

# Who is Jewish and what do they believe?



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## **What I should already know:**

- That all religions have a holy book and a different place of worship
- That the Bible has the Old and New Testament.

## **What I will learn:**

I will learn that Jewish people believe in one God. They believe that they have a special relationship with God, called a covenant. Jewish people believe that a man called Abraham made the first covenant with God, thousands of years ago. Jewish people think of Abraham as the father of their faith. I will learn about the Mezuzah and why it is important to Jewish people. I will know why and how people celebrate Sabbath and the story of Hanukkah.

## Key Vocabulary

The Ten Commandments	These were rules that God had made to tell people how they should live.
Sabbath	A day of holiness and rest observed by Jews from sunset on Friday to nightfall of the following day.
Passover	Passover is a Jewish holiday that honours the freedom of the Israelites, or Jewish slaves at the time, from Egypt during the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II.
Hanukkah	Hanukkah is one of the many holidays in the Jewish calendar, usually falling from late November to December. Also known as the festival of lights, Hanukkah takes place over eight days. Each night, a candle is lit on the Menorah (or Hanukkiah).
The Torah	The Torah is the most holy book in Judaism and is made up of the first 5 books of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament).
The Kippah.	A small cap worn by Jewish males as a sign of Jewish identity. Some people believe that it is respectful to God if you cover your head.
Mezuzah	A small box placed on the right doorpost of Jewish homes. It contains a parchment scroll with verses from the Torah inscribed on it, including the Shema prayer.
Shema prayer	A Jewish prayer that serves as a centrepiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services.