



Judaism: Knowledge Organiser.



Judaism began with Abraham - God (Jehovah) told Abraham that there was only 1 God. He also told him to move to Canaan and that he would have a son. Finally when he was 100 years old, Abraham had a son - Isaac.

Isaac had a son named Jacob, Jacob had a son named Judah and because of him the descendants of Abraham became known as the tribe of Judah. They settled in a land they called Judah and they were Jewish. (We now call this land Israel). Due to famine the Jews had to go to Egypt, there they were made into slaves.

Moses, Jewish by birth, but raised in Pharaoh's palace asked Pharaoh to let the Jewish people go, Pharaoh did not so God sent plagues. Finally Pharaoh let them go and Moses led them out of slavery - EXODUS

Place of worship = Synagogue - meeting together = shul - school
It usually faces towards Jerusalem (East)

Torah = Jewish Holy book
Mitzvah = commandments
Talmud = book of suggestions on how to live

Holy day = shabbat = Saturday. This is a day of rest.

Jewish leader = Rabbi

Pesach

PASSOVER 8 days celebrating Moses leading the Jewish people out of slavery in Egypt - the Exodus. Pharaoh would not let the Jewish people leave and so God sent an angel of death to pass over Egypt. All the first born Egyptian boys died, but the Jewish people did not as they put the blood of a sacrificed lamb on their door posts. After this Pharaoh let the people go. This is known as the passover. At the passover meal Jewish people share the Seder: Roasted bone, roasted egg, 2 bitter herbs, green veg, salted water, 3 pieces of unleavened bread (matzah), nuts/cinnamon/apple/wine. Children can join in by singing songs and hunting for the 3rd piece of matzah (afikomen)

Sukkot

8 days celebrating harvest when the farmers bring in their crops and remembering when the Israelites wandered in the desert. 'Sukkah' means tent or hut. Families build a sukkah a few days before Sukkot begins and it has to be sturdy enough to stay up all week. They are to eat, sleep and live in their tent for the whole celebration. They wave 4 species during Sukkot - fruit (lemon), palm fronds, myrtle and willow. They are waved in every direction - North, South, East & West to show that God is everywhere and rules over nature.

Symbols



Magden David/Shield of David/Star of David



Menorah - 7 branched candlestick that used to burn in the Jewish Temple over 2000 years ago



Shin: A letter of the Hebrew alphabet similar to 'sh' It is the first letter of the word 'Shaddai' meaning Almighty.

Principles:

Derech eretz
'The way of the world'

Derech eretz comes before Torah

You cannot follow God's mitvot (rules) unless you also live as a decent human being.

- *Be Humble
- *Be polite
- *Help others
- *Give to charity
- *Be hospitable
- *Be Honest
- *Be considerate
- *Obey the law
- *Do not judge
- *Stand up for what's right