Religious Education

Lower Key Stage 2 – Judaism

How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jews?

Key Vocabulary

Shabbat	The Hebrew word for Sabbath
Yom Kippur	The most sacred and solemn day in the Jewish calendar
Pesach	Passover, also called Pesach, is a major Jewish holiday that celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt
challah bread	A special bread of Jewish origin that is consumed during Jewish festivals
commandment	A divine rule that is handed down by God



Key Knowledge

- Shabbat is the Hebrew word for Sabbath, which Jewish people mark from nightfall on Friday night until nightfall on Saturday.
- Think about the creation story; on the 7th day God rests. This is the reason why Jewish people observe Shabbat (one day of rest) each week.
- The 4th commandment is 'remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.'
- Shabbat is very special for Jewish people that it is like a religious holiday each week. Homes are prepared (cleaned), tables laid and families share a meal.

Challah bread



Key Questions

- What do Jewish families celebrate each week?
- Why do Jewish people celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper?
- Why is Pesach important for Jews?
- Why are commandments and blessings important for Jewish people?

Place of worship

Synagogue



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