



# Year 7 Judaism – Beliefs and Practices

## Key Beliefs

Topics	Beliefs
<b>G-d</b>	Jews believe in one G-d (they leave a dash to show respect)
<b>Creation</b>	Jews believe that G-d created the world in 6 days, on each day he created a different part.
<b>Abraham</b>	Jews believe that Abraham was the first person to make a covenant with G-d he was important in spreading the belief in one God.
<b>Covenant</b>	Jews believe they have 3 covenants with G-d, each from a different religious leader; Noah (flood). Abraham (Isaac) and Moses (613 Mitzvot commandments)
<b>Exodus</b>	Story of Moses and how he freed the Jews from Slavery in Egypt under the control of the Pharaoh
<b>Esther</b>	Story of Esther who stood up for and saved the Jewish people from death
<b>Torah</b>	The Jewish holy book written in Hebrew. It is the most important book in Judaism. Jews believe that God dictated the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai 50 days after their exodus from Egyptian slavery. They believe that the Torah shows how God wants Jews to live. It contains 613 commandments and Jews refer to the ten best known of these as the ten 10 statements.
<b>Synagogue</b>	Jewish place of worship. Jews attend services on a Saturday as well as other special occasions, festivals. ceremonies

## Key Practices/Impacts

<b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</b>	Celebration of a boy turning 13/girl turning 12 who are now responsible for following the 613 commandments themselves.
<b>Festivals: Passover (Pesach)</b>	Main celebration in Judaism to remember the story of Moses and the escape of the Jews to freedom from Slavery in Egypt. Remembers the 10 plagues and their impact.
<b>Festivals: Purim</b>	Festival in the spring that celebrates the story of Esther who stood up for and saved the Jews from discrimination.
<b>Kosher/Trefah Food</b>	Kosher foods are foods that Jews are allowed to eat. They have learnt what they can and cannot eat from the rules in the Torah. Trefah foods are ones that are forbidden and not allowed to be eaten.
<b>Charity</b>	Jews tend to give 10% of their income to charity.
<b>Prayer</b>	Men are encouraged to pray 3 times daily, 4 time son the Sabbath and on Jewish holidays. Jews pray 5 times on Yom Kippur



<b>Bar Mitzvah</b>	Son of the Commandments
<b>Bat Mitzvah</b>	Daughter of the Commandments
<b>Commandments /Mitzvot</b>	Rules given by God
<b>Covenant</b>	An agreement (with God)
<b>Exodus</b>	Mass departure of people
<b>Kosher</b>	Foods Jews can eat
<b>Monotheism</b>	Belief in One God
<b>Passover</b>	Celebration of escaping slavery
<b>Pesach</b>	Hebrew for Passover
<b>Purim</b>	Celebration of Esther saving the Jews
<b>Torah</b>	Jewish Holy Book
<b>Trefah</b>	Foods Jews cannot eat
<b>Synagogue</b>	Jewish place of worship
<b>Ultimate Questions</b>	Questions that do not have a straight forward answer, there could be many possibilities