

1. onen	the name given to a bereaved person between the death and the burial
2. Orthodox Judaism	that which adheres to strictly traditional practices
3. passover	an ancient Jewish festival commemorating the time when the angel of death passed over the homes of the Hebrews living in Egypt
4. pentateuch	the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, the foundation of the Jewish religion; also known as the Torah
5. polygamy	the practice of having more than one marriage partner
6. rabbi	a Jewish religious teacher
7. redemption	a biblical doctrine based on the belief that God will redeem (save) his chosen people from destruction
8. Reform Judaism	a Jewish movement originating in 19th century Germany which sought to modernise and modify many traditional religious practices
9. sabbath	the weekly holy day, a day of rest from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday
10. shechinah	the divine presence of God
11. shechitah	the ritual slaughtering of animals for food
12. shema	the declaration of faith: 'Hear O'Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is One' (Deuteronomy 6:4)
13. shidduchin	the period of betrothal (engagement) preceding marriage
14. shloshim	the 30-day period of mourning after burial of the deceased
15. synagogue	a Jewish house of worship
16. tallit	a prayer shawl
17. talmud	a major text, with two forms: the Babylonian and the Palestinian
18. tenakh	an anagram given to the Hebrew Scriptures, comprising the law, the prophets and the writings
19. torah	the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, the foundation of the Jewish religion; also known as the Pentateuch
20. yarmulke	a skullcap worn by Jewish men, especially when performing sacred tasks