

## JUDAISM 101

### JUDAISM & GOD

1. Define Judaism.
  2. How is Judaism different from other religions?
  3. **Describe God?**
  4. What is the difference between Askenazim and Sephardim?
  5. **Explain Suffering. Why do bad things happen to good people?**
  6. **Why do you want to be a Jew?**
- What do we read?

7. What is the Torah?
8. Why is Hebrew important?
9. Describe a Torah scroll. When do we read Torah?
10. **What is important about the Torah?**
11. **Who wrote the Torah?**
12. **Why should we follow the mitzvot? What will happen if we don't? What are the Ten Commandments? How many commandments are there? What is a mitzvah?**

### CHOSEN PEOPLE

13. **Can a good Jew be a bad person? Why?**
14. **What does the Chosen People mean to you?**
15. **What is God's relationship to non-Jews?**
16. **What is your view about Jews and non-Jews? What's the difference?**
17. **What will be your relationship with your parents? Your children to your parents?**

### JEWISH TEXTS

18. What is the Talmud?
19. Name the first five books of Moses. Hebrew/English/Summary.
20. What is the Tanach? What are the three sections?
21. What is the Mishnah?
22. What is the Talmud?
23. Name some Jewish philosophers.
24. What is Kabbalah?

### HOLIDAYS

25. What is Shabbat?
26. What is not done on Shabbat?
27. **How will you keep Shabbat?**
28. What is done on Shabbat?
29. Describe all three Shabbat services?
30. What do we use/do on Shabbat that we don't do other days of the week?
31. Why do we bless our children?
32. **Why is Shabbat important?**
33. What is Passover?
34. What do we do on Passover?
35. **How will you celebrate Passover?**
36. What is Chametz?
37. What is Matzah?
38. Name the fast days of the year.
39. What is a seder?
40. Describe a seder.

41. Describe a seder plate/table.
42. What is Shavuot?
43. What is the Counting of the Omer?
44. How will you celebrate Shavuot?
45. What is Lag baOmer?
46. What is Yom HaAtzmaut?
47. What is Sukkot?
48. Describe a Sukkah.
49. **How will you celebrate Sukkot?**
50. What is a lulav/etrog?
51. Describe a lulav and etrog.
52. What do you do with a lulav and etrog?
53. What is Hoshanah Rabbah?
54. What is Shemini Atzeret?
55. What is Simchat Torah?
56. What do we do on these three above holidays?
57. What is a shofar?
58. What is Selichot?
59. What is Rosh Hashanah?
60. **What is the holiest day of the year? Trick question.**

61. What are the high holidays?
62. What are the Yamim Noraim?
63. What are the three sets of shofar notes?
64. What is Tashlich?
65. What is Yom Kippur?
66. **Why do we fast? Trick question.**
67. **Who is exempt from fasting?**
68. What is Kol Nidre?
69. What is Neilah?
70. What is Yizkor?
71. When is Yizkor?
72. What do we do on Yom Kippur?
73. What is prayerbook in Hebrew?
74. What is the high holiday prayerbook?
75. What is Chanukah?
76. How do we light a menorah?
77. What is the shamash?
78. Name some chanukah customs?
79. What is Purim?
80. What do we read on Purim?
81. Name some Purim customs.
82. What is tisha B'Av?
83. Describe Havdalah?
84. Why are there sometimes two days of holidays and sometimes only one?
85. What is a driedel? Describe it.
86. **Christmas? How will you celebrate it?**
87. Name some Jewish food.

