

<p>What is the special place of worship for Jews?</p>	<p>The <b>synagogue</b> is the building where Jews go to worship God. The word synagogue means "meeting place" in Greek. The most important object inside the synagogue is the Ark which contains the Torah scroll - the Holy book of Judaism. The <b>Torah</b> scroll is written in Hebrew. The scroll is handwritten and is read using a yad, a special pointer, as it is considered too precious and holy to be touched.</p>	
<p>What special artefacts do Jews have to show respect to their God?</p>	<p>Men wear a <b>kippah</b>, a small skull cap, which shows God is above them, watching over them. A <b>tallit</b> is a four cornered prayer shawl worn for morning prayer or on the Sabbath. A <b>mezuzah</b> is a scroll inside a decorated case placed on the door frames of Jewish homes reminding people of God's presence. On the scroll is the the <b>Shema</b> prayer written in Hebrew. People often kiss the mezuzah when entering or leaving the house to show their love of God.</p>	
<p>What milestones do Jewish children meet as they grow older?</p>	<p>" <b>Bar Mitzvah</b> means "son of the commandment". It is a milestone in the life of a Jewish boy as he reaches 13. It means they are now responsible for their own actions and must follow the Jewish law. They are called to read a passage from the Torah which usually begin" by saying Today I am a man". A girl can also reach this milestone and this is called <b>Bat Mitzvah</b>.</p>	
<p>What stories are important to the Jewish Faith?</p>	<p>In the Torah, Jews read of the stories of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Moses</b>. The prophet Moses is believed to have given the Torah, which include their laws, to the Jews over 3,000 years ago. Abraham is considered the father of the Jewish family and the promises made between him and God started the Jewish journey.</p>	
<p>What is kashrut and what foods are kosher or non kosher?</p>	<p><b>Kashrut</b> is the Hebrew word given to the laws Jews live by which tell them what kind of foods they may eat. Keeping <b>kosher</b> includes eating these specific foods and using separate utensils for dairy and meat when preparing food.</p>	
<p>What is Passover?</p>	<p>Jews celebrate <b>Passover</b> every Spring. Passover lasts for eight days and nights and remembers how Moses led his people out of Egypt.</p>	
<p>Why do Jews have a Seder Meal?</p>	<p>On the first two nights of <b>Passover</b>, a special meal called a <b>seder</b> is held. Each food on the plate represents something from the "Escape from Egypt" story, for example salt water represents the tears of the slaves and a parsley represents new life.</p>	