

Over Hall Community School – Religious Education

Religion: Judaism

Year: 2

BIG Question: How do Jews show faith through practices and celebrations?

RE skills to develop

- I can ask and respond to questions about what communities do, and why.
- I can identify what difference belonging to a community might make.
- I notice and respond sensitively to some similarities between different religions and worldviews.

Enquiry Steps

How do Jews remember Shabbat?
 What is the symbolism of the Shabbat meal?
 What does “God is One” mean?
 How did Esther show honesty and bravery? How is this remembered at Purim?
 How do Jewish families and their communities celebrate Hanukkah?
 Who are the Jewish Matriachs and Patriachs?

Religious Symbols/ Objects



Key Vocabulary

5 Fingers	Judaism, Jews, Torah, Hebrew, Synagogue.
Shabbat	The Jewish day of rest. Families share a special meal to remember the Earth was created in 7 days.
Mezuzah	Metal or wooden prayer holder placed on each doorway (not toilet!). Contains the Shema. Jews touch it to remember God.
Shema	Jewish prayer which is held inside the mezuzah.
Purim	Jewish holiday to remember the Jews being saved from Haman. Celebrated with music, food, drink, costumes and dance.
Hanukkah	Festival of lights. Celebrates the Jews taking back the temple for God.
Esther	A beautiful Jewish lady who became Queen of Persia. She saved the Jews from being harmed by being brave and honest.
Bravery	Having the strength to face something or someone dangerous, scary or difficult.
Honesty	To speak and act truthfully.
Respect	A positive feeling shown towards someone or something important.
Holy	Something very special because it is connected to God.
Special	Someone or something different from normal, more important than other things or people.

Our End Points:

Emerging: I can tell you how the artefacts we have used in this unit are used by Jews in their weekly lives and for special celebrations.

Expected: I can tell you how a Jewish family may mark Shabbat and explain some Jewish festivals.

Exceeding: I can confidently explain the symbolism and relevance associated with the practices and celebrations of Shabbat, Purim, Hanukkah

Useful Websites

Books / Linked Text

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What happens at Shabbat?	Start of Unit	End of Unit
A family go on a day out.		
Share a meal.		
A day of rest.		

What is Hanukkah?	Start of Unit	End of Unit
Jewish Christmas		
Festival of food		
Festival of lights		

Which of these are Jewish objects?	Start of Unit	End of Unit
Bible		
Kippah		
Qu’ran		
Challah		

Why is the story of Esther important?	Start of Unit	End of Unit
She saved Jews.		
She was brave and honest.		
She taught Jews what not to do.		
Jews worship her.		

Why do Jews have a Shabbat meal?	
	Start of Unit
	End of Unit