



Shabbat is an exciting and important day that Jewish people look forward to all week.

For Jewish people, Saturday is a special day, just like Sunday is special to Christians.

What is the special day for Muslims? What is this day called?

## Why is Shabbat important to Jewish people?

Shabbat is the fourth commandment:

'You shall remember to keep the Sabbath day Holy.'

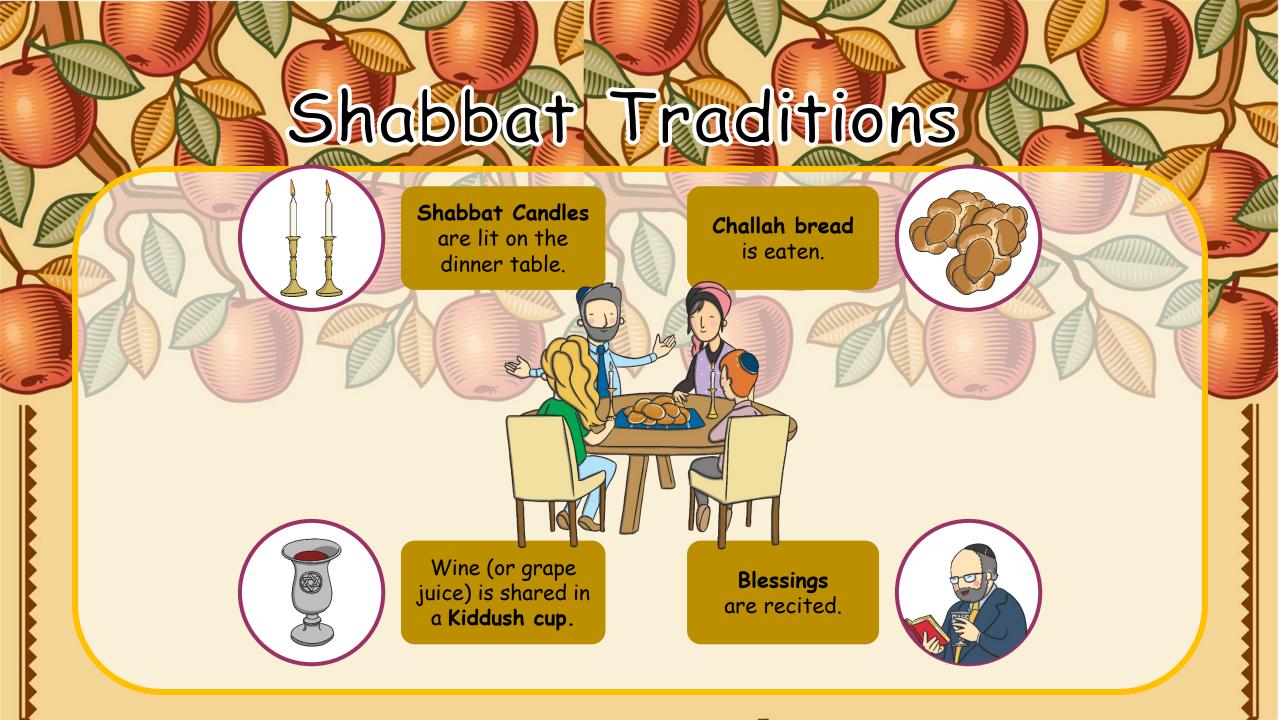
Saturday was the seventh day of the week and the day that Jews believe God rested after creating the world. Ever since ancient times, Jewish people have kept the Sabbath day Holy by celebrating Shabbat.





When Shabbat begins on Friday evening, everyone puts on their best clothes and gather for a special meal. Other family members or friends may join the family for this special occasion.

There are lots of traditions that take place at a Shabbat meal.

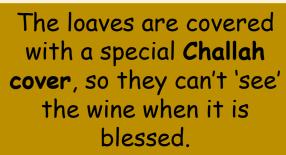


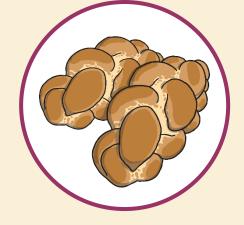
## Challah Bread

Challah is a special plaited loaf that is bought fresh on Friday morning, ready for the Shabbat.



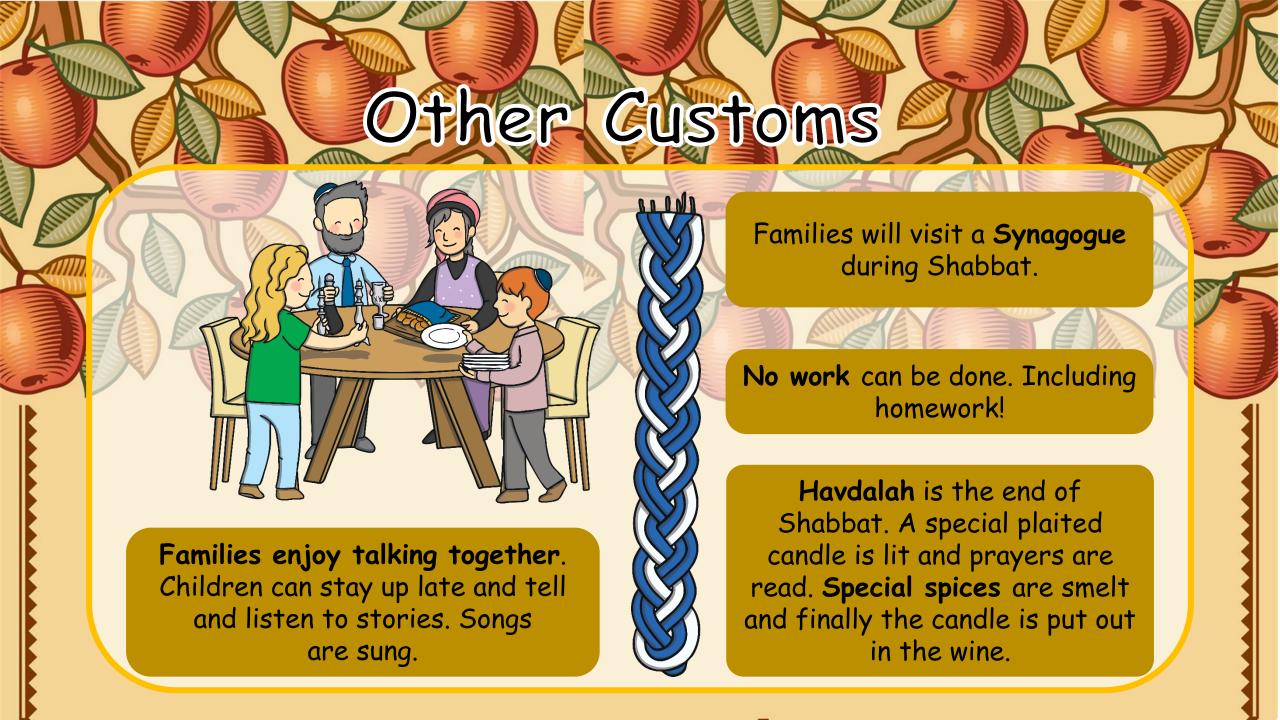
Two loaves are always bought together.







Challah tastes much sweeter than normal bread. This helps remind people that Shabbat is special.





## Do's

Do get together with family.

Do go to the synagogue.

Do have a family meal.

Do rest.

Do pray.

Do light candles.

## Don'ts

Don't work.

Don't make your family work for you.

Don't pay others to work for you.

Don't prepare cooked meals.

Don't take part in business.

