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Strive 4 Primary RE Knowledge Organiser for
The Unit: What does it mean to be Jewish?

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Key Knowledge

- Jewish people believe in one God who is the creator and cares for all people
- Jewish prayer '**the shema**' includes the belief in one God and to love God with all your heart, soul and might
- The titles used to refer to God in Judaism include: Almighty, King, Father, Lord, King of Kings– these names suggest the respect and authority God has in the Jewish community.
- Many Jewish people write God missing out the o (G-d). This is a because the name of **G-d** is held to be so sacred even to write down
- The Torah is at the heart of Jewish beliefs and practices
- Commandments are written within the Torah and these are exemplified in Jewish daily life
- The 10 commandments relate to the laws of kashrut (Jewish dietary laws)
- The significance of festivals to the Jewish way of life with understanding of beliefs shown at these times. **Shabbat** (God as creator), **Pesach** (freedom), **Rosh Hashanah** and **Yom Kippur** (judgement and repentance), **Sukkot** (reliance).
- The Book of **Exodus** is the second book of the Bible. It tells a **story** about Israelites being delivered from slavery

Vocabulary

Judaism	Picture	Definition
Most of the vocabulary associated with this unit is on the KS2 Judaism Knowledge Organiser. Please refer to this KO as well as this one.		
Brachot *(bra-chot)*		Blessings
Challah *(ha-la)*		The breads are covered on the table by a decorative challah cover or a white napkin, which represents the dew that collected on the manna in the morning. Poppy and sesame seeds sprinkled on the bread also symbolise the manna that fell from heaven.
Hashem	*There are no visual representations of God, it is forbidden*	Jews treat the name of God with the greatest of respect – no one word or name can sum up everything that God is. Many Jews don't try to limit God in this way, often referring to God as simply 'Hashem', meaning 'The Name' (except when they are praying).
Hechsher *(hash-ar)*		Mark to show supermarkets that sell kosher (kashrut) foods
Magen David		Star of David
Mezuzah *(ma-zoo-zah)*		Parchment within a small box, fixed to the doorposts of houses
Tzitzit *(zit-zit)*		These are specially knotted ritual fringes, or tassels, worn in the past by Israelites and today by observant Jews

Other Unit Vocabulary	Definition
Israelites	Israelites lived in the kingdom of Israel, in areas where the modern State of Israel is now.
Observant	Adhering strictly to the rules of a particular religion
Manna	In the Bible, the substance miraculously supplied as food to the Israelites in the wilderness
Egypt	Country in North East Africa
Israel	Country in the middle East. Israel is the Hebrew name Yisra'el, meaning God contends, or one who struggles with God. What Israel ultimately means is God's people