

# Practice Test from the 45 topics

## A) IDEOLOGY

### 1 – HASHEM

1.1 – The Almighty, the Creator, What Does Hashem mean to me

1.2 – Monotheism. The unique one.

1.3 – Avoda Zarah, idolatry,

Golden calf, Eliyahu Hanavi at Mount Carmel, Sorcery, Witchcraft

### 2 – What It Means to Be a Jew

2.1- Making His will my will

2.2 –The Chosen People, what makes Judaism different from other religions

2.3 -The beauty of our Torah

2.4 - Reward and punishment

2.5 - Olam Hazei, Olam Haba: This world, future world

2.6 – Israel, our Holy Land

2.7- Awaiting Mashiach

2.8 - Tchiyat Hametim: Resurrection of the dead

2.9- Chiyuv Karet.

2.10- Difficulties of being a Jew

2.11- Hashgacha Pratit

2.12– Different Groups in Observance and Tradition

Orthodox, Conservative, Reform

Tzedukim, Prushim, Charedim, Zealots ( anti Romans and Greeks)

2.13 Kohanim, Leviim, Israelites.

2.14 -Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews

### **3 – The Rambam and his Thirteen Principles of Faith**

3.1 – Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimonides

3.2 – The Rambam’s Thirteen Principles of Jewish Faith-Yigdal.

### **4 – The Tanach, What is the Tanach**

#### **4-1 Torah: Summarize each of the five books of Moses**

**Chumash, Sefer Torah, Parashah, Haftarah**

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

#### **4-2 Neviim: Develop in detail**

Joshua . Judges: mention at least 10 Judges and their stories

Samuel, Saul, Jonathan, King David

Kings: King Solomon, Northern and Southern Kingdoms

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel,

The Twelve Prophets, (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Ovadia, Jonah, Micha, Nahum,

Habakkuk, Tzeiphania, Chagai, Zecharya, Malachi

#### **4-3 Ketuvim and the Megilot: develop in detail**

Psalms, Proverbs, Job, The Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes,

Esther, Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, Chronicles.

#### **4-4 The (Oral Torah), Mishna The Gemara- Talmud, Shas, Masechet ,Midrash,**

**Tanaim, - Amoraim, Midrash Halacha , Agadah**

#### **4-5 -The Geonim**

#### **4-6 – Rambam, Rif, The Rosh, Halacha, Responsa**

**4-7– Shulchan Aruch****4-8– Zohar,9– Kabala****4-10 –Hagada****4-11 –Books of Ethics: Pirkei Avot, Orchos Tzadikim, Mesilat Yesharim, Chovot Halevavot****5– The 613 Mitzvot**

5.1 – Ben Adam Lamakom, Love of Hashem, Emunah, Faith in Hashem, Yirat Shamayim, Torah Learning, eating Kosher, posting a Mezuzah.

5-2- Ben Adam Lachavero: Kibud Av Vaem , Kibud Morim, doing kindness: Loving our fellow Jew, visiting the sick, taking care of orphans and widows, Tzedaka: Charity, Maaser.

5-3- Positive and Negative commandments

5-4 - Mideoraita and Miderabanan

5-5The Ten Commandments, and all Halachot

The three cardinal sins: yehareg veal Yaavor.

5-6- What is the law you admire the most?

5-7 – Mention 10 negative mitzvot

5-8– Mention 15 Positive Mitzvot that are performed not as often, like once a month

or once a year, even once every few years

5-9 – Yetzer Hatov and Yetzer Harah

5-10 – Lashon Harah

**6– Teshuva, Tefillah, Tzedaka**

6.1 – Teshuva

6.2 – Tefillah

6.3 - Tzedaka

**7 – Converts**

7.1 – What Judaism Means to Me

7.2 – Prophets of other religions claiming to be the Mashiach

What do they mean to me, how they influence my life.

7.3 – History of Converts

Ruth, Rahav, Yitro, Nero, Onkelos, Avraham Ben Avraham, Antoninus

7.4 - What is the most beautiful law in the Torah

7.5 - What law shouldn't have been imposed.

7.6 - Where does it say that converts should be accepted into Judaism?

7.7 - The Seven Noahide laws.

