



RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Judaism

Key knowledge:

- Judaism began around 4000 years ago in the Middle East.
- Jerusalem is a place where many Jews go on pilgrimage.
- Jewish people believe in one God
- Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses.
- Hebrew is a special language for Jewish people. Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses in Hebrew.
- The Torah is the holy scripture for Jewish people written in Hebrew and Jews learn to read it. It is treated with great respect and no one is allowed to touch it.
- Jewish people go to a synagogue to worship. The most important part of the synagogue is the Ark. This is where the Torah is kept. The Torah is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it.
- Friday is a Holy day for Jewish people; the day of Sabbath. The Sabbath lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Jews celebrate as a family and enjoy a special meal with prayers and songs.
- Yom Kippur is when Jews fast, reflect on the previous year and pray for God's forgiveness.
- Hanukkah is the 'festival of lights' when Jews light a Hanukkah menorah dedicated to God.
- Passover is when Jews remember being led out of slavery by Moses.
- Bar Mitzvah and bat mitzvah are important celebrations for Jewish families marking adulthood for children.

Key vocabulary:

Ten Commandments - Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God.

The Sabbath - The holy day for Jews.

Pilgrimage - A special religious journey.

Synagogue - Place of worship for Jewish people.

Rabbi - Jewish religious leader and teacher.

Ark -The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue.

Torah - The Jewish holy book.

Hebrew - language used by Jewish people.

Hanukkah menorah - special lamp with nine candles lit by Jews during Hanukkah.

Fast - To not eat or drink for a period of time.

Bar Mitzvah - A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old.

Bat Mitzvah - A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.

Kippah - a special cap worn by Jewish men and boys to show respect to God.

Yahweh - The name of God in Hebrew meaning "I am".

Kosher - Food prepared according to the laws of Jewish law.

The Star of David	Hanukkah menorah	Synagogue	Torah	Moses	Kippah
					