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|  | Ultra-Orthodox | Neo-Orthodox | Conservative | Progressive |
| God | Transcendent being | Transcendent being | Cosmic process | Personal |
| Written Torah | Dictated to Moses by God eternally relevant | Dictated to Moses by God eternally relevant | To be somewhat interpreted | To be continuously interpreted |
| Oral Torah | Dictated to Moses by God eternally relevant | Dictated to Moses by God eternally relevant | Composite work of rabbis to be re interpreted | Largely irrelevant |
| Place of worship | Synagogue | Synagogue | Synagogue | Temple |
| Language of worship | Hebrew | Hebrew | Largely Hebrew | Local |
| Dress | Men – Long black coats and beards  Women – Modest with covered head | Western | Western | Western |
| Women | Prohibited from reading the Torah or sitting with men during Synagogue | Prohibited from reading the Torah or sitting with men during Synagogue | Permitted to read Torah and become rabbis | Equal to men in every respect |
| Kosher | Strictly observed | Strictly observed | Generally observed | Rarely observed |
| Sabbath | Total rest | Total rest | Total rest | No paid work |
| Humanity | Servants of God | Servants of God | Students of God | Partners of God |