

Year 3
R.E. Knowledge Organiser - Judaism
(AT1:3, AT2:3, AT1:4, AT2:4)

Key Enquiry Questions:	
Where and how do Jews worship and why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synagogues are where Jewish people go to worship. • In orthodox synagogues, men and women sit separately. In progressive synagogues, men and women can sit together and worship. • Synagogues have large rooms for prayers and normally smaller rooms for studying. • The front of a synagogue faces towards Jerusalem. • There is always a raised platform called a bimah.
What is the Torah?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Torah is the Jewish holy book. • They are written in Hebrew on rolls of parchment. The scrolls are never touched when they are read from – readers use a pointer called a yad.

Key Vocabulary	
Ten Commandments	Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God.
the sabbath	The holy day for Jews.
pilgrimage	A special religious journey.
synagogue	Place of worship for Jewish people.
rabbi	Jewish religious leader and teacher.
ark	The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue.
Torah	The Jewish holy book.
Hebrew	A language used by Jewish people.
Hannukah menorah	A special lamp with nine candles that's lit by Jews during Hanukkah.
fast	To not eat or drink for a period of time.
barmitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old.
batmitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.
Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur is when Jews fast, reflect on the previous year and pray for God's forgiveness.
Hanukkah	Hanukkah is the 'festival of lights' when Jews light a Hannukah menorah dedicated to God.
Passover	Passover is when Jews remember being led out of slavery by Moses.

Important Facts / Ideas	
Main Beliefs	Jews believe in one God. They also try to live by the Ten Commandments. They include using God's name with respect, remembering the Sabbath, respecting your parents and not lying or stealing. Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses.
Judaism	Judaism began around 4000 years ago in the Middle East. Jerusalem is a place where many Jews go to on pilgrimage.
Hebrew	Hebrew is a special language for Jews. Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses in Hebrew. The Torah is written in Hebrew and Jews learn to read it.
Special Places for Jews	Jewish people go to a synagogue to worship. Men and women sit separately in some synagogues. The most important part of the synagogue is the ark. This is where the Torah is kept. The Torah is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it.
The Sabbath	The Sabbath lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Jews celebrate as a family. They enjoy a special meal with prayers and songs.

Key diagrams

Jewish Symbols

The tallit - a special prayer shawl used by Jewish men to pray.



A kippah - a special cap worn by Jewish men and boys to show respect to God



The Star of David - a symbol of the Jewish community

