


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.



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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.

Jewish Symbols		
		
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 God.	The Star of David is the symbol of the Jewish community.

Key Vocabulary
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.

