

What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?

Key Vocabulary	
Commitment	Commitment means doing what needs to be done regardless of your talents or your mood.
Covenant	An agreement or promise
Rites of passage	Rites of passage are special ceremonies that mark your journey through life. There are rites of passage that are religious, and rites of passage that are secular.
Religious	To do with the belief in God or religion.
Synagogue	Jewish place of worship
Shabbat	The seventh day of the Jewish week and a day of rest in Judaism.
Ten commandments	For the Jews, the Torah sets out the laws, or rules, of how God wants them to live. The Ten Commandments are a fundamental set of rules.

Bar/Bat mitzvah
 A Bar Mitzvah is when a boy turns 13 and becomes an adult. A Bat Mitzvah is when a girl turns 12 and becomes an adult. This means that they are now responsible for their own actions and must follow the Jewish laws.



Mitzvah day
 Mitzvah Day is a Jewish led day of community work that brings thousands of people together of all faiths and none, and all ages, to give their time, not their money, to make a difference to the local community around them, on Mitzvah Day, (this year November 18th) and throughout the year.



Tu B'Shevat
 Tu B'Shevat is the Jewish New Year for trees. Jewish law said that when a tree was planted, no fruit was to be eaten for the first three years. The fruit which grew in the fourth year was to be given to the Temple as a tithe. Tu B'Shevat was used as a marker to know how old the trees were; almost like a birthday for trees!

Ways for Jews to show commitment



Creating Opportunities



Responding to Emergencies

Prayer and worship
 Jews are supposed to **pray** three times a day; morning, afternoon, and evening. The **Jewish prayer** book (it's called a siddur) has special services set down for this. **Praying** regularly enables a person to get better at building their relationship with God.

Charity work
World Jewish relief
 They are the British Jewish community's humanitarian organisation. They support the world's poorest Jewish communities and respond to global disasters. Working with trusted local organisations, they focus on practical and life changing solutions.



