JUDAISM TEST REVIEW

Abraham – made the first covenant with God.  The father of Judaism.

Yarmulke – Jewish prayer cap.  Also called a Kippah.  Reminds Jews that they are servants of God

St. Louis – ocean liner that was rented by German Jews to escape Nazi Germany, but turned away by Cuba, USA , and Canada

Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year

Monotheism – a religion that believes in one God

6000 – the number of Jews alive today because of Oskar Schindler

TaNaKh – sacred text of Judaism that has 3 parts: Torah, Nevi’im, Ketuvim

10 Plagues – water turns to blood, frogs, gnats, locusts, day turns to night, blight, boils, thunder and hail, flies, and death of the first born

Torah – means the law, most sacred of the Jewish scriptures

Goliath – Philistine warrior killed by King David when he was a boy. Called a Bear and a Lion

Shoah – Hebrew term for the Holocaust

Diaspora – population of Jews living outside of Israel

Semitic Religions – Judaism, Christianity, Islam

Menorah – 7 armed candelabra.  The 7 arms represent the 7 days of creation.  During Hanukkah there is an 8 armed menorah

Western Wall – the last standing part of the ancient temple

King David – made Jerusalem the capital city, killed Goliath as a boy, father of Solomon

Talmud – derived from the Mishnah, interprets and adapts the 613 laws of the Torah

613 – the number of laws in the Torah

8 – the number of days the festival of Hanukkah is celebrated for which commemorates the miraculous event of the oil burning for 8 days instead of 1

Branches of Judaism: Hassidic, Orthodox, Progressive, Reform, Liberal, Reconstructivist, Zionist

Simchat Torah – celebration of the last chapter of the Torah being read during Sabbath services

Sephardic Jews – predominantly found in Portugal and Spain

Moses – freed the Jews from Egyptian slavery

Mezuzah – small metal plaque attached to the door post of  a Jewish home

Tallit – prayer shawl

Shofar – ram’s horn
Purim – celebration of how Queen Esther saved the Jews in Persia

Afterlife – Jews believe that when a person dies they go to heaven

TaNaKh – same writings as the Christian Old Testament

Kashruth – Jewish dietary laws (ie. Jews don’t eat pork, shellfish, etc)

Canaan – the promised land (modern day Israel)

Saul – the first king of the Israelites

Solomon – built the ancient temple

Quorum – group of 10 men required to begin a prayer service

Judge – tribal leader in Ancient Israel

High Holy days – Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Star of David – also called the shield of David or the Magen David.
Believed to be the shape of King David’s battle shield

Isaac – Abram’s son who was almost sacrificed

Madagascar Plan – the plan to use the island as a prison for Jews during WWII

Sarah and Israel – German Jews were forced to put these names on their passports during WWII

Moses – a prince of Egypt before he found out he was an Israelite and left

Ghettos – walled off sections of cities used as prisons during WWII

Tefillin – leather straps and wooden boxes that keep the Torah close to your heart and mind

Bat Mitzvah – coming of age ceremony for a girl when she is 12/13 years old

Bar Mitzvah – coming of age ceremony for a boy when he is 13 years old

Anti-Semitism – hatred of Jews and Jewish culture

Ark of the Covenant – chest that the 10 Commandments were carried in

Covenant --  a sacred deal with God

Holocaust – Shoah

Kosher – acceptable to eat

Rabbi – Jewish religious scholar

Torah – first 5 books of the Old Testament

Yom Kippur – most solemn day of the year for Jews

Seder – ritual meal during the Passover (Pesach)

6 Million – number of Jews murdered during the Shoah

Maccabees – led the revolt to retake the temple
Kristallnacht – night of broken glass

Orthodox – conservative form of Judaism

Hassidic – ultra conservative form of Judaism

Reform – progressive form of Judaism

Talmud – interprets the 613 laws of the Torah

Jacob – Abraham’s grandson who changed his name to Israel as a sign of his covenant with God

10 Commandments –1. Don’t worship other gods, 2. Don’t swear, 3. Keep the Sabbath holy, 4. Respect your parents, 5. Don’t kill, 6. Don’t commit adultery, 7. Don’t steal, 8. Don’t lie, 9. Don’t be jealous of your neighbour’s spouse, 10. Don’t be jealous of your neighbour’s goods.

3 Unofficial Creeds – Shema, 5 Fundamental Concepts, 13 Articles of Faith

100 – the number of times the shofar is blown during Rosh Hashanah

6 Basic Beliefs of Judaism – Creation, Monotheism, Kashruth, Afterlife, Knowledge, Torah

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