

**River Bank Primary Knowledge  
Organiser**

**Year 1**

**Summer 1**

**Jewish Beliefs**  
Who is Jewish and what do they believe in?

**Key Vocabulary**

**Shema** - the most ancient Jewish prayer that can be found in the Torah.

**Torah** – The Jewish holy book; handwritten on a scroll, kept in a special place in the synagogue (Ark) and never touched by hands, but with a pointer called a **Yad**.



**Ark** - a special cupboard to place the Torah. This is found in a synagogue.

**Synagogue** - a special place of worship for Jewish people.

**Hanukkah** - the Jewish Festival of Lights.

**Pesach** (Passover) - is a religious Jewish festival.



**Mezuzah:** a roll of paper with a special phrase kept in a special case and put on the door frame of Jewish households.

**Dreidel** - is a game played by Jewish people with a spinning top



**Important Facts**

The **Shema** is an important Jewish prayer which declares the Jewish belief that there is only one **God**. 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord'. The words are spoken in the evening and morning prayer and is used as a Jewish confession of faith.

**Special objects** that Jewish people might have in their home may include: mezuzah, candlesticks, challah bread, challah board, challah cover, wine goblet, other kosher food, Seder plate, matzah cover, Star of David on a chain, prayer books, hanukkiah, kippa

Jewish people celebrate special times such as Shabbat, Sukkot, Hanukkah and Pesach. Stories of God are found in the Torah, the stories remind Jews what God is like. The Torah guides Jews how to live life.



The story of **Hanukkah** is a festival that reminds Jews of a time over 2500 years ago when a Syrian king, tried to make the Jewish people worship Greek gods. Hanukkah is celebrated by lighting one candle on the Hanukkiah (a nine stemmed candelabrum) each day. The Hanukkiah symbolises how God looked after the Jewish people at this difficult time.

**Pesach** means Passover, this is one of the most important religious festivals in the Jewish calendar. Jews celebrate the Feast of Passover to remember the freedom of the Children of Israel who were led out of Egypt by **Moses**.



Pesach last for 7 days. Jews gather with their families to have special meals. In the **synagogue** there are special readings for each day of the festival.

Key People and Places	Quiz
<p><b>Jewish-</b> is a follower of the religion 'Judaism', Jews believe in one God and their messenger was Moses.</p> <p><b>Moses-</b> a religious leader in Judaism.</p> <p><b>Judaism</b> is the religion of Jewish people and is the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest religion in the world.</p> <p>Some Jewish people write God as G-d because they do not want the name of God to be erased or defaced.</p> <p>Israel is the country with the largest Jewish population (6.8 million) followed by the United States (6.7 million)</p>	<p>1) What is the Jewish prayer called? a) Kalima b) Shema c) Gospel d) Puja</p> <p>2) What is a Torah? a) Holy book for Christians b) Holy book for Muslims c) Special scroll for Jews d) Four Vedas in Hinduism</p> <p>3) What is a Yad? a) a stick b) a pointer c) a table. d) a hat</p> <p>4) A Torah scroll can never be touched by hands? a) True b) False</p> <p>5) Where is a Torah stored in a synagogue? A) a box b) a stand c) an Ark d) special cloth</p> <p>6) What is Hanukkah? a) Festival of water b) Festival of light c) Festival of air d) Festival of fire</p> <p>7) Hanukkah is a celebration that last for a) 5 days b) 3 days c) 8 days d) 12 days</p> <p>8) Hanukkah was a fight against the worship of a) idols b) god c) statues d) people</p> <p>9) Why do Jews celebrate Pesach (Passover)? a) remember the freedom of children of Israel b) remember the freedom of men from Moses c) remember the freedom for the poor d) remember the freedom of the women.</p> <p>10) How long does Passover last for? a) 8 days b) 3 days c) 7 days d) 10 days</p>
Key Dates	Useful websites
<p><b>Judaism 1440 BC</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/passover_1.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/passover_1.shtml</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbw2hv">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbw2hv</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/religious-education/judaism/">https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/religious-education/judaism/</a></p>