

Year 3 Spring 2 – Judaism

Key facts

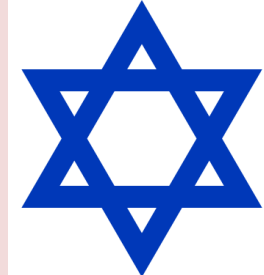
- The Torah is the most holy Jewish book. It contains the five books of Moses, the laws for Jews (including the Ten Commandments) and ancient stories.
- The Torah is stored inside the Ark of the Covenant (Aron ha kodesh) in the Synagogue.
- The Torah is written in Hebrew and is read from right to left.
- It contains the 5 books of Moses which are Bresheit (Genesis), Shemot (Exodus), Vayicra (Leviticus), Bamidbar (Numbers), and Devarim (Deuteronomy).
- Jews believe that God dictated the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai 50 days after their exodus from Egyptian slavery.
- Portions of the Torah is read in the synagogue three times each week.
- The scrolls are not directly touched when uncurled on the bimah (raised platform in middle of the synagogue). A pointer or yad (hand) is used instead.



Torah



Hebrew Alphabet



Star of David



Bimah



Ark of the Covenant



Mount Sinai

Vocabulary

- Torah
- Hebrew
- Moses
- commandments
- Ark of the Covenant
- yad
- bimah
- synagogue
- Mount Sinai
- exodus

We are thinking about:

Why is the Torah so important?

How is the Torah used?

What are the other holy books called?