



Jerry Clay Academy  
Subject Knowledge Organiser

Subject: R.E Year Group: 3 Term: Spring  
"Who is Jewish and what do they believe?"

### Core Learning of This Unit:

- Talk about how the mezuzah in the home reminds Jewish people about God
- Talk about how Shabbat is a special day of the week for Jewish people, and give some examples of what they might do to celebrate Shabbat
- Re-tell a story that shows what Jewish people at the festival of Chanukah might think about God, suggesting what it means
- Make links between some Jewish teachings and how Jewish people live.
- Express their own ideas about the value of times of reflection, thanksgiving, praise and remembrance, in the light of their learning about why Jewish people choose to celebrate in these ways.

### Prior Learning:

From KS1: Children will have learnt about festivals and celebrations from different religions.

They will have learnt about places of worship and sacred objects for Muslims and Christians.

### National Curriculum Statements:

By the end of KS2 pupils should have been taught to:

- Understand links between stories and other aspects of the communities they are investigating
- Understand the challenges of commitment to a community of faith or belief, suggesting why belonging to a community may be valuable
- Consider and apply ideas about ways in which diverse communities can live together for the wellbeing of all
- Explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so that they can understand different ways of expressing meaning.
- Show understanding of similarities and differences within and between different religions and worldviews.
- Discuss and apply their own and others' ideas about ethical questions response.

### Key Vocabulary:

**Menorah** – a sacred candelabrum with seven branches

**Hanukkah** – A Jewish festival which takes place in December

**Star of David** – the main Jewish symbol, named after the Jewish King David

**Torah** – the Jewish holy book, written in Hebrew

**Synagogue** – the Jewish place of worship

**Mezuzah** – a parchment inscribed with texts and attached in a case to the doorpost of a Jewish house

**Kippah** – a head covering, also known as a skullcap

**Rabbi** – Jewish religious leader

**Ten Commandments** – the rules God gave to Jews to live their lives by.

### Significant Individuals/Text

Jewish stories by Anita Ganeri

Judaism by Douglas Charing  
(Sections on Synagogue, Prayer and Sacred texts)

