

What does Torah mean for Jewish people?

Key Knowledge:

The Torah is a special book for Jewish people containing laws and history.

The Torah contains 613 mitzvot (commandments) that guide daily life, ethics, and worship.

The Torah is the most sacred text in Judaism, believed to be the divine word of God dictated to Moses on Mount Sinai.

The Torah contains the early history of the Jewish people.

Building Blocks:

The Torah tells the stories of the early Jews and their relationship with God.

The Exodus story teaches Jews that God had a plan to rescue them from their enemies.

The Torah sets the expectations for how a Jewish person should live.

Vocabulary:

Judaism - Abrahamic religion that constitutes the total way of life, culture, and faith of the Jewish people.

Synagogue - Jewish house of worship, assembly, and study.

Torah - the foundational, sacred text of Judaism containing 613 commandments and early Jewish history.

The 10 commandments - were given to Moses by God on Mount Sinai as part of the covenant with the Jewish people.

Hebrew - language used by the ancient Hebrews and in modern Israel.

Shabbat - Jewish day of rest.

Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah - Jewish coming-of-age milestones signifying that a young person is now responsible for their own actions and observing the commandments.



