

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?