***Modern Judaism- Expressions***

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| ***Orthodox*** | ***Conservative*** | ***Progressive/formerly called Reform*** |
| - Term applies to the traditional movement within modern Judaism based upon the strict adherence to the letter of the law- Rituals are conducted in Hebrew- Segregation between the sexes during worship- Stress the importance of the Talmud as sacred text- Ethical system informed by strict observance of Halakah- Observe the Sabbath strictly- Have strict dietary rules (kashrut)- Only men can be rabbis- Women are expected to dress modestly, esp. head coverings- Men only counted in *minyan* - Eg. Beth Israel (Great Synagogue) in Sydney. | - Referred to as the ‘middle ground’ between Orthodox and Reform- Rituals are conducted in English and Hebrew- Men and women sit together during worship- Mix of Orthodox and Reform beliefs and practices- Women are allowed to read from the Torah- Women can be rabbis- eg. Emmanuel Synagogue (front building), Woollahra | - Has sought to modify some traditional orthodox religious practice and adapt it to contemporary life and thought- Talmud is guiding text (not binding)- Ethical system informed by interpreting Halakah- Women can be rabbis or cantors- Retain the spiritual core of traditional Jewish teaching but may not participate in traditional Jewish rituals- Women and men sit together- Women counted in *minyan*- Service in English- eg. Emmanuel Synagogue, Woollahra  |

*NB: Within all of these expressions, there are Jews who are observant and non-observant*