

RE: Year 2 – Who is a Jewish and what do they believe?

Key Vocabulary

God	The single god that Jews believe in.
Hanukkah	The Jewish festival of lights, traditionally celebrated in November or December. Also known as Chanukah.
Shabbat	The seventh day of the Jewish week, Saturday, is a special day used for prayer and rest.
Kippah	A cap that covers the top of the skull, worn whilst eating, studying and praying.
Dreidel 	Dreidel (a four-sided spinning top) is played during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Each side of the dreidel bares a letter of the Hebrew alphabet).

Significant Places



The Synagogue

The Jewish place of worship for followers of the Jewish faith.

Objectives

- To explain how the mezuzah in the home reminds Jewish people about God.
- To ask good questions about how Jewish artefacts are used and their meaning.
- To explain how Shabbat is a special day of the week for Jewish people.
- To identify examples of what Jewish people might do to celebrate Shabbat.
- To re-tell a story that shows what Jewish people at the festivals of Chanukah might think about God, suggesting what it means.

Significant Texts



The Torah scroll is the Jewish Holy Text. It is the first five books of the 24 books in the Hebrew Bible.



The story of Hannukah celebrates a great miracle in Jewish history. A small group of Jews called the Maccabees took back Jerusalem. They mended a ruined temple and lit a lamp for God that lasted for eight days.

Symbols



A well-known symbol in Judaism, also known as the star of David.



A **Hannukiah or Channukiah** is lit during the festival of Hannukah. One candle is lit for each day of the festival.



A **Mezuzah** can be found on a Jewish door and shows that it is a Jewish household. It contains a small scroll with a special prayer called the Shema.



Two candles are lit to welcome or honour Shabbat.

Key Questions

Who is Jewish and what do they believe?
 What do different people believe about God?
 What is precious to Jewish people?
 What does a mezuzah remind Jewish people about?
 How and why do Jewish people celebrate Shabbat?
 How do Jewish people think about miracles at Chanukah?