

The Knowledge

Supporting the National Curriculum



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Judaism



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Key People

Abraham - founder of Judaism

Isaac - second son of Abraham, offered as sacrifice

Jacob - grandson who deceived his twin but changed his name to Israel to repent.

Joseph - great grandson of Abraham, enslaved in Egypt by his brothers whose dreams ensured the safety of the Israelites when he rose to power.

Moses - leader of the Jews in Egypt who freed the slaves after the ten plagues and received the Ten Commandments.

Rabbi - a teacher of Judaism who has studied for seven years.

Key Festivals

Rosh Hashanah – New Year in September, when Jewish people remember Creation and atone for their sins.

Yom Kippur – holiest day of the year set aside for 25 hour fast and prayer to atone. The tenth day of New Year is also called the Day of Atonement.

Sukkot – Jewish harvest in October to remember the 40 years in the desert, led by Moses.

Hannukah – Festival of Light in December to remember the struggle for freedom to worship.

Pesach or Passover – eight days in April to remember the Exodus of the slaves from Egypt.

Shabbat - day of rest from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

Key Facts

The Muslim and Christian faiths have the same origins as Judaism and accept the **Torah** into their **holy texts**. Judaism has main branches but the main two are Orthodox (following traditional laws as decreed in the Torah) and Reformed (following reformed laws decreed over the centuries by leading rabbis)

The **Shema** is the prayer of faith.

Mezuzahs containing the Shema are placed on doorposts and in tefillin to remind people of God.

Jewish food laws are called kosher.

Clothing for worship include the kippah, tallit and tefillin.

Easter is celebrated as Jesus went to Jerusalem for Pesach.

Key Vocabulary

Synagogue: The holy building for the Jewish faith

Yad: Pointer to read scrolls

Tallit: Prayer shawl

Tefillin: A box strapped to arm or forehead

Kippah: A skull cap

Sukkah: Huts built to sleep and worship in

Seder: Symbolic main Pesach meal

Haggadah: (story of the Exodus)

Shabbat: Jewish day of rest and worship

Kosher: Food made under Jewish laws



Test Yourself

What do Jews believe about God?

What is in the Torah?

What commandments are in the Torah?

What is Kosher?

What is Rosh Hashanah?

What is Yom Kippur?

What is special about the clothing?

What is Sukkot?

Place of worshipp - Synagogue

