Judaism

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.

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



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.





Key Vocabulary		Jewish Symbols		
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.	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.
batmitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.			
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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.





