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Judaism

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

I don't celebrate it since I'm Jewish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I don't celebrate it because I'm Jewish. - I don't celebrate it as I'm Jewish. 	
No, I'm not.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not really. - Not exactly. - Not at all. - Absolutely not. 	
The most observant followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the most ardent followers - the most devoted followers - the most dedicated followers 	
Thanks for boiling this down for me.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for summarizing this for me. - Thanks for giving me a rundown. - Thanks for schooling me. 	

Key vocabulary

candelabra	denomination	observant	liberal
incorporate... into	conservative	orthodox	reform

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Judaism is a **monotheistic religion** that is said to have started in the Middle East over 3000 years ago. Its teachings include the belief that the Jews are God’s **chosen people** and that they have a special **covenant** with him.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
I don't celebrate it since I'm Jewish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how?
No, I'm not.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Are you religious? Why or why not?
Thanks for boiling this down for me.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can you explain the religions in Japan?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Karen: How are you celebrating Christmas this year?

Bill: I don't celebrate it since I'm Jewish.

Karen: I see. In your religion, is there a similar holiday?

Bill: We celebrate Hanukkah around the same time of the year. This is an eight-day "festival of lights" celebrated with a nightly candle lighting, special prayers and food.

Karen: Eight days of celebration sounds like eight times more fun!

Bill: Each night we light an additional candle, which are all set in a candelabra called a menorah.

Karen: Are you very religious?

Bill: No, I'm not. Like all religions, there are different denominations of Judaism.

Karen: Can you give me some examples?

Bill: The three main types are Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform. Orthodox are the most observant followers of the history, laws, and traditions of the past. Conservative Jews are less strict about following the traditional path but are still very active in practicing. Reform are the most liberal and incorporate their beliefs into modern lives.

Karen: Thanks for boiling this down for me. There aren't so many Jewish people in the Philippines, so I really don't know much about Judaism. I have a lot to learn!

Q & A:



- Is Judaism widely practiced in Japan?
- Can you compare Judaism with another religion you are familiar with?
- Do you think Judaism will continue to thrive as a popular religion?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Symbols of Judaism

Directions: Match the symbol with its appropriate name. Then, say what you know about it.



HANUKKAH
also known as the
Festival of Lights



TORAH
the Five Books of the
Hebrew Bible



STAR OF DAVID
widely recognized as
a symbol of Judaism

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Say what you think about the following quotes by famous Jewish people.
Explain your answers.

Judaism



"Our lives are fashioned
by our choices.
First, we make our choices.
Then, choices make us."

- Anne Frank



"Pain is a reality.
Suffering is a choice."

- Rabbi Asher Resnick



"There are two ways to live.
One, you can live as if nothing is a
miracle. The other, you can live
as if everything is a miracle."

- Albert Einstein

C. Role-Play

Role-Play



Your friend has invited you to a Christmas party.
Accept or decline the invitation and give a reason.
Your reason can be related to your beliefs.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.