

# Torah Judaism

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*See: [United Torah Judaism](#), [Degel HaTorah](#), and [Shas](#) for the [Haredi Israeli political parties](#).*

**Torah Judaism** is an [English](#) term used by [Orthodox Jewish](#) groups to describe their Judaism as being based on an adherence to the laws of the [Torah's mitzvot](#), as expounded in [OrthodoxHalakha](#). These laws include both the [Biblical](#) and [rabbinic mitzvot](#).

Torah Judaism is also an ideological concept used by many Orthodox thinkers to describe their movement as the sole Jewish denomination faithful to traditional Jewish values.<sup>[1]</sup>

Followers of Torah Judaism may also follow the *[Daat Torah](#)*, i. e., the guidelines of [rabbi](#)s or *[hakhamim](#)* based on the [Talmud](#). In recent time, these hakhamim may include the followers' [rebbe](#)s ([Hasidic rabbis](#)), [rosh yeshivas](#) (deans of [yeshivas](#)), or a [posek](#), often identified as an expert in the [Shulkhan Arukh](#). (This recognition of a posek is often limited to [Haredi](#) communities, as opposed to [Modern Orthodox](#) Jews, although the latter are also Torah-observant.)

The phrase *Torah Judaism* implies a belief and practice of Judaism that is based on the inclusion of the entire [Tanakh](#) and [Talmud](#), as well as later rabbinic authorities, as sources of conducting oneself in life, and on the premise that the Torah emanates directly from God, as revealed at [Biblical Mount Sinai](#)

The term "Torah Judaism" is a conscious intent to label non-Orthodox Jewish movements as being divorced from the Torah.

## See also

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- [Jewish principles of faith](#)
- [Orthodox Judaism](#)
- [Rabbinic literature](#)
- [Relationships between Jewish religious movements](#)

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