



Prior Knowledge

What do Jewish people believe about God?

Jewish people believe there's only one God. They do not believe that God has ever been in a human form.

What is a Mezuzah and how is it used?

A **Mezuzah** is a small folded piece of paper (parchment) with important words from the **Torah** to remind Jews of what they should feel and do towards God.

Why are Abraham and Moses important to Jewish people?

Moses is the greatest of all of the prophets. He is known for writing the Torah and with leading the Jewish people out of Egypt and across the Red Sea.

Abraham was the first person to teach the idea that there was only one God. Before then, people believed in many gods.



New Knowledge

Why is the synagogue special to Jewish people?

The role of a synagogue is to bring people together. It is a place of worship, a place for learning and a place to meet with friends.

What does the word synagogue mean?

The word synagogue means coming together.

What happens in a synagogue?

People come to pray and worship God. There are lessons for children to learn Hebrew and help them to learn more about their faith. Community events are held such as youth clubs, toddler groups, charity events and meetings. Weddings, bar mitzvahs and festivals are celebrated.

What common features might you find in a synagogue?

Torah scrolls – The Jewish holy text.
Ark – Special cupboard where the Torah scrolls are kept.
Bimah – A raised platform where the Torah is read.
Eternal light – This hangs above the ark as a symbol that God is always present.

What does a Rabbi do?

The word rabbi means teacher in Hebrew. A rabbi is a spiritual leader and leads services in the synagogue. They also teach people about the Jewish religion, offer advice, help to organise events at the synagogue and spend time with people in the community.

What is Sukkot and how is it celebrated?

Sukkot is a festival which takes place in the Autumn. It is a time to remember how Moses led the Jewish people out of slavery in Egypt and how God protected the people while they were in the wilderness for 40 years. People build sukkahs where they gather with friends and family to eat their meals. It is also a time to give thanks for the harvest.