



What should I already know?

Jews believe a man called Abraham was the first person to make a covenant with God. Abraham was a Hebrew. Jews believe God named Abraham's grandson Israel. After this, the Hebrews became known as the Israelites. Abraham is considered the father of the Jewish people and the Israelites are his descendants.

Later, a man named Moses saved the Jewish people from persecution in Egypt when he led them to safety across the Red Sea. After this, the Jews lived in the desert where God gave Moses a set of rules which they should live by, including the Ten Commandments. Moses is the most important Jewish prophet.

What are the differences between Jewish communities within Gloucestershire?

- Orthodox Jews believe in the Torah and usually have a women Rabbi.
- Progressive is an umbrella term that can be used to refer to Reform, Liberal and Progressive Jewish communities.

How do Jewish people show their love for God?

- Many Jews don't try to limit God, often referring to God as simply 'Hashem', meaning 'The Name' (except when they are praying).
- The words about God in the Shema are so important to Jewish people that they also keep them in important places and remember them in a number of ways.
- Adon Olam is a prayer that describes god.

What are the key facts about the Sefer Torah?

- Many Jews believe that words in the Torah are the word of God; that Moses received the Torah from God when he was on Mount Sinai.
- Mount Sinai. A mountain peak in the southern Sinai Peninsula (7,500 feet high); it is believed to be the peak on which Moses received the Ten Commandments.
- The Torah is looked after by being carried, bells so everyone can hear it coming, touched with the prayer shawls which are then kissed, velvet mantle for protection and beautification that often has a meaningful symbols on it, crown on top, not touching the text with their hands but using a yad.

What is Kosher?

- Kosher laws - meat should be from animals with split hooves which chew the cud, fish should have fins and scales, no eating shellfish, no eating insects, milk and meat should not be eaten together.

Orthodox Jew	Orthodox Jews believe the entire Torah, both written and oral, is the divinely inspired word of God and is therefore literally true.
Liberal / Progressive Jew	Liberal Judaism, as the name suggests, is a progressive form of Judaism that aims to bring Judaism and modernity together.
Tefillin	are cubic black leather boxes with leather straps that Orthodox Jewish men wear on their head and their arm during weekday morning prayer.
Mezuzah	a parchment inscribed with religious texts and attached in a case to the doorpost of a Jewish house as a sign of faith.
Shema	a prayer in which we can find some key Jewish beliefs about God.
Sefer Torah	Torah scrolls.

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Jewish Blessings

Hamotzi – the blessing on bread
 Mezonot: the blessing on the five grains
 Hagafen: the bless on wine and grape juice
 Ha'etz: the blessing on fruits
 Ha'adamah; the blessing on vegetables
 Shehakol: the blessing on all other foods.