### RITUAL OBJECTS

88. Describe a synagogue.
89. What does the Star of David mean to you?
90. What is a mezuzah? What's in a mezuzah?
91. Where do mezuzot belong?
92. What are tefillin?
93. **Have you ever put on tefillin?**

94. When are tefillin put on?  
 95. What are tzitzit?  
 96. What is a tallit?  
 97. **Have you ever put on a talit?**  
 98. When is a talit worn?  
 99. **Do women wear talit and tefillin?**  
 100. **Why do we pray?**  
 101. **When do we pray?**  
 102. **Why do we bow?**  
 103. **Why do we wear kippot?**  
 104. **Have you ever worn a kippah?**  
 105. What is the morning service called?  
 106. The afternoon?  
 107. The evening?  
 108. **How much will you attend services?**  
 109. **Why is praying important?**  
 110. **Where is God in your prayers? Does God listen? Respond?**  
 111. What is the prayer after meals called?  
 112. **Say the Motzi.**  
 113. **Say the prayer over wine.**  
 114. **Say the prayer over Shabbat candles.**  
 115. **Shehechyanu.**  
 116. **Shema/Veahavta.**  
 117. **Why is the shema important?**  
 118. **Say the four questions.**  
 119. **Say the blessing over the chanukah candles.**  
 120. **Will you learn how to lead prayers? Why?**  
 121. **Will you learn how to read the Torah/Haftorah? Why?**  
 122. What is a rabbi?  
 123. What is the role of the rabbi?  
 124. The cantor?  
 125. The gabbai?  
 126. Describe an Ark.  
 127. What is the eternal lamp? What does it mean to you?  
 128. What is the Bimah? Why is it important? Trick question.  
 129. **Why is the synagogue important?**  
 130. **What will be your role in the synagogue?**  
**DIETARY LAWS&MOVEMENTS**  
 131. What is kashrut?  
 132. Why do we keep kosher?  
 133. What is and is not kosher?  
 134. **Why is keeping kosher important?**  
 135. **How will you keep kosher?**  
 136. Why do we not mix milk and meat?  
 137. How long do you wait between milk and meat?  
 138. Is chicken meat?  
 139. Is fish meat?  
 140. **Describe the three major movements? What are their differences?**  
 141. **Why are you Conservative?**  
**HOLOCAUST & ISRAEL**  
 142. What is the Holocaust?  
 143. **What does the holocaust mean to you?**  
 144. What is anti-Semitism?

145. **Have you ever experienced anti-Semitism?**  
 146. Describe Israel.  
 147. **Have you ever been to Israel?**  
 148. **What does Israel mean to you?**  
 149. **What will your relationship be with Israel?**  
 150. **What do you think about the peace process?**  
**JEWISH ETHICS**  
 151. Define Tzedakah.  
 152. What is Gemilut Chasidim?  
 153. **How will you be charitable?**  
 154. What is holiness?  
 155. **How will you be holy?**  
 156. **Name some Jewish ethical principles.**  
 157. **What is the Jewish view of organ donation?**  
 158. **Of adoption?**  
 159. **Of conversion?**  
**LIFE CYCLE**  
 160. What is a ketubah?  
 161. Why is a glass broken at the end of a wedding ceremony?  
 162. What is a mikveh?  
 163. When is a mikveh used?  
 164. **What is the importance of Jew marrying Jew?**  
 165. **What are the implications of intermarriage?**  
 166. **How can intermarriage be prevented?**  
 167. **What is the Jewish view of the family? i.e., raising children.**  
 168. What are the importance of names in Judaism?  
 169. What is your Hebrew name? Why?  
 170. What is a bris?  
 171. **Why is a bris important?**  
 172. What is a pidyon haBen?  
 173. What is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?  
 174. **What are the requirements to have a Bat/Bar Mitzvah?**  
 175. What are the funeral preparations?  
 176. Why do we put rocks on a monument?  
 177. What is keriyah?  
 178. Why do we do keriyah?  
 179. What is shiva?  
 180. How is shiva observed?  
 181. What is sheloshim?  
 182. **Why do we use a plain pine box?**  
 183. **Why are we buried in shrouds?**  
 184. **What is Kaddish?**  
 185. **What is Yahrzeit?**  
 186. How long do we say Mourner's Kaddish?  
 187. **What is the Jewish view on Cremation? On viewing the Body? Why?**  
 188. What is shemira?  
 189. **Describe life after death.**  
 190. **What is the Messiah?**  
 191. **Do you believe in a Messiah?**  
 192. **Who and what was Jesus? To you?**  
 193. **Is there a heaven? A hell?**  
 194. What is the Jewish view on reincarnation?