"100 QUESTIONS ABOUT JUDAISM"

OR

"I KNOW I LEARNED IT, BUT..."

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I. BIBLE

1. What are the three divisions of the Jewish Bible? What are their Hebrew names? What is the Jewish Bible called in Hebrew?

2. List the Five Books of Moses in order (English and Hebrew).

3. What is a Chumash?

4. What is a Parasha?

5. What is a Haftarah?

6. List the Patriarchs (in order). List the Matriarchs (in order).

7. List the sons of Jacob (TRY in order!).

8. What tribe did Moses (Moshe) come from?

9. What is a Kohen, Levi, Yisrael? What responsibilities did they have, and what privileges do they have today?

10. Who was the leader after Moshe?

11. Under which group lay the jurisdiction of the entire Jewish legal system?

12. List the first three Jewish kings in order.

13. What is a prophet, and when did the prophets live? Name at least three important prophets.

14. What is the Talmud? What are the two components?

15. Who were the Tanaim? Amoraim?

16. What is Midrash?

17. What is Halacha?

II. THE SYNAGOGUE

18. Give two Jewish names for a Synagogue.

19. Identify three major symbols found in the Synagogue sanctuary.

20. What is a Minyan, and what prayers cannot be recited without one?

21. What is a "Mechitza"?

III. PRAYER

22. What is a Siddur? What is a Machzor?

23. What is the importance of the "Shema"? How often, and when, is it said? Why do people cover their eyes?

24. What is the Amidah prayer? What is another name for it?

25. What are Shacharit, Mincha, Maariv? What is Mussaf?

26. How often, and when, is the Torah read during the week?

IV. KASHRUT

27. What is the reason for observing the dietary laws?

28. What does Kosher mean? Besides food, to what else can it apply?

29. What are the characteristics of kosher Mammals? Fish? Birds?

30. What is a Shochet? Explain the process by which meat is koshered.

31. Define the terms Milchig (Chalavi), Fleishig (B'Sari), and Parve. Give examples of each.

32. How long do we wait between eating meat and milk? Between milk and meat?

33. What do the symbols OU, OK, etc. stand for?

V. SHABBOS AND HOLIDAYS

34. What is Shabbat?

35. What do we light preceding Shabbat and Holidays? When are they lit?

36. What is Kiddush, and when is it recited?

37. What is the HaMotzee, and when is it recited?

38. What is Havdalah? What objects are used and why?

39. On what is the Jewish calendar based, and how is it different than the Gregorian calendar?

40. List the Holidays, in order.

	Holiday	Hebrew Date	Length	Commemorates
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41. What does the Shofar symbolize?

42. What is the time period, beginning with Rosh HaShanah and ending with Yom Kippur, called?

43 What is the difference between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur?

44. What is a Sukkah? What are the four species used on Sukkot called?

45. What is the meaning of the word Hakafah? What are Hakafot and when are they observed?

46. What does Chanukah commemorate? When did the revolt take place?

47. Who was Judah Macabee?

48. When did the story of Purim take place?

49. What does the word Seder mean?

50. What does the word Hagadah mean?

51. What is Chametz and how do we rid our homes of it for Pesach?

52. How many weeks pass between Pesach and Shavuot? What is this period called? Why?

53. What is Tikun Layl Shavuot? What is the basis of this custom?

54. List the 10 Commandments in order.

55. What are the Fast Days of the year?

56. What are some of the things that happened on Tisha B'Av?

VI. LIFE OF THE JEW

57. What is a Mezuzah? What does it contain and where do we put them?

58. What is a Brit Milah? What is a Pidyon HaBen?

59. What is a Talit? What is a Talit Katan (Tzitzit)?

60. What is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

61. What are T'fillin, and when are they worn?

62. What is a Chupah?

63. What is a Ketubah?

64. Why do we break the glass at the end of the wedding ceremony?

65. What is Shivah? Shloshim?

66. What is a Yahrzeit?

67. What is Kaddish Yatom (Mourner's Kaddish)?

68. What is Yizkor and how often is it recited?

69. What does the word Tzedakah mean? How is it practiced?

70. What does the word Mitzvah mean?

71. What are the differences between Orthodox Judaism, and the Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist movements?

72. What is Chasidut, and why do Chasidim dress that way?

VII. JEWISH HISTORY

73. When was the first Temple built? Destroyed? By whom?

74. When was the second Temple built? Destroyed? By whom?

75. What were the Jewish courts called during, and after, the Roman Occupation?

76. Who was Bar Kochba?

77. Who are the Gaonim? Rishonim?

78. What do the terms Ashkenazic and Sepharadic mean?

79. Who was Rashi?

80. Who was Rambam?

81. What is the Shulchan Aruch? Who wrote it?

82. What is a Progrom?

83. What was Kristalnacht?

84. When was the State of Israel established? Give both the Hebrew and English dates.

85. What is Yom HaAtzmaut?

86. What is a Kibbutz? A Chalutz?

87. List the major wars in which Israel has fought?

88. Which five Arab countries border Israel?

89. How many Jews are there in the world? US? Israel? Russia? Elsewhere?

VIII. JEWISH THOUGHT

90. What is the mission of the Jewish People?

91. What does being "Chosen" mean?

92. Is Judaism a race, nationality, or religion?

93. Who is a Jew?

94. What is Judaism's view on conversion?

95. Why does Judaism oppose intermarriage?

96. How does Judaism understand heaven and hell?

97. Does Judaism accept reincarnation?

98. What do we believe about the Messiah (Mashiach)?

99. What is the Jewish view concerning Jesus?

100. When we think about G-d, what do we think about?