

Discovering Judaism

Learning objective: To identify and understand key beliefs, symbols, and traditions within the Jewish faith.

Cut out these flashcards. Look at the term or question on the front, try to remember the answer, and then flip the card over to check if you are correct!

What is the Torah?

Torah: The most important holy book in Judaism, written on scrolls.

Where do Jewish people go to worship?

Synagogue: The building where a Jewish community meets for prayer and learning.

What is Shabbat?

Shabbat: The Jewish day of rest, which begins on Friday evening and ends on Saturday evening.

What is the Star of David?

Star of David: A six-pointed star that is a universal symbol of the Jewish faith.

What is a Menorah?

Menorah: A multi-branched candle holder used during Jewish festivals.

What is Hanukkah?

Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights, celebrating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Who is the leader of a Jewish community in the synagogue?

Rabbi: A teacher and spiritual leader who is an expert in Jewish law.

What is a Kippah?

Kippah: A small skullcap worn by some Jewish people as a sign of respect to God.

What is a Mezuzah?

Mezuzah: A small case containing a scroll of scripture, fixed to the doorpost of a Jewish home.

What is the name of the Jewish New Year?

Rosh Hashanah: The celebration of the Jewish New Year.

What is Yom Kippur?

Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year for Jewish people, spent fasting and praying.

Which language is traditionally used in Jewish prayers and the Torah?

Hebrew: The sacred language of the Jewish faith.