

# Judaism glossary

These are useful as specialist vocabulary to improve your marks in c) and d) questions.

**Bet Din** A Jewish court of law.

**Get** A certificate of divorce.

**Halakhah** The Jewish way of life set out in the mitzvot.

**Minyan** The number of Jewish males (ten) needed to form a synagogue.

**Mishnah** The oral law as written by Rabbi Judah the Prince in about 200CE.

**Mitzvot(plural of mitzvah)** The commandments a Jew must follow.

**Rabbi** An ordained Jewish teacher/religious leader.

**Responsa** A collection of replies by rabbis to difficult questions.

**Rosh Hashanah** Jewish New Year.

**Shabbat** The seventh day of the week, a day of rest from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday.

**Talmud** A collection of commentaries on the Torah.

**Tenakh** The Jewish Bible containing the same books as the Protestant Old Testament.

**Thirteen Principles of Faith** A summary of Jewish beliefs written by Maimonides.

**Torah** The five books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) containing the Law.

**Yom Kippur** The Day of Atonement, the most solemn Jewish holy day when Jewish people fast and confess their sins.