



RE Knowledge Organiser: Judaism

Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish community?



The story of Moses

What do I already know?

- Some people believe in God.
- God is important to Christians.
- Some special people, books, times, places and objects.

Key vocabulary and definitions:

Ark	The special cupboard in the synagogue in where the Torah is kept safe.
Hebrew	The language that the Torah is written in. A very, very old language.
Rabbi	Rabbi means 'Teacher' in Hebrew. A Rabbi is a religious leader in the synagogue.
Shabbat	The Jewish weekly day of rest. Shabbat starts at on Friday and lasts until the sun sets on Saturday.
Synagogue	The building where Jews gather to worship together.
The Torah	The Jewish Holy Book. Every Synagogue has a Torah that is handwritten on scrolls. No-one is allowed to touch the parchment paper.
Yad	A pointer used by the reader to follow the writing during the Torah reading because it is forbidden to touch the parchment paper.

Jewish Symbols



A tallit is a special prayer shawl used by Jewish men to pray



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



The Star of David is the symbol of the Jewish community



The Torah scroll with a Yad resting on top



Simchat Torah flag



The 'Ark' is the main point in a synagogue; it is a large cupboard where the scrolls are kept, often behind a curtain or screen.



A Mezzuzah

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- About Simchat Torah.
- What the Torah is and why it might be important.
- The story of Moses and why he is important to Jewish people.
- How the Torah is treated and respected.
- What a Mezzuzah is and how Jewish people use them.