



## Knowledge Organiser for Years 3 and 4 (R.E.)

### What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?

**Key idea: To learn to understand how Jews show their commitment to God, comparing their practices in order to explore which shows the most commitment.**

Tier 3 vocabulary		<p><b>Knowledge Item 1</b></p> <p>Jews believe that there is one God. Jewish history begins with the <b>covenant</b> (agreement/promise) between God and Abraham.</p> 
<b>covenant (noun)</b>	A promise or agreement between two groups e.g. Abraham and God.	
<b>Torah (noun)</b>	The law books or books of Moses.	
<b>Shema (noun)</b>	The central statement of Jewish belief, the sentence "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is your God; the Lord is One"	
<b>Mezuzah (noun)</b>	A container for the shema scroll put on doorposts.	
<b>Shabbat</b>	The holy day for Jews	
<b>Synagogue</b>	Place of worship for Jewish people	
<b>Bar Mitzvah</b>	A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old.	
<b>Bat Mitzvah</b>	A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.	
<b>Mitzvot (plural) mitzvah (singular)</b>	The literal <b>meaning</b> of the Hebrew word <b>mitzvah</b> is commandment, but the generally accepted sense is that of a good deed.	
<b>Mitzvah Day</b>	Falls on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November. <b>Mitzvah Day</b> is a <b>day</b> when Jewish people give their time to help others. It's not just people from the Jewish faith who celebrate <b>Mitzvah day</b> , people from lots of different religions get involved too.	<p><b>Knowledge Item 2</b></p> <p>The Jewish people live by the <b>Ten Commandments</b> as their promise to God.</p>
Tier 2 vocabulary		
<b>agreement (noun)</b>	An <b>agreement</b> on something is a joint decision that a particular course of action should be taken.	
<b>milestone (noun)</b>	A <b>milestone</b> is a significant event in your life.	<p><b>Knowledge Item 3</b></p> <p>How Jewish people today show their relationship with God by, for example, praying at the <b>synagogue</b>, following the <b>Ten Commandments</b>, remembering the <b>Sabbat</b> and saying the <b>Shema</b>.</p> 
		<p><b>Knowledge Item 4</b></p> <p><b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</b></p> <p>"Bar" means "male" and "bat" means "female". "Mitzvah" means one is responsible for performing the "mitzvot" or "commandments." After their bar/bat mitzvah a Jewish child will be seen as an adult, responsible for all of their actions. To prepare, they have to passages from the Torah, as well as prepare a speech and mitzvah project.</p> 