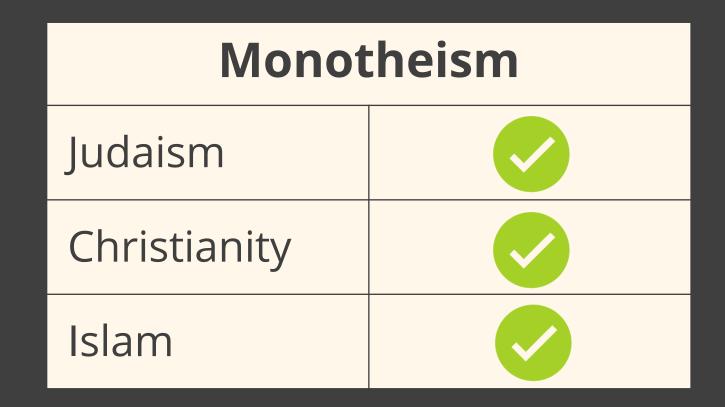
#### Younger than Judaism; Older than Islam

### **Muslim Calendar**



### 1444 AH

### Beliefs – One G-d





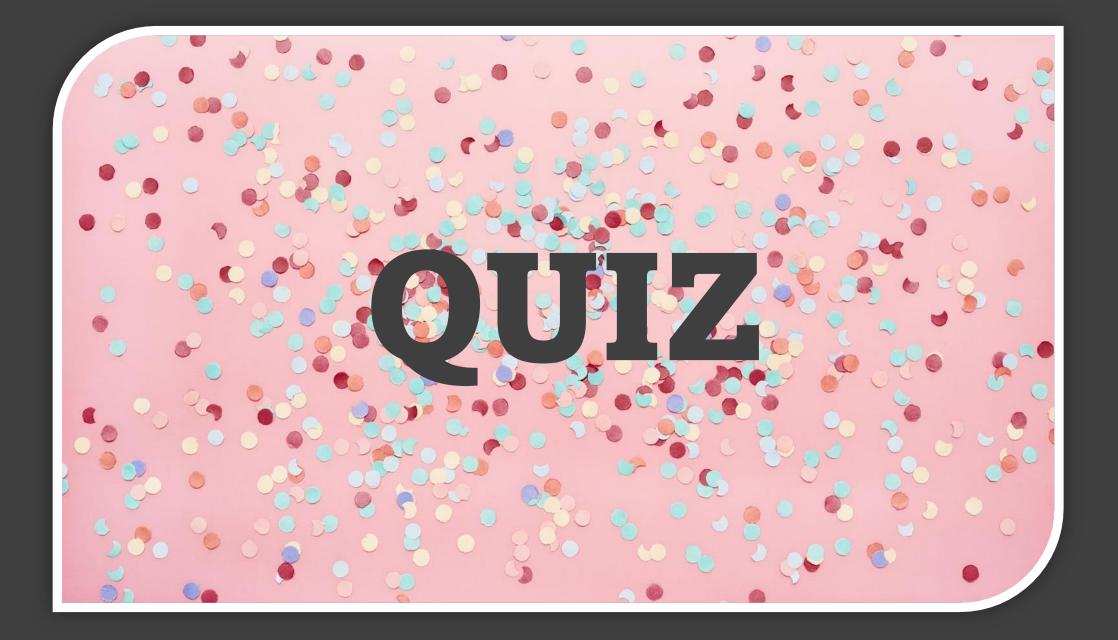
#### **Religious donors give more!**

### Road Map



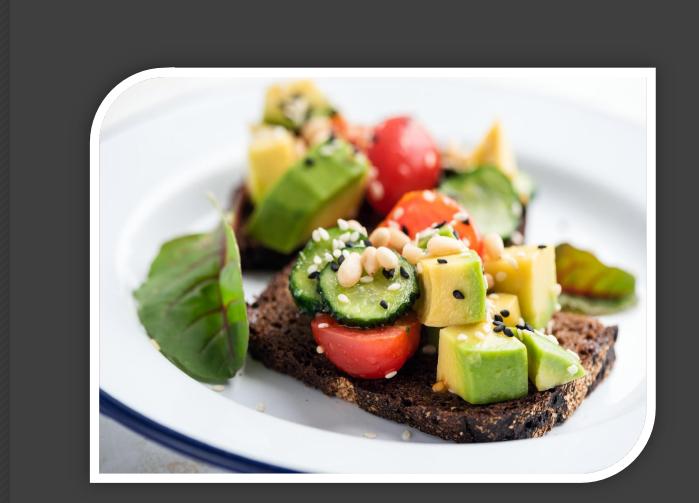








### **Event Planning I**



# 1) Vegetarian and vegan options

2) List the ingredients

3) Non-alcoholic options



	Jews	Christians	Muslims
Pork	×		
Shellfish			
Milk with meat (Cheeseburger)			
Animal products	Kosher		Halal

