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How special is the relationship Jews have with God?



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Abraham	The founder of the Jewish religion.
agreement	Something that is promised between people.
covenant	Agreement or promise.
exodus	The departure of the Israelites from Egypt under Moses.
Isaac	Abraham's son.
Jews	People who follow the religion of Judaism.
mezuzah	An item placed by the front door of every Jewish home.
Moses	A prophet from the Old Testament, who received the 10 commandments from God.
Rabbi	Jewish religious leader.
relationship	How two or more people are connected.
synagogue	Place of worship for Jewish people.
tallit	A white shawl with fringed corners worn over the head and shoulders by Jewish males during religious services.
Ten Commandments	Ten important rules for Jews that were given to Moses by God.
Torah	Jewish Holy Book.
worship	Any act that shows devotion or love for God.

What is a Mezuzah?

A Mezuzah is a scroll of a special prayer which Jewish people keep inside a case. It is placed on door frames and touched every time the house is entered to constantly remind Jewish people of God's presence.



The Torah

The Hebrew word Torah means "to show the way" or "to teach". The written Torah is an important text for Judaism. It contains the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Jewish History

Jewish history begins with the covenant between God and Abraham around 1812 BC. God made a special promise that he would look after Abraham and all his descendants. Abraham is considered the founder of Judaism. Abraham is considered to be the founder of the Jewish religion. He had a very strong relationship with God and was faithful to God's instructions, even when it was a great cost to him.

What do Jews believe about God?

Jews believe that there is one God who not only created the world, but with whom every Jew can have a personal and individual relationship.

What are the 10 Commandments?

Moses was given the 10 commandments by God after the exodus from Egypt. These rules were given by God to instruct people how to live and to protect people from harm. A Tallit has ten knots on each end as a reminder of this. It is a white shawl worn by Jewish men whilst they pray.

The Ten Commandments



A Tallit



Where do Jewish people worship?

There are over 400 synagogues in the UK and they come in all sorts of different shapes and sizes. They range from small - just a room in a house - to large imposing buildings. In all of them, you'll have a sense that people really participate in services and that the place is special. But they are not considered holy in the same way churches are. The word "synagogue" comes from the Greek word for gathering together, and it can be a meeting place, a house of learning, and a house of prayer, so how people behave depends on what's happening there.

