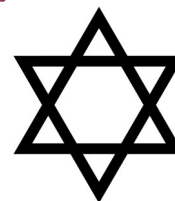




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## Judaism

### Key Fundamentals



#### Jewish Beliefs

- Jewish people believe that there is only one G-d and that they have an agreement with G-d, called a covenant whereby they follow G-d's rules to say thank you for being looked after.
- Judaism started nearly 4,000 years ago.
- Jewish people believe that a man called **Abraham** was the first person to make a covenant with G-d.
- Moses is another key person within the Jewish religion.

#### Jewish Holy Book

- The Jewish holy book is called the Torah.
- The Torah contains five books. These 5 books are also at the start of the Christian Bible, which Christians call the Old Testament.
- The Torah contains 613 different rules which Jewish people try to follow. These are called mitzvahs.
- The Torah is written in Hebrew.
- As a mark of respect, the Torah is not touched directly by hand.



#### Key Vocabulary

<b>Commandments</b>	Rules given by G_d.
<b>Covenant</b>	A promise made to obey G-d's.
<b>Hebrew</b>	The language of the holy texts
<b>Mitzvah</b>	The rules in the holy book that people try to live by—good deeds,
<b>Moses</b>	The name of a leader and teacher in Jewish history.
<b>Rabbi</b>	A teacher of the Jewish religion who is usually the leader of a Jewish synagogue.
<b>Shofar</b>	A large ram's horn which makes a long, loud sound.
<b>Sukkah</b>	A special hut built during the festival of sukkot.
<b>Synagogue</b>	The place people go to worship
<b>Torah</b>	The Jewish Holy book

#### Jewish Worship



- Jewish people worship in a synagogue.
- The main service takes place on a Saturday.—the Sabbath.
- The Rabbi leads services in the synagogue. Rabbi means 'teacher' in Hebrew.

#### G-d

Jewish people believe that it is wrong to delete or throw away documents which have G-d's name on them. Therefore, they will usually write it this way on things that are not going to be kept forever.

#### Symbols



- The Star of David is a symbol which is largely used to represent Judaism.

#### Key Jewish Festivals

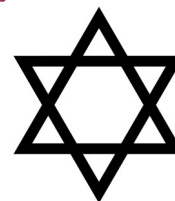
<b>Rosh Hashanah—Jewish New Year</b>
<b>Sukkot</b>
<b>Hanukkah</b>
<b>Passover</b>



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### Specific Topics



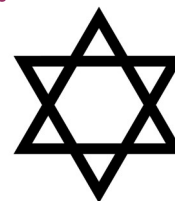
Year 1—Autumn Topic	
Why learning to do good deeds is important to Jewish people	
<p>We will learn that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewish people believe that it is important to carry out good deeds, which are called mitzvah. It helps people to feel together, Examples of mitzvah could be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping someone in need</li> <li>Giving money to the poor</li> </ul> </li> <li>Jewish people may give money, called tzedakah. Pupils will spend time thinking about how they help others and why this is important.</li> </ul> <p>Pupils will learn a traditional Jewish song, Tikkun Olam, about helping others.</p>	<p><b>Talk about at home</b></p> <p>Many religions place importance on good deeds and helping others.</p> <p>Talk about our school story; The Good Samaritan and how it reminds us to help others.</p>
Year 1—Spring Topic	
Why do Jewish people say blessings and prayers	
<p>We shall start by remembering what we already know about Judaism, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewish people believe good deeds are important. This is done through: <b>HELPING</b> others in need, <b>WELCOMING</b> others, <b>GIVING</b> money to help other people and <b>CARING</b> for the world.</li> </ul> <p>In this topic, we will learn that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewish people say prayers and blessings to G-d because it reminds them how great G-d is. They will say thank you to G-d for all he provides.</li> <li>Jewish people have a day of rest each week called Shabbat. This will be marked in a number of ways, with people praying at both home and the synagogue. Havdalah is the end of Shabbat.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Talk about at home</b></p> <p>Shabbat is the day when Jewish people rest and spend time praying and reflecting. This happens every week and is a time for stillness and calm.</p> <p>What do you do to have stillness and calm in your life?</p>
Year 1—Summer Topic	
Why is the torah such a joy for the Jewish community?	
<p>We shall start by remembering what we already know about Judaism, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewish people believe good deeds like helping others are important.</li> <li>Jewish people say prayers and blessings to G-d, including on Shabbat, which is a day of rest.</li> </ul> <p>In this topic, we will learn that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewish people believe that the Torah is a very important book, so important, that when they get to the end, they start to read it all over again.</li> <li>The Torah was given to the Jewish people from G-d and contains rules from G-d on how we should live.</li> <li>The Torah should be treated with respect.</li> <li>Mezuzahs are decorative cases fixed to the entrance of a Jewish home containing some of the Torah which reminds people to love G-d and follow his commandments.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Talk about at home</b></p> <p>What is the most important thing that you own? How do you keep it special?</p> <p>Is there a book or text that is very important to you or people in your families?</p>




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### Specific Topics



Year 2—Autumn Topic	
Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?	
<p>We shall start by remembering what we already know about Judaism, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewish people believe good deeds like helping others are important.</li> <li>Jewish people say prayers and blessings to G-d.</li> <li>Shabbat is a day of rest.</li> </ul> <p>In this topic, we will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meaning of the term 'Repentance'.</li> <li>Jewish people believe that G-d weighs the good and bad things we have done at New Year and gives people a chance to put things right. G-d forgives those who <b>repent</b>.</li> <li>Rosh Hashannah is the start of a period of 10 days, leading to Jewish New Year 'Yom Kippur'. The shofar is a horn blown at Rosh Hashannah to call people to think about the wrong things that have been done and to put them right.</li> <li>What happens in the synagogue at New Year—Yom Kippur, which takes place in September or October.</li> <li>The story of Jonah.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Talk about at home</b></p> <p>We all do things that we regret. Talk about things that you have done that you regret.</p> <p>How did you 'repent' and make it better?</p>
	
Year 4—Autumn Topic	
What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with G-d?	
<p>We shall start by remembering what we already know about Judaism, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewish people believe good deeds like helping others are important.</li> <li>Jewish people say prayers and blessings to G-d.</li> <li>Shabbat is a day of rest.</li> <li>At New Year G-d gives people a chance to put things right.</li> <li>The Torah is an important book that is well looked after.</li> </ul> <p>In this topic, we will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meaning of the term covenant—a promise</li> <li>Jewish people believe that the rainbow is a sign of the first covenant with G-d.</li> <li>Abraham was called into a covenant with G-d.</li> <li>The Exodus was G-d's rescue of the Jewish nation from Egyptian slavery.</li> <li>G-d summoned the Jewish people to Mount Sinai to renew their Covenant with them.</li> <li>G-d's covenant is remembered at Passover.</li> <li>"This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature." - Genesis 9:12</li> </ul>	<p><b>Talk about at home</b></p> <p>Jewish people believe that G-d showed Noah a rainbow to remind him of his promise. Do you know any other stories where a sign or symbol was used to remind someone of something?</p> <p>Passover is a festival which celebrates Jewish people being free, having previously been enslaved in ancient Egypt. What do you know about people being enslaved?</p>