# Alcohol?

Judaism	
Christianity	<mark>It depends</mark>
Islam	





# Check your dates & Be willing to reschedule

### Etiquette

#### Men & Women Mixing?

Judaism	<mark>It depends</mark>
Christianity	<mark>lt depends</mark>
Islam	

## **Dress Code**

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Judaism			
Christianity			
Islam			

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## **Politics**

Judaism	Socially Liberal
Christianity	
Islam	Socially Conservative

## Safety & Security



#### **JEWISH TRADITION**

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#### Definition

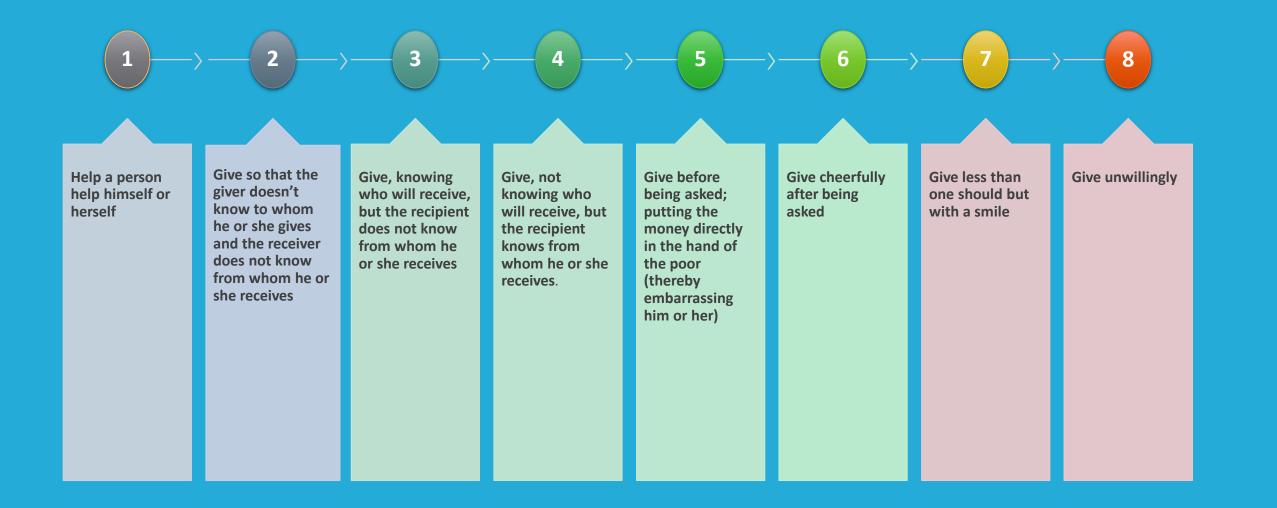
## "TZEDAKAH IS JUDAISM'S CALL TO JUSTICE"

Definition of Charity Tzedakah | צדקה

### **Guess the Order**

Give cheerfully after being asked	Give so that the giver doesn't know to whom he or she gives and the receiver does not know from whom he or she receives	Give unwillingly	Give, not knowing who will receive, but the recipient knows from whom he or she receives
Give before being asked; putting the money directly in the hand of the poor	Help a person help himself or herself	Give less than one should but with a smile	Give, knowing who will receive, but the recipient does not know from whom he or she receives

#### **Motivation for Giving**



#### **FUNDRAISING TIPS**

#### Jewish Philanthropy

### Identification



#### **Congregational Practice**

#### **Intermediate Giving**

#### Become a Member

Compared to most shuls, we've tried to keep our membership dues as low as possible. Our memberships include one High Holiday ticket for single memberships, and two for family memberships. The membership year runs from August 1 to July 31.

We are pleased to offer discounted membership fees for new members.

For the upcoming Jewish year 5780, we have established the following membership fee structure:

Membership	Pricing	
	Current Members	New Members
Family (2HH seats)	\$1,095	\$825
Single (1 HH seat)	\$545	\$415
YP/Student Couple (2 HH seats)	\$275	\$275
YP/Student Single (1 HH seat)	\$145	\$145

### **Etiquette**



# Ladies first

Dr. Jane & Mr. John Doe

# **Gifts in Memory**





#### How to say "Thank You"



## Anonymous?

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#### **CHRISTIAN TRADITION**

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# **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR**

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#### **FUNDRAISING TIPS**

# **Christian Giving**

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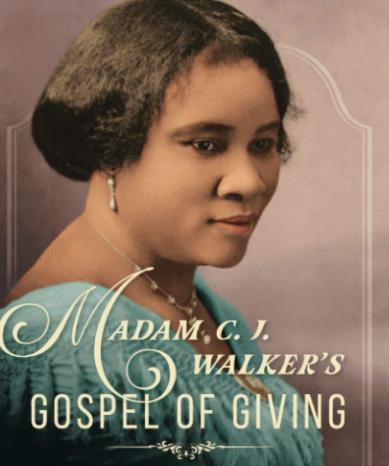






