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Emunah

1. What does Hashem mean? **G-d**
2. Who was the first to recognize Hashem? **Avraham**
3. What does Emunah mean? **Belief in Hashem**
4. How is the creation of the world different than the creation of a wooden table? **Hashem created the world something from nothing (a table is created from pre-existing wood)**
5. Give one proof of Hashem's existence? **The miraculous survival of the Jewish nation**

Hashgacha Pratis

1. What does Hashgacha Pratis mean? **Specific Divine Providence**
2. Can we say that something happened by coincidence? **No**
3. What is Hashem's involvement in the world, now that the world is created? **He is constantly recreating the world**
4. How can we say that everything Hashem does is for the good? **We don't always understand what we see since we only see a small part of the picture**
5. what do we need to realize in every place that we find ourselves? **This is part of Hashem's master plan and I am here for a reason**

Neshama

- #1. What is the Neshama? **Our soul, an actual part of Hashem blown into each Jew. It is the part of us that pushes us to do good.**
- #2. How is the soul compared to a candle? **It always yearns to go upward**
- #3. At what three stages does the soul enter the body? **Birth, Bris/baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah**
- #4. Can a Jew ever lose or destroy his Neshama (i.e. converts to another religion ch'v)? **No, once a Jew always a Jew. There is a level of the Neshama that can never be destroyed no matter what we do. It is always connected to Hashem.**
- #5 How does the soul work with the body? **Together they make a perfect pair. The body helps us accomplish our mission.**



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1. How many books are there in the Torah? **5 -Bereishet, Shemot, Vayikra, Bamidbar, Devarim**
2. What is included in the Torah? **The 613 Mitzvot, Stories of our Jewish History, it is our guide book and teaches us how to live a meaningful life**
3. What is a Parsha and when is it read? **A Torah portion, every week in Shul on Shabbat one Parsha is read, finishing the Torah once a year**
4. What is the Written Torah and the Oral Torah? **The Written Torah is the 5 books of the Torah, and the Oral Torah explains that.**
5. What two Holidays celebrate the Torah? **Shavuot – celebrates the giving of the Torah and Simchat Torah- celebrates the completion of reading the Torah**

Moshiach

1. What does Galut mean? **A time when we await the arrival of Moshiach, a time when G-d's presence is hidden,(the time we live in now)**
2. Who is Moshiach? **Moshiach is a human being of flesh and blood, not a spirit or an angel . He is a descendant of the family of King David. He is a great Torah sage, with love for every human being.**
3. What will the world be like when Moshiach comes? **World peace, no pain or illness, we will see Hashem's presence with our eyes, all people will come back to life, third Holy Temple will be rebuilt...**
4. Where will the Jews live when Moshiach comes? **Israel**
5. What does Techiat Hamaisim mean? **Those who passed on will come back to life**
6. How can we make Moshiach come faster? **Every Mitzvah that we do can tip the scale**



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Mitzvot

1. What does the word Mitzvah mean? **1) Commandment 2) Connect (it connects us to Hashem)**
2. How many Mitzvot did Hashem give us? **613**
3. Is there a difference between big and small Mitzvot, and why? **No, because they all connect us to Hashem. (But the more effort we put in the more reward we get)**
4. What do Mitzvot accomplish? **They make this world a home for Hashem**
5. What happens to the physical objects we use to do a Mitzvah? **They become holy and elevated**

Categories of Mitzvot

1. How many positive and Negative Mitzvot are there? **248 Positive, 365 Negative**
2. In what two categories can Mitzvot be divided? **Between man and man, and between man and Hashem**
3. What are Aidot? **Mitzvot that we do to remember something in our history i.e. Shabbat, the holidays...**
4. What are Chukim? **Mitzvot we don't understand i.e. Kosher, shatnez ...**
5. What are Mishpatim? **Moral and civil laws that we understand and we would do regardless if the Torah had commanded us or not i.e. Don't kill, don't steal, give charity etc...**

Rosh Chodesh

1. What is Rosh Chodesh? **The first day of the new Jewish month**
2. Does the Jewish calendar follow the moon or the sun? **The moon**
3. When does the Jewish day begin? **At nightfall**
4. How many Hebrew months are there in the Jewish calendar? **12 months besides for a leap year when we add a 13th month called Adar II**
5. What is a Jewish Birthday? **The day you were born on the Jewish calendar, it will fall out on a different day every year on the secular calendar**



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Tefillah

1. What does Tefillah mean? **Prayer, it also means to connect and attach to G-d. Prayer is how we communicate with Hashem.**
2. What three things do we do during prayer? **Praise Hashem, Thank Hashem, and ask Hashem for our needs.**
3. What is Tefillah compared to and why? **A ladder, it connects us to Hashem.**
4. What is the prayer book called? What is it called on the High Holidays? **Siddur, Machzor on the High Holidays**
5. Who introduced the three daily prayers, and what are the three prayers called? **The Patriarchs-Avraham , Yitzchak, Yaakov. Shacharit, Mincha, Maariv**

Shul

Shul	Synagogue	Baal Koreh	He reads the Torah
Rabbi	Spiritual Leader	Cohen	A descendant of Aharon the High Priest
Chazan	The Cantor	Levi	Descendent of Moshe
Minyan	10 men over age 13	Yisroel	All the rest of the Jews
Gabbai	He arranges services	Torah	The Torah scroll
Kipah	A head covering	Tallit	4 cornered garment with strings
Tefillin	Leather boxes that contain the shema, men wrap on their arms and heads	Bima	The stage where the Torah is read
		Aron Kodesh	The ark where the Torah is kept



