



Vocabulary		I need to know (continued):	I need to do:	Prior knowledge:
Torah	Teaching, direction, guidance and law. It contains the first five books of the Hebrew Bible.	<p>The Torah is written in Hebrew, the oldest of Jewish languages. It is also known as Torat Moshe, the Law of Moses.</p> <p>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. The Torah scrolls are taken out from the Ark (Aron ha kodesh) and portions read in the synagogue three times each week. On Mondays and Thursdays small sections are read. The main reading is on the morning of Shabbat. Over the course of the year the whole scroll is read in sequence. This begins from the end of Sukkot which is an autumn festival.</p> <p>Every synagogue contains an Ark, which is a cupboard where the Torah Scrolls, which contain the text of the Hebrew Bible, are kept, and a desk from which to read the Torah. The Hebrew words of the Ten Commandments are usually written somewhere above the ark. The Ark is named after the wooden chest which held the stone tablets of the Covenant that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai.</p> <p>The synagogue is the Jewish place of worship, but is also used as a place to study, and often as a community centre as well. In Orthodox synagogues men and women sit separately, and everyone (except young girls) has their head covered. In a Reform synagogue men and women can sit together.</p> <p>Synagogue services can be led by a rabbi, a cantor or a member of the congregation. Everyone except unmarried women wears a hat in synagogue in order to show reverence to God. Jewish men always wear hats when they are saying prayers which mention God's name.</p>	<p>Deepen understanding of the Jewish religion.</p> <p>Learn vocabulary linked to Judaism.</p> <p>Ask and answer questions about Judaism.</p> <p>Link prior knowledge of Jewish celebrations to new learning.</p> <p>Begin to develop understanding of how stories in the Torah, underpin all Jewish teachings.</p>	<p>Judaism was founded in a land called Canaan. The land that was in Canaan is now a country called Israel. Canaan also included lands from other countries near to modern Israel.</p> <p>Judaism was founded 4000 years ago in Israel . Judaism was founded around 1812 BC with the covenant made between God and Abraham.</p> <p>Shabbat is the Jewish day of rest.</p>



I need to know:

The Torah is the first part of the Jewish bible. It is the central and most important document of Judaism and has been used by Jews through the ages.

Torah refers to the five books of Moses which are known in Hebrew as Chameesha Choomshey Torah. These are: Bresheit (Genesis), Shemot (Exodus), Vayicra (Leviticus), Bamidbar (Numbers), and Devarim (Deuteronomy).

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What is The Torah used for?

Why is The Torah important to Jews?

What takes place in the Synagogue?

How is The Torah different from The Bible?

Why is Moses an important person in Judaism?

How is The Torah read?