


Key Vocabulary	
Ten Commandments	Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God.
Shabbat	The holy day for Jews.
pilgrimage	A special religious journey.
synagogue	Place of worship for Jewish people.
rabbi	Jewish religious leader and teacher.
Ark	A place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue .
Torah	The Jewish holy book.
Hebrew	The 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 **Shabbat**, 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



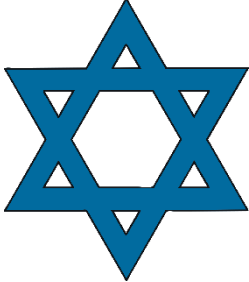
Jewish people go to a **synagogue** to worship. Men and women sit separately in some **synagogues**. The most important part of the **synagogue** is the **Ark**. This is where the **Torah** is kept. The **Torah** is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it.

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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Mezuzah	A prayer in a case attached to the door frame of Jewish people's houses.
Sukkot	Sukkot is a Harvest Festival celebrated by people who belong to the Jewish faith.
Hannukah	A special festival of lights remembering the victory of the Macabees and the miracle of the oil in the lamp which burnt for 8 days and nights.
Hannukah menorah	A special lamp with nine candles that's lit by Jews during Hanukkah.

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
Moses – Leader who led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt.
Pharaoh – Egyptian leader who kept the Jews as slaves.
Israelites – An ancient tribe who became the ancestors of Jews.
Passover is when Jews remember being led out of slavery by Moses.

