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| 10 Commandment | The ten moral laws God gave to his people and were recorded in the Old Testament. The laws were delivered through Moses. |
| Abraham | Founder of Judaism who, according to the Bible, led his family from Ur to Canaan following God's command. |
| Canaan | The Promised Land. |
| Covenant | An agreement or promise. God made a covenant with the Abraham to protect his people. |
| Dead Sea Scrolls | A collection of written scrolls (containing nearly all of the Old Testament) found in a cave near the Dead Sea in the late 1940s. |
| Diaspora | The scattering of the Jews to countries outside of Palestine after the Babylonian captivity. |
| Exile | The act of expelling a person from their native land. Israelites were exiled from Jerusalem and sent to Babylon to be slaves. |
| Exodus | A journey by a large group to escape from a hostile environment. Israelites leaving Egypt. |
| Hanukkah | An 8 day Jewish holiday that celebrates the recovery and purification of the Holy Temple. |
| Hebrew | The language of the Old Testament. |
| Hebrew Bible | The Old Testament |
| Jerusalem | The current capital of Israel and an ancient city that is holy to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. |
| Jewish | Anyone who is from the family line of Abraham. |
| Judah | A Hebrew kingdom in Palestine, established around 922 B.C. when Israel split in two. |
| Judaism | A religion with a belief in one god (Yahweh). It started with Abraham and the Hebrew people. They preserved their early history in the Old Testament. |
| Kosher | Fit to be eaten according to Jewish dietary laws. |
| Menorah | A candlestick that hold seven candles. (7 days to create the world) It is the oldest symbol in Judaism. |
| Messiah | In Judaism, a deliverer sent by god. |
| Monotheism | Belief in only one god. |
| Mount Sinai | The mountain thought to be the peak on which Moses received the Ten Commandments. |
| Passover | Refers to when the Israelites were "passed over" by the angel of death as dictated by the tenth plague; a holiday celebrated by Jews as a day of deliverance. |
| Plague | Any large scale calamity (especially when thought to be sent by God). |
| Prophet | A messenger of god. |
| Proverb | A wise saying. |
| Rabbi | Jewish religious leader. |
| Rule of Law | No one is above the law. The principle that every member of a society, even a ruler, must follow the law. |
| Sabbath | Holy day of rest and worship, Saturday for Jews and Sunday for Christians. |
| Synagogue | Jewish place of worship. |
| Torah | The first five books of the Hebrew bible. |
| Tribe | A group of related families. |