













# Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

Key vocabulary			
challah bread 	two plaited loaves of bread eaten on Shabbat	kosher	foods that Jewish people are allowed to eat
challah cover	a special cloth cover which is put over the challah loaves	mezuzah 	a small scroll with some words from the Torah, carefully written by hand in Hebrew and contained in a small rectangular mezuzah box
Dreidel 	a game played by Jewish people with a spinning top	rabbi	a Jewish teacher with a high level of Jewish learning who is often the religious leader of a Jewish community
Hanukkah / Chanukah	the Jewish festival of light when Jewish people celebrate a miracle that they believe happened in the Temple	Seder plate 	a plate with sections that hold special Seder food
hanukkah menorah 	a multi-branched candlestick lit by Jewish people for Hanukkah. One candle is lit for each day of the festival	Shabbat	the weekly day of rest which starts at sunset on a Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday
Havdalah candle	a special candle with several wicks that is lit to mark the end of Shabbat	Shema	an important Jewish prayer found inside the Torah
Hebrew	the language of the Torah, of most Jewish prayers and is written from right to left	spice box	a special box which contains sweet smelling spices
Judaism	a religion that is followed by Jewish people	Star of David 	this six pointed star is a symbol of Judaism
Kiddush	the blessing said over wine or grape juice to sanctify Shabbat and holiday.	Torah 	first part of the Jewish holy book which refers to the five books of Moses
Kiddush cup 	a special cup or goblet for drinking wine or grape juice from	Torah scroll	the Torah that is read in the synagogue is written on a scroll
kipah 	a cap that covers the head during prayer, eating and studying	yad 	a pointer that is used so that the paper in the Torah is not touched by hand

## Synagogue



The place of worship where Jewish people can get together to feel closer to God.

Key knowledge
Jewish people believe in one God
Some Jewish people remember God in different ways
The mezuzah in the home reminds Jewish people about God
Shabbat is a special day of the week for Jewish people
Jewish people celebrate Shabbat in lots of different ways
The festival of Hanukkah is very important to Jewish people where they celebrate one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history

### The Story of Hanukkah



King Antiochus, the king of Syria



He ordered the Jewish temples to be destroyed



Judah Maccabee formed an army to fight the king



The Maccabees won and the king was defeated



They found a small container of oil, enough to keep the menorah burning for a short time, but it burned for eight days and eight nights. They knew God was with them and it was a miracle!