## **B) AHAVAT HASHEM- LOVE OF HASHEM**

### **1-The Siddur-Prayer book.**

1-1 - Structure of the prayer book. From the moment we wake up till we go to sleep we connect and express our thoughts and feelings to Hashem.

1-2- Kippah, Talit, Tefillin, Tzitsit. When do we put them on, their Brachot.

1-3 Major elements of the services. Why should one pray, what prayer replaces.

1-5- There are three Prayers Shachrit Mincha Maariv(Arvit)

Shachrit consists of Birkat Hashachar: Mode Ani, Netilat Yadaim , Asher Yatzar, Elokai, Adon Olam, The 15 and Torah Blessings,

Korbanot. Hodu . Baruch Sheamar, Ashre, Yishtabach, Barchu.

Blessing of Shema. Shema, Shmone Esre, Amida, Tachanun.

Torah Reading,

Ashre, Uva Letzion, song of the Day, Kave, Aleinu

Mincha. Korbanot. Ashre, Shmone Esre, Amida, Tachanun.

Ashre, Uva Letzion, song of the Day, Kave, Aleinu

Maariv (Arvit) Barchu. Blessing of Shema. Shema, Shmone Esre, Amida, Aleinu

1-6 – Prayers and their sequence in the order of importance

1-7 – Special prayers for Shabbat and Holidays, Mussaf, Rosh Chodesh (Hallel), Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur

1-8- Special blessings over food before and after eating,

Boreh Nefashot, Birkat Meein Shalosh. Birkat Hamazon,

1-9– Various Blessings: Birkat Hanehenim, Birkat Hamitzvot, candlelighting, handwashing, after the use of the restroom: Asher Yatsar.

1-10- Torah reading: Aliyot laTorah: Kohen, Levi, Israel, on Shabbat and other times: Week days, , Holidays.

1-11 – Synagogue structure Rabbi, Hazzan, Cantor, Shamash, Who runs the Shul,

Chores of each person are according to his position.

1-12 – Ner Tamid, Bima , Aron Hakodesh, Amud,

1-13 - Minyan

## **2- – Women’s Role in Judaism- Their special Mitzvot**

2-1 Niddah (laws of Taharat Hamishpacha).

2-2– Shabbat and Holidays Candle Lighting

2-3– Baking Challah

2-4 Proper dress code, Hair coverings, modest clothing

## **C) SEASONS**

### **1– The Beauty of Shabbat**

1-1-Why do we keep Shabbat: Hashem rested, so do we.

It testifies that Hashem created the world.

1-2-Importance of Shabbat in our lives

1-3-The 39 forbidden works and its derivatives, muktze

1-4-Preparing for Shabbat, grocery list, meal planning, Challah baking, house preparations

1-5-Kosher inventions for Shabbat, Appliances, cooking and warming food

1-5-Oneg Shabbat

1-6-Eruvei Chatzerot and Eruvei Tchumim, Eruv of the city, Eruv Tavshelim

1-7-Charity and Candle Lighting

1-8-Friday night Services, Special welcoming prayers for Shabbat, Lecha Dodi

Shalom Alechem, Eshet Chayil

1-9-Kidush, Children's Blessings, Hamotzi with two Challas, Meal, Shabbat

Songs and Birkat Hamazon (Bentching)

1-10-Shachrit, Torah Reading and the Haftarah, Musaf

1-11-Seudath Sheinit with Kidush, Hamotzi with two Challas, Meal, Songs of

Shabbat and Bentching

1-12-Mincha service

1-13-Sehudat Shlishit, Hamotzi with two Challas, Smaller meal, Songs of

Shabbat and benching

1-15-Havdala Wine, Spices, Fire with blessings and Melaveh Malkah

## **2– Jewish Holidays and Fasting Days**

2-1- Difference between the laws of Shabbat and Holidays (Yamim Tovim)

2-2- Meaning of each Holiday and their symbolism.

2-3- Generally permitted and prohibited laws

2-4 -Month and date the Holiday falls on. Its liturgy and songs.

