

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Year 3

Summer (i)

What makes the synagogue a special place for Jewish People?

Substantive Knowledge – a synagogue is a place for Jews to worship and learn. Jews believe that God is present in all synagogues. A rabbi is a Jewish religious leader. The Torah is the first 5 books of the Hebrew bible. All synagogues have an ark where the Torah scrolls are kept.

The significance of the synagogue

Congregational worship takes place in a synagogue. Jews can meet and learn together and can also be seen as a community centre.



God's presence in the synagogue

Jews believe that God is present in a synagogue which makes it a very special place to them. The ner tamid burns continuously to show that God is always present. The Talmud states that when ten or more Jews are gathered in prayer, God is present.



Ner Tamid



The role of the rabbi

A rabbi is a Jewish religious leader who is trained to interpret and apply sacred scriptures for the modern day followers.



Rabbi

The significance of the Torah, ark, Ner Tamid to Jews



The Torah is the first five books of the Hebrew bible.
It is kept in an ark inside a synagogue.

Torah



Ark

Stories show Jews' relationship with God

Jewish people learn from stories in the Torah, such as those about Moses and David and Goliath.

The story of David and Goliath

David defeats Goliath, a large warrior.
Jews believe this is the power of faith and the importance of believing in God.



The stories of Moses

Moses heard the voice of God in a burning bush, who asked him to free the Israelites from Egypt. God also gave Moses the ten Commandments.



Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

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Core Vocabulary

Synagogue – building for Jewish prayer.

Rabbi – a Jewish religious leader

The Torah, ark, Ner Tamid – Torah is the first five books of the Hebrew bible. It is kept in an ark inside a synagogue. Ner Tamid is an eternal flame.