### MADAM C.J. WALKER'S GOSPEL OF GIVING

#### By Tyrone McKinley Freeman



BLACK WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY DURING JIM CROW

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#### **Future Trends**



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# **MUSLIM TRADITION**

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# The Origins

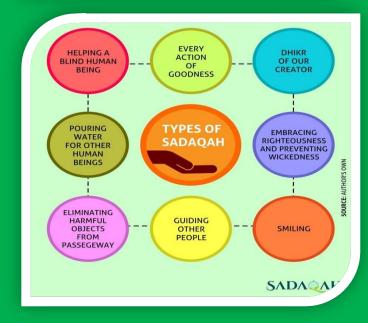
- Youngest of all Abrahamic faiths
- Currently 2 Billion+ Muslims
- Belief in 6 articles of faith
- Manifested in 5 obligatory practices
- Zakat (Charity) is one such practice



#### **Individual Practice**

- Zakat is PURIFICATION of self and wealth
- Zakat = Obligatory (Sunni), Defined, 2.5%
- Khums = Obligatory (Shia), Defined, 1/5<sup>th</sup>
- Sadaqa = Voluntary, Non-Financial too
- Waqf = Endowment, Bequest





# **Congregational Practice**

- Creating collective social impact
- Organized, Targeted & Modernized
- Mosques and Non-Profit Organizations





#### **FUNDRAISING TIPS**

#### **Muslim Philanthropy**



HALAL

- \$3 Trillion global market
- Consumption connected to spirituality
- Kosher is an alternative; but not for all



### **Donor Visits**





# **Motivations for Giving**

- Religious obligation
- Compassion towards the less-fortunate
- Desire to contribute to the community

\* But there's more behind the obvious!!!



# **Best Timing for Giving**

- Ramadan (month-long fasting)
- Time for Zakat calculation & distribution



### **Identification/Cultivation**

- Influencer strategy
- Reach out during challenging times
- Present at community events
- Offer to educate/collaborate for services



### Solicitation

- Most Muslims give through <u>live fundraising</u>
- Emotional appeal still trumps
- Love to see tangible benefits



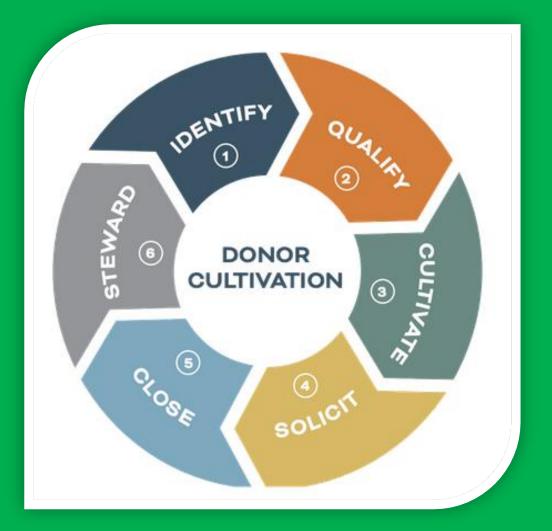
### Stewardship

- Anonymity to please the divine & reap rewards
- Nothing beats a sincere prayer/wish
- Letters not mainstream; but will do miracles
- Plaques and big gifts are not favored

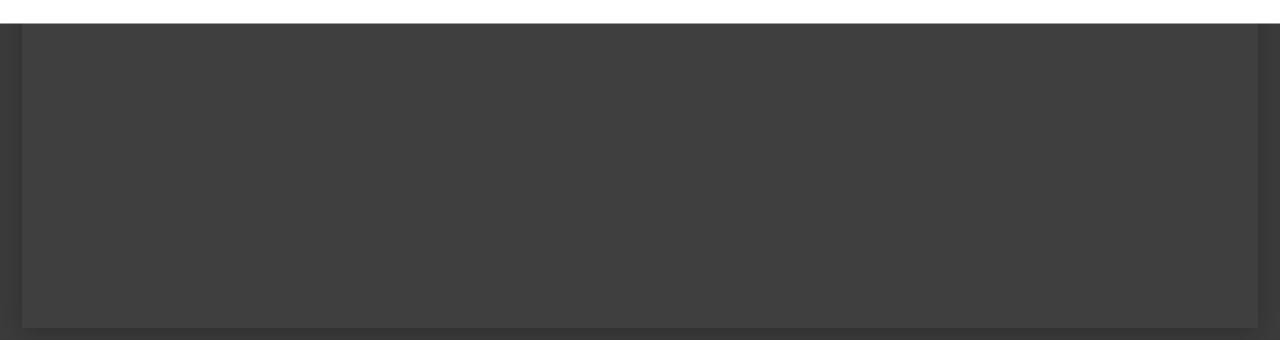




# Don't overly rely on established timeframes for donor cycles



#### **COMMON GROUND**



#### What we have in common > What separates us



#### **Questions?**

#### Stay in touch

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**Comments?** 



# Thank You