



Prior Knowledge

What do Jewish people believe about God?

Jewish people believe there's only one God. They do not believe that God has ever been in a human form.

What is a Mezuzah and how is it used?

A **Mezuzah** is a small folded piece of paper (parchment) with important words from the **Torah** to remind Jews of what they should feel and do towards God.

Why are Abraham and Moses important to Jewish people?

Moses is the greatest of all of the prophets. He is known for writing the Torah and with leading the Jewish out of Egypt and across the Red Sea.

Abraham was the first person to teach the idea that there was only one God. Before then, people believed in many gods.



New Knowledge

What is the Torah and why is it important?

The **Torah** contains many laws that guide Jews on how to live a life that pleases God. The Torah contains 613 laws. These are known by Jews as the **mitzvot**. Jews use the Torah as a guide for living a good life.



Jonah and the Big Fish?

After being cast from the ship, **Jonah** is swallowed by a large fish, within the belly of which he remains for three days and three nights. While in the great fish, Jonah prays to God in his affliction and commits to giving thanks and to paying what he has vowed. God then commands the fish to vomit Jonah out.



Simchat Torah Festival

Simchat Torah is celebrated by taking all the Torah scrolls out of the ark in synagogue and spending the evening dancing, singing, and rejoicing. The scrolls are carried around the sanctuary in seven circles called **hakafot**. Though only seven circles are required, the dancing and celebrating usually goes on much longer.

