

## Questions, week 1

1. What is the function of a creation story? What makes the opening of Genesis a Jewish creation story?
2. What is the creation story of the US and what function does it serve?
3. What is the creation story of the Jews (in Exodus) and what function does it serve?
4. How important is it for these creation stories to be true?
5. Why did God tell Abraham to sacrifice his only son?
6. What was the covenant between God and Jacob (Israel)?
7. What is the meaning of the story of the ten plagues?
8. What is the role of the story of the golden calf in the narrative?
9. Why did the Israelites wander in the desert for 40 years?
10. Why couldn't Moses enter the promised land?