

Exploring the Traditions of Judaism with Ellie

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey of discovery into the heart of Jewish heritage and tradition!

- **The Torah is the central holy book of Judaism, containing the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, which provide guidance and laws for daily life.**
- **A synagogue serves as a place for communal worship, study, and gathering, often led by a Rabbi who is a teacher and spiritual leader.**
- **Shabbat is the Jewish day of rest, observed from Friday evening until Saturday night, celebrating the day of creation and focusing on family time.**
- **A Mitzvah is a commandment or a good deed, representing the importance of acting with kindness and following religious duties in the community.**
- **The Menorah is a significant symbol in Judaism; the seven-branched version represents the lampstand used in the ancient Temple, while the nine-branched version is used during the festival of Hanukkah.**

Did you know? Did you know? The Torah, the most sacred text in Judaism, is handwritten on parchment scrolls using a special quill. It is treated with immense respect and is often kept in a beautifully decorated cabinet called the Ark inside the synagogue.

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