






RE – Year 6  
 Judaism – What does it mean to be part of a synagogue community?

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Worship	Chessed	Rosh Hasanah
Prayer	Shema	Tzedek
Synagogue	Tefillin	Mitzvot
Ten Commandments	Tallit	Mezuzah
Fasting	Kippah	Shema
Forgiveness	Yom Kippur	Gemilut Chasadim
Repentance	Torah	Tikun Olam

 don't know  
  I know this word  
  I can use it in a sentence

Useful Resources

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh77vk7>
- <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Judaism/353327>

**Key Questions that we will be exploring:**

1. How do Jewish objects show what's important to some Jewish people?
2. What helps us to be a part of a school community? How are we a place of 'study', 'gathering' and 'worship/prayer'? What goes on in a synagogue that relates to 'study', 'gathering' and 'worship/prayer'?
3. & 4. How is synagogue worship focused around the Torah? Does this look the same for all Jewish people?
5. Are Jewish people changed by observing Yom Kippur?
6. What values are important for living as a community? How might tzedekah help Jewish communities to live out their values? Does tzedakah look the same for Jewish communities everywhere? What does it mean to be part of a synagogue community?

**Key information**

Key beliefs in Judaism are expressed in the shema, the first prayer in the Torah, which is also a mitzvot (commandment). Most Jewish people believe the Torah is law, teaching and guidance and is the most important object in the synagogue. The synagogue (and the home) is a place of learning, worship and gathering, including to show God praise and to give thanks. Remembering events and people from the past (e.g. at Yom Kippur) is often commanded by God and helps to shape the identity of the Jewish community. Most members of synagogue communities live in accordance with mitzvot in the Torah to show commitment to Tzedek (justice), Chessed (loving kindness) and Gemilut Chasadim (doing good deeds) and to strive for Tikun Olam.

