

## World Religions in Greater Indianapolis Teaching Module

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World Religions: Judaism Part 1

**Goal:**

Discuss Foundations of Jewish Religious Traditions

**Readings:**

Genesis, Chapters 1-17; Exodus 19; *World Religions* by John Bowker pp. 124-145

**Discussion Prompts:**

What is the Tenach? How does it differ from the Christian Bible?

What is the Torah?

What is the Covenant?

How have Jewish immigrants understood the concept of God's chosen people? Be sure to note the debates.

What are the 10 Commandments? Are these the only mitvot (commandments) in the Torah?

Name three major themes of Jewish ethics.

Name three major rituals of Judaism.

**Assignment:**

For World History 111:

Write a 5-7 page paper outlining major Jewish rituals, ethics, and doctrines by citing both the relevant passages in the Torah and our background reading in Bowker's textbook.