

Journey into Judaism: A Quiz with Ellie

Learning objective: To recall key facts about Jewish beliefs, traditions, and the significance of the Synagogue and Torah.

Join Ellie the Elephant on an exploration of Judaism. Read each question carefully and use your historical and cultural knowledge to answer. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Torah, 4.B, 5.False, 6.D, 7.Shabbat, 8.True, 9.Rabbi, 10.A. Ellie's Fact: The Torah is written on parchment scrolls and is treated with great reverence, often kept in a special cabinet called the Ark.

Word bank: Synagogue · Torah · Shabbat · Menorah · Kippah · Rabbi · Kosher

1. 1. What is the name of the Jewish place of worship? A) Temple B) Church C) Synagogue* D) Mosque (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Torah is the most sacred text in Judaism. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the sacred scroll that contains the first five books of the Hebrew Bible? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is a small, brimless cap worn by some Jewish men? A) Fedora B) Kippah* C) Beret D) Turban (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Shabbat begins on a Monday morning. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the seven-branched candelabra used in the Temple called? A) Candle B) Beacon C) Lantern D) Menorah* (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the name of the Jewish day of rest that starts on Friday evening? (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Food that follows Jewish dietary laws is known as Kosher. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the title given to a Jewish religious leader or teacher? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these is a festival celebrated by Jewish people? A) Hanukkah* B) Easter C) Diwali D) Eid (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Menorah and label its seven branches, or sketch the exterior of a Synagogue including a Star of David.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the Torah is kept in an 'Ark' and covered with a mantle. 2. Compare and contrast the Jewish Sabbath with a typical day of rest in other cultures. 3. Justify why dietary laws (Kosher) might be important for maintaining Jewish identity. 4. What might happen if a community did not have a central place of worship like a Synagogue? 5. Research the symbolism of the Star of David; why do you think it became an important symbol? 6. Design a poster explaining the significance of a major Jewish festival, detailing the traditions involved.