

Key Vocabulary

Hebrew	An ancient people descended from Jacob, the grandson of Abraham. Their scriptures and traditions form the basis of Judaism. The language used by people in Israel.
Yahweh	A form of the Hebrew name for God.
Shema	Shema is one of the most important Jewish prayers. It is one of the first prayers learnt by Jewish children. It is said three times every day by Jewish people. It is included in nearly every service at the Synagogue. Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One. The prayer is written in Hebrew . The word Shema means to hear or listen.
Maccabees	The group of Jews who rebelled against the Syrian King, Antiochus, and his army.
hanukkiya	The menorah. An eight-branched candlestick which represents the miracle of the in which the menorah burned for 8 days when there was only enough oil for 1 day.
Hanukkah	Chanukah - The Jewish festival of lights. It starts on the 25th day of Kislev (usually around December). It lasts for 8 days and involves the eight-branched candlestick, the menorah .
Shabbat	Saturday - the day of rest and weekly observance of God's completion of creation. Shalom - peace

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1.6 Who is Jewish and how do they live? Part 1



The Story of Hanukkah

2500 years ago, the king of Syria tried to make Jewish people worship another God but a small group of Jews, called the Maccabees, rebelled.

After three years, the Maccabees claimed back power and they repaired the temple that had been ruined and rededicated it to God by lighting a lamp.

There was only enough oil to light the lamp for one day but miraculously, it stayed alight for a further seven days.

Hanukkah is celebrated by lighting eight candles.