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Judaism – Special Days

Year 6

Autumn 1

Key Knowledge

Learning about religion

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year festival. Jews will eat a special symbolic meal at home. They also make plans for things they want to achieve in the coming year: how they want to be and how to be better people and ask God to help them.

Yom Kippur is a time of reflection, Jews think about who and what is most important to them as well as a time to say sorry and plan for the next year.

Sukkot is a festival that remembers the journey of the Jews who escaped slavery and travelled to the promised land (Israel). During Sukkot, Jews build a shelter (a Sukkah) inside which they eat their meals, reflect, pray and sometimes sleep.

The Jewish Holy books contain the Creation Story which says that God created the world in six days and rests on the seventh – the Sabbath. No work is done from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday so food is prepared before the Sabbath starts. On the day of rest, Jews take time to focus on God and what God has done for them. The whole family will go to the synagogue on Saturday.

Learning from religion

People may not always make the best choices in life but should be accountable for their own decisions.

If we think about how people have suffered before us, we may learn to appreciate what we have now.

Enfield SACRE Statutory requirements

- make connections between the re-living (e.g. during the Seder, Shabbat and Sukkot) of key events in the history of the Jewish people and the belief in God's on-going care and protection
- make connections in Judaism between repenting and being forgiven, e.g. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Prior learning

- In key stage 1, pupils had an introduction to Channukah and Shabbat
- In years 3 and 4, pupils looked at the stories within the Torah and the different ways Jews show their commitment to God.
- In year 5, pupils studied the Jewish festival of Pesach (Passover) in detail.

Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Shofar	A ram's horn blown like a trumpet to make a loud, deep sound
Responsibilities	Being dependable, making good choices and taking accountability for actions
Atonement	Making up for a wrong-doing
Repent	Turning away from sins
Pilgrimage	A journey to a holy place
Creation	The act of bringing the world into existence out of nothing

Possible experiences

Taste a tradition Rosh Hashanah meal

Create greetings cards

Build a shelter

Pledge to give something up for one day a week

Possible deeper thinking questions

Is just saying "sorry" enough?

Is it easy to forgive?

What goals can we set to better ourselves?

Key images

