

ONE GOD SERIES

Discussion Questions - Sherre Hirsch

- #1 Both Joey Shapiro and Sherre Hirsch talk about the importance of ritual.**
- What rituals, and stories about ritual, are there in your faith community, whether they are a central part of your religion or particular to your congregation?
 - In what rituals do you find the most meaning and why?
- #2 Hirsch talks specifically about prayer, an important component of all three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. She talks about different ways of praying: Salaat, the Alenu, or a deep breath in the car.**
- How does your faith tradition think about and engage in prayer? How do you?
 - If you're comfortable doing so, share a prayer experience.
- #3 Hirsch distinguishes between intellectual traditions and experiential traditions, traditions of the mind and heart. She also discusses bringing these together.**
- What intellectual traditions does your faith have? What experiential traditions?
 - How does your faith community bring together heart and mind?
- #4 Hirsch talks about her own experiences of other faith traditions and how she has learned from them.**
- How have you experienced other religions?
 - Have you ever tried another religion on for size?
 - What have you learned from your experiences with other religions?
 - If you're comfortable doing so, share an experience of learning from another religious tradition.
- #5 Hirsch also talks about some aspects of her tradition being non-negotiable.**
- What aspects of your faith are non-negotiable?
 - What traditions and rituals would you refuse to give up?
 - What traditions from other faiths would you refuse to appropriate?
- #6 Both Hirsch and Patel suggest that young people today grow up encountering many religious traditions.**
- How do young people in your community experience other religions?
 - How would you like them to experience other religions?
 - How does their experience of other religions affect your community?