

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Year 1



Judaism

Who is Jewish and what do they believe? Part 1

Key Vocabulary

Judaism	A religion.
Jew	Someone who believes in Judaism.
God	Jewish people believe in the same God as Christians and believe he created the world.
Torah	The Jewish holy book.
synagogue	Jewish place of worship.
prayer	How Jewish people talk to and listen to God.
mezuzah	a special box kept above the door
Shema	a special Jewish prayer that many Jewish children learn

Key Questions



What is a religion?	A religion is what people believe about God. Christianity is a religion. Islam is a religion. Judaism is a religion.
What is precious for Jewish people?	There are many important artefacts for Jewish people. One of them is the Torah which is the Jewish holy book.
What is a mezuzah?	Jews pray to speak to and listen to God. They have a mezuzah above the door and keep a special prayer inside it.
What does a mezuzah remind Jewish people about?	Inside a mezuzah there is often the words of the Shema which is a Jewish prayer reminding Jewish people of who God is.
What is the special place where Jewish people worship?	Jewish people go to the synagogue to worship. Every synagogue has an Ark where they keep the Torah scrolls.
What stories do Jewish people tell from the Jewish holy book?	The Jewish holy book (Tenakh) and has lots of the same stories as the Bible.

Golden Nuggets

Big Story of the Torah

<p>Creation</p> <p>God creates the world in 6 days and then on Day 7 he has a rest. God says that his world is 'good'.</p>	<p>The Fall</p> <p>Adam and Eve don't follow God's rules and they spoil their friendship with God.</p>	<p>Kings</p> <p>God's people aren't very happy and ask for a king like the other countries. God lets them have a king.</p>	<p>Prophets</p> <p>God wants to fix his friendship with humans so he asks prophets to tell the people and the King the right thing to do.</p>
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<p>Jew</p>	<p>Judaism</p>	<p>Synagogue</p>
<p>Star of David</p>	<p>Mezuzah</p>	<p>Commandments</p>

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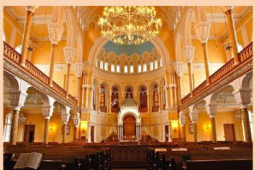


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Inside the Synagogue



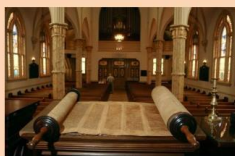
An Eternal Light hangs above the Ark. This light is always burning to remind people that God is always with them.



The synagogue is the special Jewish place of worship.



It is where Jewish people study, pray, worship and celebrate.



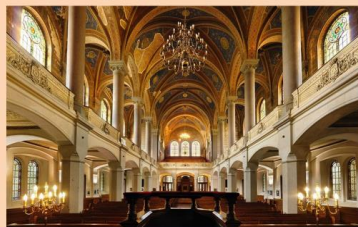
During the service, the Ark is opened and the **Torah scroll** is carried to the desk.

In some synagogues, men and women sit together.



In other synagogues, men and women don't sit together.

The interior of a synagogue can be very beautiful just like a cathedral.



When boys and men go into the synagogue they must cover their heads.



The little round hat they wear is called a **kippah**. They often wear a prayer shawl over their shoulders too which is called a **tallit**.



Their stained glass often shows special objects as the tree of life or the Star of David.

Every synagogue contains an **Ark**.



This is a special cupboard where the **Torah Scrolls** are kept.



Find out more about the inside of a Synagogue. The synagogue is where Jewish people go to worship God.



Shema

Listen everyone! There is just one God. Everyone should love God, think about Him often and do good things for



Naomi

1. I'm a Jew
2. My faith is called Judaism
3. I go to synagogue
4. I read the Torah
5. I believe in one God who I sometimes call HaShem



Judah