

Y2 RE KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

Key Words			
Judaism	Judaism is the world's oldest religion. Followers of Judaism believe in one God who revealed himself through ancient prophets.	seder plate	The Passover Seder Plate is a special plate which contains symbolic foods that are eaten or displayed at the Passover Seder, which is a Jewish holiday
Jewish	A follower of the religion of Judaism	menorah	A sacred candlestick with seven branches used in Jewish worship
synagogue	A Jewish place of worship	Shabbat	The Jewish Sabbath, is Judaism's day of rest on the seventh day of the week - Saturday
Torah scroll	The Torah scroll is a long scroll containing the entire text of the Five Books of Moses, hand-written by a scribe in the original Hebrew.	challah bread	Challah is a special bread usually braided and typically eaten on ceremonial occasions such as Shabbat and major Jewish holidays
mezuzah	A parchment inscribed with religious texts and attached in a case to the doorpost of a Jewish house as a sign of faith.	chanukiah	The Hanukkah menorah or chanukiah is a nine-branched candelabrum lit during the eight-day holiday of Hanukkah

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Creation story important in Judaism and is very similar for Jewish people as it is for Christians, remembering when God created the earth. • Shabbat is the Jewish Sabbath or holy day. • Jewish people celebrate Shabbat from sundown on Friday night to sundown on Saturday night. • A Jewish family celebrates Shabbat each week with a special family meal. • A menorah is lit as part of these celebrations. • Jewish people are not allowed to do any form of work during Shabbat - some do not drive cars, cook meals, switch on electronic devices. • A mezuzah is affixed to the doorpost of Jewish homes to fulfil the mitzvah (Biblical commandment) to "write the words of God on the gates and doorposts of your house". • Passover, or Pesach in Hebrew, is one of the Jewish religion's most sacred and widely observed holidays. • In Judaism, Passover commemorates the story of the Israelites' departure from ancient Egypt • Passover remembers the time when the angel of death passed over Jewish households. • The Seder plate is an important part of the holiday service, at Passover, and dinner and is often a special dish with six designated spaces for each of the symbolic foods. • Easter & Passover are at similar times but are not the same thing. • Jesus was celebrating Passover on the week when he was crucified. • Judaism does not accept Jesus as a divine being, an intermediary between humans and God, a messiah, or holy. • The Maccabees were a group of Jewish rebel warriors who took control of Judea. They are connected to the festival of Hanukkah • Chanukah or Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean revolution



Sedar plate



mezuzah



menorah



challah bread



Torah Scrolls

