

## **Prior Knowledge**

What do Jewish people believe about God?

One God.

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.

What is the importance of the Ten Commandments given to Moses?

God gave Moses a set of ten laws that they should follow in order to please him.

## New Knowledge

Who was Anne Frank and why do we remember her?

Anne Frank was a German girl and Jewish victim of the Holocaust who is famous for keeping a diary of her experiences.

How did Anne Frank's faith help her through times of difficulty?

Anne had faith that god would save her and the other Jews from suffering and that her diary will help the world learn from the Jews about how bad people can be treated.

## What happens at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

A bar mitzvah ceremony is a religious event that celebrates when a Jewish boy reaches the age of maturity and becomes responsible for his own actions. A Bat Mitzvah a religious initiation ceremony for a Jewish girl aged twelve years and one day, regarded as the age of religious maturity. The bar/bat mitzvah ceremony consists of a number of traditional rituals, including the reading of the Torah, the giving of a speech, and the breaking of a glass.

## What happens at a Jewish wedding?

While wedding ceremonies vary, common features of a Jewish wedding include a **ketubah** (marriage contract) which is signed by two witnesses, a **chuppah** or **huppah** (wedding canopy), a ring owned by the groom that is given to the bride under the canopy, and the breaking of a glass.