2-5- Rosh Hashana: Special preparations, Selichot, Yamim Noraim, Special

Festive meal, Tashlich, Special services, Shofar, Aseret Yeme Teshuva

2-6 – Tzom Guedalia

2-7 – Shabbat Teshuva

2-8 – Yom Kippur: Kaparot, Fasting and other prohibitions, Kol Nidrei, Vidui, Yizkor, Avodah of the High Priest, Nehila, Shofar.

2-9 – Sukkot: Preparation of the Sukkah, Arbah Haminim (Etrog, Lulav, Arava, Hadas) Chol Hamoed

2-10 – Hoshana Rabba

2-11 – Shemini Atzeret, Prayer of rain, Yizkor

2-12 – Simchat Torah, Hakaffot, The reading of three Torahs

2-13 – Chanukah, The Menorah and Candle lighting, blessing on the first night, Blessings on the other seven nights. Chanukah story.

2-14 – Tzom of Ten of Tevet

2-15- Tu Bishvat

2-16 – Purim, Story of Purim, Meguilah, Matanot Laevyonim, Mishloach Manot, Fast of Esther, festive meal.

2-17 – Fast of the first born on Eve of Pesach

2-18 – Pesach: Preparations for the holiday, Bedikat Chametz, Kashering dishes and utensils, Selling of the Chametz, food preparing, Shabbat HaGadol, Hagadah and the Sedder, the four cups of wine, Manishtanah, Seder Platter, Matzah and Afikoman, Special Services, Chol Hamoed Pesach

2-19 – Sefirat Haomer

2-20– Pesach Sheini

2-21 – Lag Baomer

2-22 – Shavuot, Book of Ruth, Reading of the Akdamot, Dairy meal

2-23 – Tzom, fast of the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tamuz

2-24 – Tzom, fast of Tisha B' Av

2-25 – Tu B' Av

**Draw a chart indicating each Holiday in its corresponding month.**

**D) FAMILY LIFE**

2- 1 – Birth

2- 2 – Brit Milah

2- 3 – Pidiyon Haben

2- 4 – Bar/Bat Mitzvah

2- 5 – Marriage:, Aufruf, Bedeken, Chupah, Keddushin, Ring, Ketubah, Chatan,

Kallah, Sheva Brachot . Prohibited marriages

2-6 – Taharat ha Mishpaha, Miscarriages and abortion

2-7 – Child Bearing: Raising Children to love and serve Hashem

2-8 – Gerushin (Divorce)

2-9 – Death and Mourning, Taharah, Aninut, Funeral and burial, Embalming, Keeping Shiva,

Behavior of the mourners, Avel, Shloshim, 11 to 12 months of mourning

Autopsy, Open Casket, Prohibition against Cremation.

Olam Habah,

The Seven relatives one mourns for and their equivalent mourning times

Kadish, Yahrzeit, Yizkor, Tehiyat Hametim.

**E ) KASHRUT**

Permitted animals/ fish/ birds.

Give three examples of non kosher animals/fish/ birds.

Kosher slaughtering: Shochet, Shchita

Removing the blood: Soaking and salting, the Kashering process.

Separation between meat and dairy and meat and fish, while cooking, eating. serving

What is pareve.

Kashering utensils

Brachot before and after a meal

Kashut certifications, Different Hashgachot

Keeping a kosher life

Milchek/Dairy, Flaishig/Meat.

Taref, prohibited animals

Kosher wine, Yayin nesech, Yain stam, mevushal

Bishul Akum

Trumot and Maasarot, Challah, Bikurim

Maaser ani and other types of charity

Laws pertaining the land of Israel

## **F) HISTORY –**

### **1- History of Judaism, from the Exodus to Modern day Jewry**

1-1-The different expulsions, the various Galuyot.

1-2-the Diaspora, the First and Second Beith Hamikdash, the Roman Empire.

1-3-The split of Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jewry

1-4-Christianity, Nero, Titus, Charlemagne, Spain and the Crusades, the Cozacks, the Pogroms, 1-5-Holocaust.

1-6-American Jews and other communities around the world today.

### **2- What influence do the following people have on Judaism:**

Tanaim, Amoraim, Geonim, Rif, Rashi, Rambam, Rosh, Rashba, Tur, Rabbi Akiva, Shabbtai Tzi

## **G) MASHIACH**