St Matthias CE Primary School Knowledge Organiser





UNIT: L2.10 JUDAISM How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people? [God/Torah/People/the Land]

Year:

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Spring 2

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING BLOCKS

Pupils should know:



- The mezuzah in the home reminds Jewish people about God.
- How Jewish artefacts are used and their meaning.
- Shabbat is a special day of the week for Jewish people.
- What Jewish people might do to celebrate Shabbat.
- Stories that shows what Jewish people at the festivals of Chanukah might think about God, suggesting what it means.

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year festival that lasts 2 days. It celebrates the



creation of the world and marks making a fresh start. They eat sweet foods like apples and honey, which symbolise the hope for a sweet and happy new year ahead.



It is a time for people to reflect on the past year and to ask for forgiveness for anything wrong they feel they have done.

The **shofar** is sounded on **Yom Kippur**, the 'Day of Atonement', Jews fast for 25 hours and pray for forgiveness.



Passover is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the freedom of Jewish slaves from Egypt. They share a special Seder meal to remember.

After the Jews escaped, God gave them the Ten

Commandments. These are very important to Jews (and Christians).

Ten Sing Communidments	Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God.	Synagogue	Place of worship for Jews
the Sabbath	The holy day for Jews,	∱ © Rabbi	Jewish religious leader and teacher.
pilgrimage	A special religious journey.	Torah	The Jewish holy book
atonement	To make up for something that is bad.	Ark	The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue.
Pesach	Another word for Passover.	עברית Hebrew	A language used by Jewish people.