

#### **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

# 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, learn Hebrew and celebrate a special event.

#### **New Knowledge**

What is the importance of prayer to the Jewish community?

Jews are supposed to pray three times a day and the Jewish prayer book (called a siddur) is used for these. Praying regularly enables a person to get better at building their relationship with God.

#### What is the significance of the Shema in prayer and worship?

The **Shema** is regarded by many Jews as the most important prayer in Judaism. This is because it reminds them of the key principle of the faith - there is only one God.

Why is Yom Kippur important and what happens during this time?

**Yom Kippur** is when Jews are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for sins from the last year. The holiday is observed with a fast and a special religious service.

What does it mean to be a 'steward of the Earth'? (Christianity)

**Stewardship** is a belief that humans are responsible for the world, and should take care and look after it.



### The Shema

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5