

Key Vocabulary	
Ten Commandments	Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God.
the Sabbath	The holy day for Jews.
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

Jews believe in one God. They also try to live by the **Ten Commandments**.

They include using God's name with respect, remembering the Sabbath, respecting your parents and not lying or stealing.

Jews believe God gave the **Ten Commandments** to Moses.

Judaism

Judaism began around 4000 years ago in the Middle East. Jerusalem is a place where many Jews go to on pilgrimage.



Hebrew

Hebrew is a special language for Jews. Jews believe God gave the **Ten Commandments** to Moses in **Hebrew**. The **Torah** is written in **Hebrew** and Jews learn to read it.

Special Places for Jews

Jewish people go to a **synagogue** to worship. Men and women sit separately in some **synagogues**. The most important part of the **synagogue** is the **Ark**. This is where the **Torah** is kept. The **Torah** is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it.

The Sabbath

The Sabbath lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Jews celebrate as a family. They enjoy a special meal with prayers and songs.

prayer shawl used by

Jewish men to pray.



is the symbol of the

Jewish community.

Key Vocabulary	
Hannukah menorah	A special lamp with nine candles that's lit by Jews during Hanukkah.
fast	To not eat or drink for a period of time.
barmitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old.
batmitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.

A tallit is a special cap worn by Jewish is the same ball of the

men and boys to show

respect to God.

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Yom Kippur is when Jews **fast**, reflect on the previous year and pray for God's forgiveness.

Hanukkah is the 'festival of lights' when Jews light a **Hannukah menorah** dedicated to God.

Passover is when Jews remember being led out of slavery by Moses.

Barmitzvah and batmitzvah are important celebrations for Jewish families.



