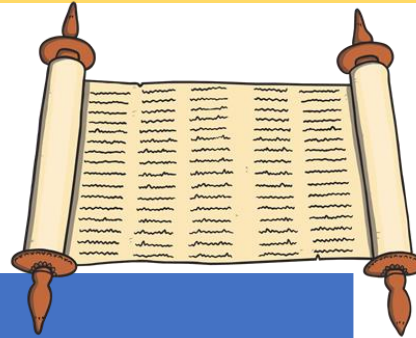


Beliefs and Practices Religion: Judaism

Jews believe that there is one God who not only created the world, but with whom every Jew can have a personal and individual relationship.

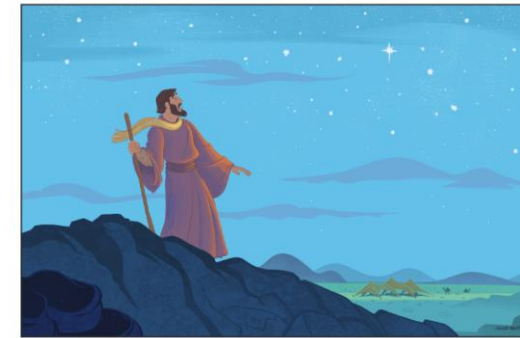


Jewish history begins with the covenant (agreement/promise) between God and **Abraham** around 1812 BC and **Abraham** is considered the founder of Judaism. Genesis 17: 1-7.

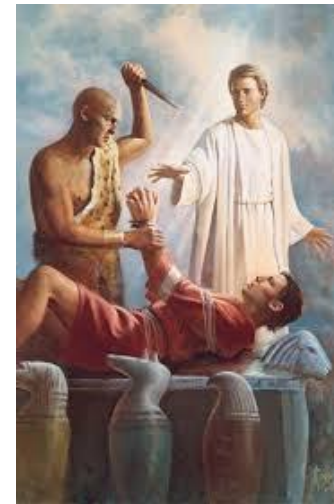
God made a special promise that he would look after Abraham and all his descendants and confirmed this by giving him and his wife a son, even though he was 99!

Birth of Isaac Genesis Ch 21: 1-8

Covenant	Agreement/promise
Shema	One of the most important Jewish prayers
Mezuzah	Hebrew 'doorpost' – shema rolled inside a metal case
Descendants	Children and children's children etc
commandments	Set of principles from God
Torah scroll	Five books of Abraham kept in Ark
Ner Tamid	Ever-burning lamp
Synagogue	Jewish place of worship



Abraham believed God. Genesis 15:6



The Tefillin are strapped to the left arm and forehead. It is a constant reminder that God is in their mind and their heart.



The mezuzah is kept on the doorpost of the front door, It contains the shema prayer.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/the-torah/7464.html>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/the-synagogue/485.html>

Exodus ch 20: 1-17 **Moses** was given the Ten Commandments and God asked the Jewish people to live by these as their promise to him.