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Rosh Hashanah

1. On Rosh Hashanah Hashem _____? **Judges the world, decides what will be in the coming year**
2. On Rosh Hashana we _____? **Accept Hashem as king, make new resolutions, hear the blowing of the shofar, throw our sins into a pond at the Tashlich service**
3. When were Adam and Eve created? **On Rosh Hashanah**
4. When is the Jewish New Year? **Rosh Hashanah**
5. What special foods are eaten on Rosh Hashanah? **Head of a fish, Pomegranates, Round Challah, New Fruit, Apples in honey**

Yom Kippur

1. How do we spend the day of Yom Kippur? **Spend the day in Shul praying and doing Teshuva**
2. What are some of the angel like activities we do or don't do on Yom Kippur? **We don't eat or drink, don't wear leather shoes, don't bathe, and we wear white clothes**
3. On Yom Kippur Hashem...? **Forgives us so we start our year on a clean slate**
4. What are the three steps of Teshuva? **Regret, admit, and never again**

Sukkot

1. What is a Sukkah? **A temporary hut in which we eat, learn, and for some sleep on the holiday of Sukkot**
2. What does the Sukkah remind us of? **Of the protection that Hashem provided with the clouds of glory during the 40 years that the Jews traveled through the desert**
3. What are some requirements for a Kosher Sukkah? **Must be at least 2 ½ walls, roof must be schach, can be nothing separating the roof of the Sukkah from the sky (i.e. a tree or porch)**
4. The branches that we cover the Sukkah with are called? **Schach**
5. What are the 4 types that we gather on Sukkot? **Etrog- yellow citrus fruit, lulav - Palm branch, Hadassim- 3 myrtle branches, Aravot- 2 willow twigs**



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Simchat Torah

1. The Holiday that comes immediately after Sukkot is called? **Simchat Torah**
2. On which Holiday do we complete the yearly cycle of reading the Torah?
Simchat Torah
3. On which Holiday do we begin reading the Torah from the start? **Simchat Torah**
4. How do we celebrate the completion of the reading of the yearly cycle of the Torah? **We dance with the Torah scrolls**

Chanukah

1. Who was Antiochus? **Evil king who ruled Greece. Did not allow the Jews to study Torah or do Mitzvot in the times of Chanukah.**
2. Who was Matityahu? **Jewish leader who led the Jews in war against the Greek army in the times of Chanukah**
3. Who were the Maccabees? **The brave group of Jews who formed an army to fight the Greeks in the times of Chanukah**
4. What two miracles do we celebrate on Chanukah?
1) The small and untrained Jewish army won against the mighty and well trained Greek army
2) The Jews found one pure jug of oil enough to last for one day, but it lasted for 8 days.
5. What two customs do we do on Chanukah to remember the small jug of oil that lasted for 8 days? **1. We eat latkes and donuts 2. We light the Menorah for 8 days**
6. What is the Shamash? **The tallest candle that lights the other candles on the Menorah**
7. Why do we play Dreidel? **To remember the brave children that would learn Torah and when the Greeks would come they would hide their books and pull out their dreidels**



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Purim

1. Who was Achashverosh? **The king in the time of the story of Purim**
2. Who was Esther? **Jewish woman chosen as queen of Persia in place of Vashti**
3. Who was Haman? **Wicked man in the story of Purim who wanted to kill all the Jews, ends up being hung on the very same gallows he built for Mordechai**
4. Who was Mordechai? **Jewish Rabbi and leader during the story of Purim**
5. The scroll that tells the story of Purim is called? **The Megillah**
6. What are the 4 Mitzvot of Purim? **1) Megillah-we listen to the story of Purim twice 2) Mishloach Manot- we send a gift of two foods to one friend 3) Matanot La'evyonim-we give charity to at least two poor people 4) We eat a festive meal**
7. What triangular shaped food do we eat on Purim? **Hamantashen**
8. What do we do on Purim to show that Hashem hid himself in the story of Purim? **We dress up, we eat Hamantashen**

Pesach

1. What do we celebrate on the holiday of Pesach? **We celebrate our freedom, when Hashem took us out of slavery in Egypt**
2. Why do we eat Matzah? **To remind us that the Jews left Egypt so quickly that they had no time to let their dough rise**
3. What is chometz? **Any of the five grains (wheat, barley, oat spelt or rye) mixed with water and left standing for over 18 minutes.**
4. If we don't want to throw away our chametz, how can we keep it in our homes over Passover? **We can sell it to the Rabbi who sells it to a non Jew**
5. How many cups of wine do we drink on Passover? **4**



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Pesach

Matzah	Flour and water baked in less than 18 minutes	Chametz	Bread or leaven products that we don't eat on Passover
Maror	Bitter Herbs	Haggadah	The book we use at the Seder, it retells the story of Passover
Charoset	A mixture of apples nuts and wine, resembles the bricks and mortar that the Jews were forced to make in Egypt	Ma Nishtana	The 4 Questions
Karah	The Seder Plate		

Shavuot

1. Which Holiday celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai? **Shavuot**
2. How do we celebrate Shavuot? **We go to Shul and hear the 10 commandments, and we eat dairy foods**
3. Why was the Torah given on Mt. Sinai? **It was the most humble mountain, it did not brag**
4. Who are the guarantors of the Torah? **The children, they are the ones that will ensure the future of the Torah!**



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