

**JUDAISM****PRE-TEST**

**Directions:** Fill in the blank with the correct answer:

1. After World War II, Jews from all over the world moved to the state of \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is made up of the first five books of the Old Testament.
3. Jews believe that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Jews dress in the same way as their ancestors 100 years ago.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ sect has incorporated some of the traditions of other religions into Jewish worship services.

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### **CONTENT OUTLINE**

The following is a list of some of the topics presented in this video program.

1. The Torah - sacred scriptures of the Jews
2. Other religions with roots in Judaism
3. The four cornerstones of the Jewish faith
4. The Jewish worship service
5. Tragedies of the Jewish people - the Holocaust, Diaspora, persecution in ancient times
6. The founding of the state of Israel
7. Jewish rituals and festivals
8. Women in Judaism
9. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah

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### VIEWER'S GUIDE

**Directions:** Answer the following questions as directed by your teacher.

1. What is the Torah and why is it important to Jews?
2. What is the central idea common to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?
3. What are the four cornerstones of Judaism?
4. Name one reason why the Jews consider it so important to be able to live in Israel.
5. Name and describe two Jewish rituals or festivals.
6. What does the holiday of Passover celebrate?
7. What is the main significance of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah?
8. What is the main tragedy that has befallen the Jewish people in the twentieth century?
9. What do the candles of Hanukkah celebrate?
10. What is your understanding of what it means to be a Jew?

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### VOCABULARY LIST

**Torah** - the first five 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 thirteenth 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.

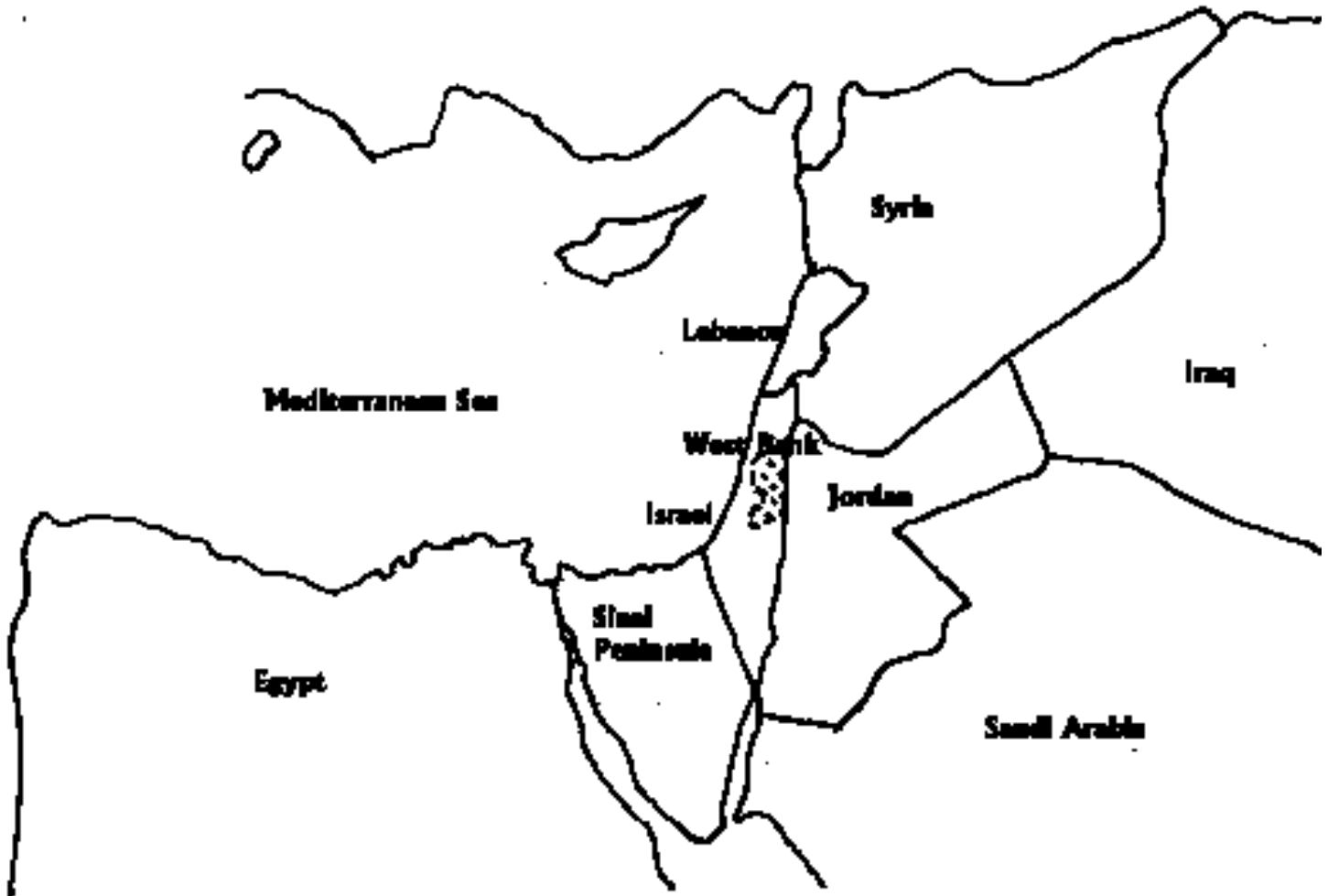
**creed** - a brief statement of religious beliefs; a confession of faith.

