

Key Vocabulary	
Ten Commandments	Ten important life rules for Jewish people given to Moses by G-d.
Shabbat	The holy day for Jewish people.
pilgrimage	A special religious journey.
synagogue	Place of worship for Jewish people.
rabbi	Jewish religious leader and teacher.
ark	The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue.
Torah	The Jewish holy book.
Hebrew	A language used by Jewish people.

Main Beliefs

Jewish people believe in one G-d. They also aim to live by the **Ten Commandments**. They include using G-d's name with respect, remembering **Shabbat**, respecting your parents and not lying or stealing.

Jewish people believe G-d gave the **Ten Commandments** to Moses.



Judaism

Judaism began around 4,000 years ago in the Middle East. Jerusalem is a place where many Jewish people go to on pilgrimage. Abraham was the founder of Judaism.



Tanakh

The Jewish holy scriptures are called the Tanakh. The Tanakh is made up of three parts: **Torah**, Nevi'im and Ketuvim. They are written in **Hebrew**.

Special Places for Jewish people

Jewish people go to a **synagogue** to worship. Men and women sit separately in some **synagogues**. One of the most important parts of the **synagogue** is the **ark**. This is where the **Torah** is kept. The **Torah** is treated with great respect. It must not be touched by human hands so a special pointer called a yad is used.

Shabbat

Shabbat lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Jewish people celebrate as a family by enjoying a special meal with prayers and songs.



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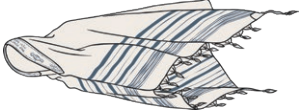





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menorah	A seven branched candelabra and an important Jewish symbol.
fast	To not eat or drink for a period of time.
Bar Mitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old.
Bat Mitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.

Key Festivals

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement when Jewish people fast and ask G-d's forgiveness for things they have done wrong.
Hanukkah is a Jewish festival of lights. It remembers when the Maccabees defeated Antiochus and recaptured Jerusalem. Jewish people light hanukkiah's to remember the miracle of the light in the Temple.
Pesach is when Jewish people remember being led out of enslavement by Moses.
Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah are important celebrations for Jewish families.
Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and celebrates the creation of the world.

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	A tallit is a special prayer shawl used by Jewish men to pray.
	A kippah is a special cap worn by Jewish men and boys to show respect to G-d.
	The Star of David is a symbol of the Jewish community.
	A mezuzah is a scroll kept inside a case. Written on the scroll is a special prayer called the Shema.
	Tefillin are a pair of black leather boxes. Inside the boxes are scrolls on which are written important parts of the Torah .
	A shofar is a hollowed out ram's horn which is blown as if it was a trumpet.