Religious Education

Year 2 – Judaism
Who is Jewish and how do they live?

Key Vocabulary

Star of David	This six-pointed star is a symbol of Judaism
Torah	First part of the Jewish holy book which refers to the five books of Moses
Torah scroll	The Torah that is read in the synagogue is written on a scroll
Shema	An important Jewish prayer found inside the Torah
Rabbi	A Jewish teacher who is often the Religious Leader
Mezuzah	A small scroll with some carefully written words from the Torah

Key Knowledge

- Jewish people believe in one God.
- Some Jewish people remember God in different ways.
- The mezuzah in the home reminds Jewish people about God.
- Shabbat is a special day of the week for Jewish people. It is the weekly day of rest which starts at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday
- The festival of Hanukkah is very important to Jewish people where they celebrate one of the greatest miracles in Jewish History.

Key Questions

Which holy festivals do Jewish people celebrate?

Where do Jewish people worship?

What is important to Judaism?

What is the Mezuzah and why do many Jewish people have this displayed in their home?

Links to other Learning

- EYFS – Which stories are special and why?
- Year 1 – What makes some places sacred to believers?
- Year 2 - What does it mean to belong to a faith community?
- Year 4 - How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jews?



Hanukkah/ Chanukah



Sukkot

Place of worship

Synagogue



The place of worship where Jewish people can get together to feel closer to God.