***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*