

# A Journey into Judaism with Ellie the Elephant

*Learning objective: To identify key beliefs, symbols, and traditions within Judaism, reflecting on their significance to the Jewish community.*

Join Ellie the Elephant as she discovers the traditions of Judaism. Read each question carefully and fill in your answers. Can you score 10/10?

Answer Key: 1. A (Torah), 2. True, 3. Synagogue, 4. B (A special hat worn by men), 5. True, 6. Shabbat, 7. C (A seven-branched candelabra), 8. False (It is a day of rest), 9. Kosher, 10. D (A good deed or commandment).

*Word bank: Synagogue · Torah · Shabbat · Menorah · Kippah · Mitzvah · Kosher · Passover*

1. 1. What is the name of the most holy book in Judaism? A) The Bible B) The Torah\* C) The Quran D) The Veda (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Jewish people worship in a building called a synagogue. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the special day of rest that begins on Friday evening and ends on Saturday evening? (1 mark)

4. 4. What is a Kippah? A) A type of bread B) A special hat worn by men\* C) A musical instrument D) A prayer shawl (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: 'Kosher' refers to food that is prepared according to Jewish dietary laws. (True/False) (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: A \_\_\_\_\_ is a seven-branched candelabra used in the Temple. (1 mark)

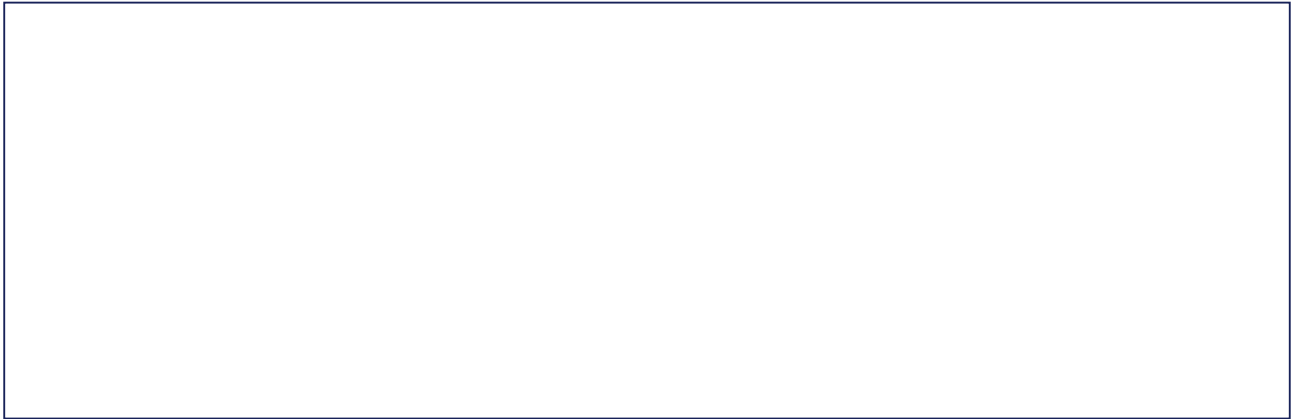
7. 7. Which festival celebrates the Jewish people's freedom from slavery in Egypt? A) Hanukkah B) Rosh Hashanah C) Passover\* D) Yom Kippur (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A Mitzvah is a term for a 'good deed' or a commandment. (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. In the synagogue, where is the Torah scroll kept? A) In a wooden box B) In the Ark\* C) On the floor D) In a library (1 mark)

10. 10. How many branches does a Menorah have? (Write the number) (1 mark)

**Draw:** Draw a beautiful, decorated Torah scroll being held with great care, or sketch a table set for a Shabbat meal with two candles and a challah loaf.



*Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why the Torah is treated with such great respect in the synagogue. 2. Compare and contrast the concept of a 'day of rest' in Judaism with how you spend your own weekends. 3. Justify your answer: Why might symbols like the Menorah be important for keeping a community's history alive? 4. What might happen if a community did not have a shared place like a synagogue to gather? 5. Reflect on the idea of a 'Mitzvah'. How does doing a good deed change the atmosphere of a school or home? 6. Research and describe the significance of the 'Seder plate' during Passover. Why is it important to use symbolic foods to tell a story?*