

Year 3 RE Knowledge Organiser: Jewish Celebrations

What? - Key Vocabulary

Monotheistic	A religion which believes in one god.
Synagogue	The place where Jews meet to worship.
Israelites	The people of the ancient Hebrew nation.
Pharaoh	A ruler in ancient Egypt.
Seder plate	A special plate containing symbolic foods which are eaten or displayed at the Passover Seder.
Sukkah	A temporary hut made and decorated with natural materials such as leaves which is used for the festival of Sukkot especially for meals.
Lulav	Leaves from a date palm tree.
Hamantaschen	A sweet triangular pastry filled with jam and eaten at Purim.
Menorah	A candle stick with 8 branches and one central candle used at Hanukkah.
Dreidel	A spinning top played with at Hanukkah.
Shofar	A trumpet made from a ram's horn used in Jewish ceremonies.



What? - Core Knowledge

Jewish worship is led by a **Rabbi**, in a synagogue, using their holy book called the Torah.

Jewish people believe in one god.

Shabbat is a day of rest and worship.

Passover also called **Pesach**, is a major Jewish holiday . It celebrates the escape of the Children of Israel who were led out of Egypt by Moses.

Sukkot celebrates the years that the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, and celebrates the way in which God protected them under difficult desert conditions.

Purim is one of the most entertaining Jewish holidays.

Purim celebrates the time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from death by the courage of a young Jewish woman called Esther.

Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights. It dates back to two centuries before the beginning of Christianity.

Rosh Hashanah is a special festival which celebrates Jewish New Year.