

Religious symbol:

Star of David

**Who is followed?**

Belief in one God (Yahweh) revealed to Abraham as the covenant
Moses gave the Jews the Torah

Religious Book:

Tanakh– entire Hebrew Bible includes the Torah– scriptures (the laws of God) the 5 books of Moses

Place of worship:

Synagogue

Rabbi—spiritual leader

A Jew is a person who follows Judaism

Shabbat- (Saturday)

Services held on a Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday

**Religious celebrations / traditions:**

Jews pray 3 times a day– morning, afternoon and evening

Prayer book is called a Siddur

Shabbat– day of rest– completion of God’s creation

Rosh Hashanah– Jewish New Year– prayer and meditation

Yom Kippur, - day of atonement

Sukkot– harvest,

Hanukkah– festival of light– liberation from slavery

Passover– Hebrew Exodus from Egypt

Important teachings:

The Covenant

God exists

There is only one God

There are no other Gods

God can’t be divided into different persons (unlike Christian views)

Jews should worship only the one God

God is transcendent

God is spiritual and not physical

God created the universe without help

Vocabulary:**Topic related vocabulary:**

Yahweh	God
Tanakh	Entire Hebrew Bible
Torah	Scriptures—the laws of God
Synagogue	Place of worship
Rabbi	Spiritual leader
Shabbat	Saturday
Rosh Hashannah	New Year
Yom Kippur	Day of atonement
Sukkot	Harvest
Passover	Hebrew Exodus (leaving) from Egypt
Menorah	7 or 9 branched candelabra used during Jewish rituals
Mezuzah	a piece of parchment called a klaf contained in a decorative case and inscribed with specific Hebrew verses from the Torah

Countries where the religion is practiced:

Israel
France
Canada
UK
Argentina
Russia
Germany
Australia
Brazil