**sect** - a group of people having a common leadership, set of opinions, and similar beliefs.

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### MIDDLE EAST MAP

Area of the world (Middle East) discussed in the program



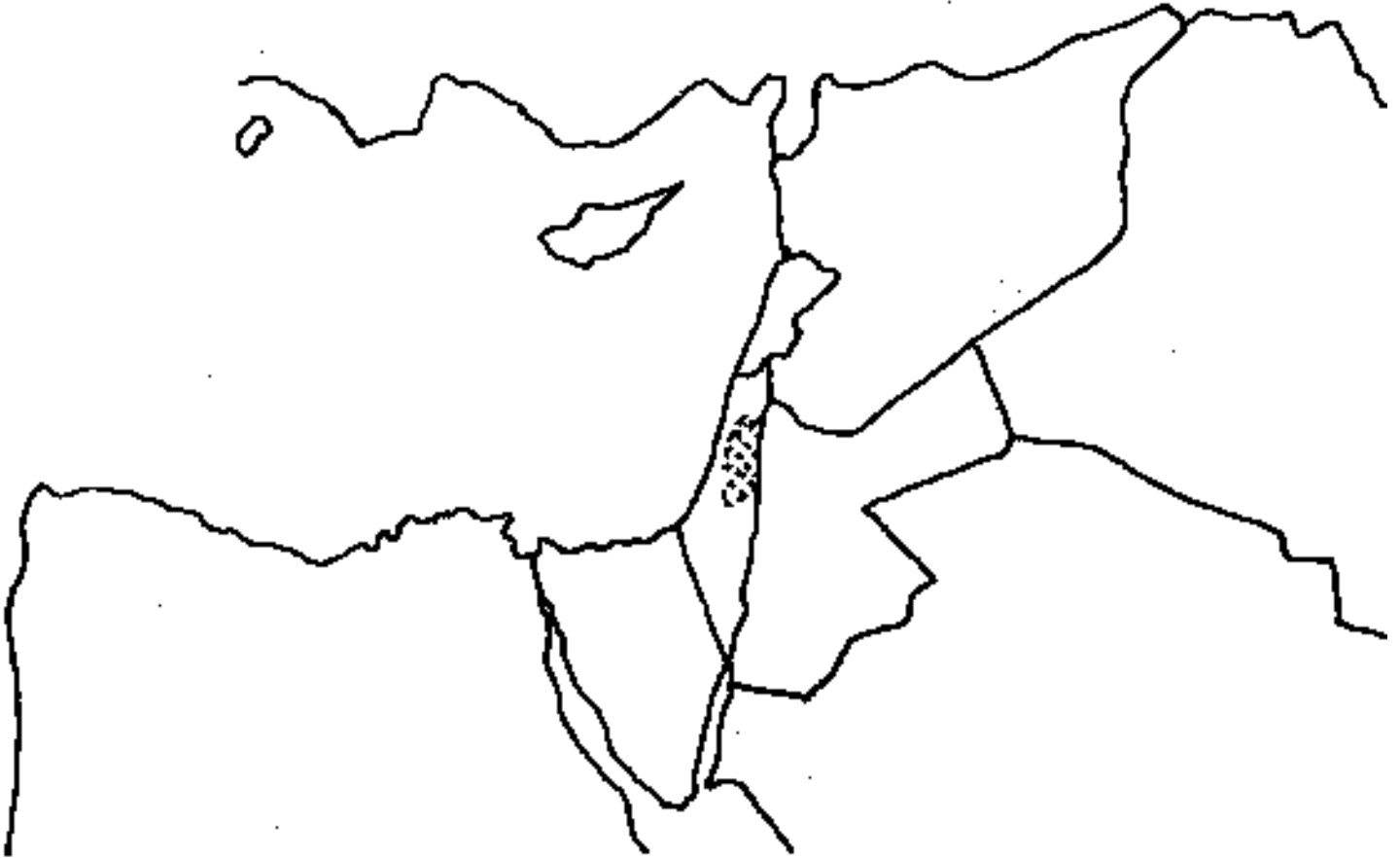
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**JUDAISM****MIDDLE EAST MAP ACTIVITY**

