

**Skills: Expressing**

I can Identify some ways of celebrating special festivals in different religions. (A1)

Ask questions and suggest answers about stories to do with festivals from different religions. (B1)

Collect examples of what people do, give, sing, remember or think about at the religious celebration studied, and say why they matter to believers. (C1)

**Vocabulary:**

<b>Jew / Jewish</b>	followers of Judaism
<b>Star of David</b>	symbol of Judaism
<b>synagogue</b>	Jewish place of worship
<b>Torah</b>	a special text containing God's teachings, instructions and stories about how Jewish people should live
<b>yad</b>	A 'hand' used to point at words on the Torah
<b>Sabbath</b>	the day of rest - Friday night to Saturday night
<b>Kippah</b>	a small cap worn by men and boys
<b>Rabbi</b>	the Jewish teacher or leader in synagogue
<b>Hannukah</b>	a Jewish festival
<b>menorah</b>	candelabra for nine candles
<b>freedom</b>	the right to do and think as you please
<b>yeast</b>	helps bread dough to rise and become fluffy
<b>Matzo</b>	Flat (unleavened) bread - without yeast
<b>Pesach</b>	a Jewish festival
<b>Moses</b>	a Jewish prophet (also a prophet to Christians and Muslims, who call him Musa)
<b>Seder</b>	a special meal to celebrate Pesach

**Facts to learn:**

Jews believe in one God, like Muslims and Christians. They think that the name of God is too special to write down – sometimes it is written as - G\*d.

Jews should pray three times a day. Jewish people worship in a synagogue and services are led by a Rabbi. The Torah is the sacred text of Jews and it is written in old Hebrew.

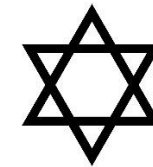
The Sabbath is the Jewish day of rest to remind Jews that it took God six days to create the world and he rested on the seventh day – this is a peaceful day when many Jews do not use any electricity.

Jewish people celebrate different festivals throughout the year, sometimes at the same time as other religious celebrations, like Hanukkah near Christmas time and Pesach at Easter time.

The Hanukkah festival lasts eight days during December. It reminds Jews of when the Greek soldiers destroyed their temple because they wanted everyone to worship only Greek Gods. During Hanukkah, Jews light one candle on the menorah every night to remember how God protected them so they had the freedom to worship their own God.

Pesach (the Feast of Passover) is celebrated to remember when Moses helped the enslaved Jews escape Egypt. Pesach lasts for up to 9 days. During Pesach Jewish people eat matzo (unleavened bread) and have a special meal called a Seder to remember the story of the Passover. They visit the synagogue to hear readings during the festival.

**Images:**



Star of David



Torah



menorah



yad



kippah



seder plate



synagogue