

Who was Abraham?

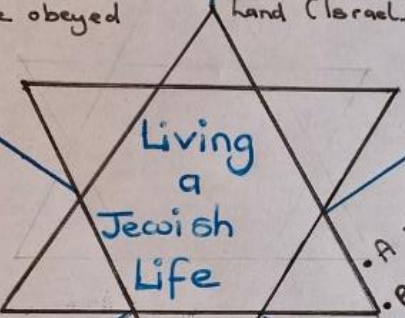
- First founder of Judaism - often called one of the 'fathers' of Judaism.
- Abraham disagreed with the worshipping of many Gods.
- Abraham made a covenant with God in return he was given a son, if he obeyed God.

Who was Moses?

- Second founder of Judaism.
- Moses helped free the Jews from slavery.
- The Jews spent many years wandering in the wilderness.
- During this time God gave Moses the 10 Commandments.
- The covenant between God & Moses - if the Jews followed the commandments they would receive the promised land.

What is a covenant?

- **Covenant** - an agreement between two or more persons.
- **Bible definition** - agreement between God & ancient Israelites. If they obeyed God's laws he would protect them and give them the Promised Land (Israel).



Bar Mitzvah

- A Jewish boy becomes Bar Mitzvah at the age of 13.
- Bar Mitzvah - means 'son of the commandments'.
- A boy recites the blessing on the Torah, and reads a passage from the Torah.
- A boy is considered a man at 13 and expected to obey all the Jewish laws.

Bat Mitzvah

- A girl automatically becomes a Bat Mitzvah at the age of 12.
- Bat Mitzvah - daughter of the commandments.
- Orthodox - girls do not read from the Torah.
- Reform - no difference between Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Shabbat

- One of the 10 Commandments.
- Begins on Friday at sunset and lasts until sunset on Saturday.
- No work to be done, to remember the day God rested.
- No cooking, driving, use of technology / electricity.
- Two candles lit & a special meal prepared.



The Mezuzah

- **Mezuzah** - a piece of parchment scroll with the Shema prayer inscribed on it.
- The purpose of mezuzah is to act as a constant reminder of God's presence.