



Judaism

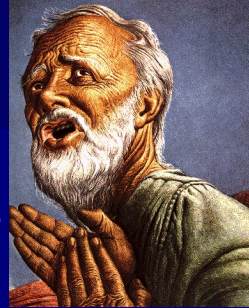
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Stories of origin and important people

Important people

- God
- Abraham
- Moses



Abraham



Abraham
sacrifices
Isaac



Moses receives
10 commandments

Stories of origin

- God asking Abraham to believe in one god in turn for power
- Abraham attempts to sacrifice Isaac
- Moses receiving the 10 commandments from God at Mt. Sainai
- Moses frees the Jewish slaves in Egypt and returns to Caanan (modern day Israel) after 40 years of travel

Core Beliefs

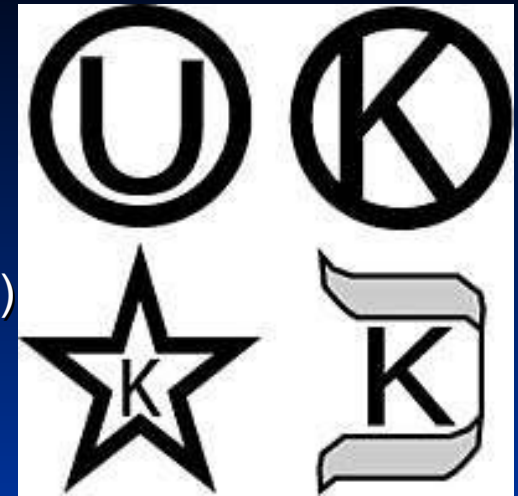
■ *Keep Kosher*

- Only eat food has a label saying it is quality Kosher
- Only eat animals that chew their cud (cows, goats, lamb)
- Shellfish can't be eaten, only fish with scales
- Meat must be slaughtered in specific manner

■ *Keep the Sabbath*

- Sabbath means “day of rest”
- Must not work on the Sabbath
- Cannot repeat an action such as writing a single letter
- If you must require work do before Sabbath to avoid doing so on the Sabbath

■ 613 mitzvot (commandments) in the Jewish religion



Common kosher symbols



Common Sabbath feast



Items used during the Sabbath

Holy Writings

■ The Torah

- Handwritten, and contains the 5 books of Moses
- Never touched with bare hands
- Treated like a queen with it's dress and jewelry
- Custom made



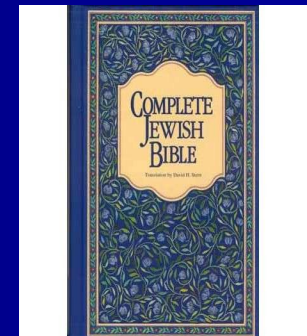
Torah when it's open



Torah dressed up in it's dress and jewelry

■ The Jewish Bible

- Only contains the 5 books of Moses, but the Christian bible contains 27 other books on Jesus
- Called the "Old testament" by Christians
- Jews refer to their part of the bible as the Hebrew testament and the newer part of the bible as the Greek testament
- Can be purchased at a book store



The Jewish bible

Symbols and Objects



Traditional
Tallit

■ The Tallit

- Shawl used when praying
- Fringes on the end of the shawl are supposed to remind us to follow all 613 commandments in Jewish tradition

■ The Star of David

- Was on King David's shield
- Created with one triangle pointing up and one pointing down, this is supposed to show us that above us is God and below him are human beings
- Shown on the Israeli flag

Star of David



■ Tefillin

- Used for prayer
- The leather box has a passage of a famous prayer telling us to believe in only one god
- The box is placed on your head and the straps are wrapped around your arm to show you respect God in your mind and in y

Tefillin being used



Holy Places and Places of Worship

Synagogue

- A place of worship
- Also called a temple, or a shul
- Also a community and education center

Inside of a Jewish sanctuary



Prayer at the Western wall ■



The Western wall

- Was part of the first synagogue in Jerusalem
- After the synagogue was attacked, this wall was all that remained
- All synagogues face in the direction of the Western wall
- Many Jews go to Israel and pray at the wall

Israel

- Judaism was started in Israel
- Israel held first synagogue

Jerusalem ,Israel



Rites of Passage

Reading from the Torah
at a bar miztvah



•Bar/Bat Miztvah

- Coming of age ceremony
- After the ceremony you must be responsible for yourself
- During ceremony Torah is read, speech is delivered, able to lead the service

•Marriage

- Sign a *ketubah* (marriage contract) before ceremony
- Veil is symbolic of Jewish traditions of modesty
- Ceremony happens under *chupah* (wedding canopy)
- Chupah represents the home the bride and groom will make together

•Death

- No cremation or embalming, just the natural body
- Use coffins entirely made of wood
- Funerals happen 1-2 days after death
- Body washed and dressed in fine linens

family returns home for a week of mourning



A wooden coffin

Ketubah from a
wedding



Celebrations and Holidays

The shofar is the ram's
horn blown on Yom Kippur

- Yom Kippur
 - Means “day of atonement”
 - Day to make up for sins done in the past year
 - Celebrated with 25 hours of fasting
 - Said to be the day that God decides the fate of all humans
 - Ram's horn is blown to tell others the fasting is over



- Chanukkah
 - Means “dedication”
 - Greece was mistreating the Jews by ruining their temple
 - Jews rededicated the temple
 - Jews only had enough oil to burn a light for 1 day
 - Light burned for 8 straight days
 - Commemorates the miracle of that time

The hanucia



Driedel used in gambling game
played on Chanukkah

