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Honour your mother and farther

"Children should always do as their parents say and always follow the religion of their parents". Some people agree with this statement strongly. Jews would argue that one of the ten commandments is "to honour your mother and farther". Keeping the commandments are a very important part of any Jew's life, keeping all the commandments means that they keep the covenant with God. The covenant says that God cares for all Jews and gives them land and descendants if Jews honour and love him (it's like a deal between the Jews and God) Jews would also argue that the shema says "impress them upon your children". The shema is a prayer that all Jews recite twice a day, this is learnt from a very early age. Every morning Jews wake up and recite the Mohed Ani, this is a declaration to God to thank him for letting them wake up to a new morning. Every parent has a duty to teach their child things like the Shema and the Mohed Ani, so surely every child should follow the religion of their parents.

Another argument is that if the children don't follow the religion of their parents, the religion would eventually die out. It is very important to Jews to ensure that the religion continues they take the continuation of the religion very seriously. Hugo Grin a famous Jew once said "every Jewish person who marries out of his religion is doing Hitler's work". This statement can be compared to everyone who doesn't follow the religion of their parents. The Jewish race was almost wiped out during the second world war, 6,000,000 Jews were killed in the holocaust. After that the Jews are even more determined to keep the religion strong. Some people argue that every religion has to start and grow some how. If Abraham hadn't passed on his beliefs to his children Judaism wouldn't of started in the first place. Jews circumcise their baby boys at 8 days old, the ceremony is called Brit Millah. Brit Millah is very important to Jews because it is a sign of loyalty to Judaism and it is on the part of the boy that future generations are made so it passes on the loyalty to future generations.

Some people disagree with the statement "children should always do as their parents say and always follow the religion of their parents". One argument is that the child might simply not want to follow the beliefs of their parents. You could also argue that every person has the human right to find their own religious identity. Other arguments might be that

if the children are forced to obey they might turn against/rebel against the religion or the parents. The child might be forced to go through the motions to pray every morning and to go to the synagogue but the motions don't mean nothing to them. There is social reasons why people might be against the statement. For example if a teenager was a Jew they would no longer be able to go shopping or to go to the cinema on a Saturday due to the rules of Shabbat. Also Judaism might cause a few problems with the schooling of the child if he or she doesn't go to a Jewish school. They would have to eat different food and leave school early on a Friday. All these things can lead to bullying (anti-Semitism). If a child is given the freedom of choice they might always go back to Judaism anyway and bring up their children as Jews. However if some one hated their childhood because they were forced to do Jewish practices they are less likely to bring their children up as Jews.

By looking at both sides of the argument I disagree with the statement because I believe that everyone has the right to choose their own religion and they shouldn't be forced into anything they don't believe in.