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## Judaism Study Guide

### I. Vocabulary to Learn

Torah = the first 5 books of the Old Testament of the Bible; the entirety of authentic Jewish teaching

Messiah = the prophesied deliverer of the Jews; a savior

Sabbath = a day of rest and religious dedication

B.C.E.; C.E. = Before Common Era; Common Era; preferred by Jews to B.C. and A.D.

Bar/Bat mitzvah = the celebration for a Jewish boy or girl who has attained his or her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, affirming the age of religious responsibility

Talmud = a collection of authoritative writings comprising the Jewish civil and religious law

Orthodox = conforming to the usual beliefs or established doctrine, especially in religion

Secular = pertaining to the world or to things not spiritual or sacred

Creed = a brief statement of religious beliefs; a confession of faith

Sect = a group of people having a common leadership, set of opinions, and similar beliefs

### II. Questions to Answer

1. Why is the Torah important to Jews?

2. What are the 4 cornerstones of Judaism?

3. How do Jews view Evil?

4. What is the central idea common to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?
5. Name the reasons why the Jews consider it so important to be able to live in Israel.
6. Describe each of the important Jewish rituals.
  - Sabbath =
  - Rosh Hoshannah =
  - Yom Kippur =
  - Succoth =
  - Hannakah =
  - Passover =
7. What is the main significance of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah?
8. What is your understanding of what it means to be a Jew?
9. What are the 4 Jewish sects?
10. List and explain 2 additional facts from this video.