



Year 6

Spring Term

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## What does it mean to be Jewish?

### Background Information

Judaism has about 13 million followers throughout the world, mostly in USA and Israel. Approximately 270,100 people in the UK said that their religious identity was Jewish (2011 census).

Judaism originated in the Middle East over 3500 years ago.

#### In this unit, the children will:

- Learn the story of the Jewish people
- Learn about important people in Jewish history, including Abraham and Moses
- Learn about how Jewish people pray and express their faith
- Learn about the rules and commandments which shape the lives of Jewish people
- Look at some of the important festivals and celebrations
- Learn about the Shabbat from a Rabbi who will visit us
- Learn about the Jewish state and find out where it is and why it is so important to Jewish people



### Key Content:

- Who are the Jewish people?
- Abraham and his covenant with God
- Moses and the Exodus from Egypt
- The 10 Commandments
- The Torah
- What is Shabbat?
- What you find at a Synagogue
- Important symbols
- Passover and seder
- Kosher food
- Where is the Jewish state?



### Key Vocabulary:

#### **Rabbi**

A Jewish scholar or teacher

#### **Exodus**

A mass departure of people

#### **Commandment**

An order

#### **Torah**

The law of God as revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew scriptures

#### **Shabbat**

The Sabbath—a holy day of prayer

#### **Synagogue**

A building in which Jews meet for religious worship or instruction

#### **Passover**

The major Jewish spring festival which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, lasting seven or eight days from the 15th day of Nisan