**Directions:** On this map of the Middle East, identify the following countries where Judaism is practiced: Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan



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### VOCABULARY CHECK

**Directions:** Match the definition in the left column with the word it identifies from the column on the right.

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|---|--------------------|
| 1. _____ The celebration for a Jewish boy or girl who has attained his or her thirteenth birthday.          | A. Talmud          |
| 2. _____ A group of people having a common leadership, set of opinions, and similar beliefs.                | B. secular         |
| 3. _____ A brief statement of religious beliefs; a confession of faith.                                     | C. B.C.E.; C.E.    |
| 4. _____ The first five books of the Old Testament of the Bible; the entirety of authentic Jewish teaching. | D. Bar/Bat Mitzvah |
| 5. _____ A collection of authoritative writings comprising the Jewish civil and religious law.              | E. Sabbath         |
| 6. _____ The prophesied deliverer of the Jews; a savior.  | F. creed           |
| 7. _____ Pertaining to the world or to things not spiritual or sacred.                                      | G. orthodox        |
| 8. _____ A day of rest and religious dedication.  | H. Messiah         |
| 9. _____ Conforming to the usual beliefs or established doctrine, especially in religion.                   | I. Torah           |
| 10. _____ Before Common Era; Common Era; preferred by Jews to B.C. and A.D.                                 | J. sect            |

**JUDAISM****WEBSITES**

The following sites contain useful information that can be used in conjunction with the material found in this lesson:

**<http://bnaibrith.org>**

**<http://nmajh.org>**

**[jewfaq.org](http://jewfaq.org)**



## JUDAISM

### POST-TEST

**Directions:** Circle the correct

1. The Jews believe in:
  - a. One God
  - b. A trinity of Gods
  - c. That there is no God but many prophets
2. The land that the Jews feel that they are destined to inherit is:
  - a. Egypt
  - b. Israel
  - c. Jordan
3. The Jewish house of worship is called a:
  - a. mosque
  - b. synagogue
  - c. stupa
4. During World War II, millions of Jews were killed in an event known as the:
  - a. Diaspora
  - b. Holocaust
  - c. Battle of Britain
5. The most sacred book of the Jews is called the:
  - a. Ramayana
  - b. New Testament
  - c. Torah
6. When Jewish young people reach the age of thirteen, they are introduced to the community by an event known as a:
  - a. birthday party
  - b. Bar or Bat Mitzvah
  - c. debutante's ball
7. The Jews celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday as a day to:
  - a. go shopping
  - b. rest and refresh their spiritual life
  - c. watch sports on TV
8. In December, the Jews celebrate a holiday known as:
  - a. Passover
  - b. Hanukkah
  - c. Kumba Mela
9. One of the main sects of Judaism is known as the:
  - a. Orthodox
  - b. Active
  - c. Eastern

**Directions:** Place a "T" before the true statements and an "F" before the false ones.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Devout Jews recite a prayer called the "Shema" in their daily worship.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Torah is comprised of the first five books of the New Testament of the Bible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The only connection between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam is that they all originated in the Middle East.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The first Temple of the Jews was built in 1948 when Israel became a state.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Jews believe that the Messiah will appear in Jerusalem.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is celebrated in December.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Sukkot, the Feast of Booths, reminds Jews of how their ancestors lived in the desert.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Hanukkah candles are symbols of the light of religious freedom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Judaism is different than other religions because there is only one sect.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. An important part of observing the Sabbath for Jews is lighting candles to welcome the "Sabbath Queen" into the house.

**Essay:** (You may write your answers on the back of this sheet.)

1. Explain how living by religious laws would be different than living by secular laws.
2. From what you have just seen in the video, what do you think it means to be a Jew?