



Prior Knowledge

What do Jewish people believe about God?

One God.

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**.

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.

Abraham was the first person to teach people there is more than one God.

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. Children also learn Hebrew and there are community events.

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.

What does a Rabbi do?

The word rabbi means teacher in Hebrew.

A rabbi is a spiritual leader and leads services in the synagogue.

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. People build sukkahs where they gather with friends and family to eat their meals.