# Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

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## WHAT? – Key Knowledge

**How Special is the Jews Relationship with God?**

In our lives we all have promises and agreements that we make with others.

Sometimes we may write these promises down, wear something to show we made a promise or perform an act to remind us our promise.

Jews believe that there is one God who created the world.

Jews believe that they can have a special personal and indiviual relationship with God.

Jewish history begins with the covenant between God and Abraham around 1812 BC and Abraham is considered the founder of Judaism.

God promised he would look after Abraham and his descendants.

Moses was given the Ten Commandments and God asked the Jewish people to live by these as their promise to him.

The Ten Commandments are still held in Jewish belief today.

The Ten Commandments are written in the Torah which is read to Jewish people in the synagogue.

A prayer shawl that has ten knots on each end as a reminder of the Ten Commandments.

The Torah is written by a scribe and is kept safely inside an 'Ark' in a synagogue.

There is a light above the Ark to show that God is there.

Jewish people attach a Mezuzah to the front door frame of their houses. They touch is whenever they pass it.

Jewish men and boys wrap a tallit around their shoulders when they pray.

## WHAT? – Key vocabulary

**Abraham** - is often known as the Father of Judaism.

**Isaac**- the son of Abraham.

**Descendants** – all the people who follow after you in a family.

**Moses** – led the Jews out of slavery from Egypt. God gave him the 10 Commandments.

**Covenant** – a promise.

**Contract** – a written or spoken agreement.

**The Ten Commandments** – ten laws given to Moses from God that Jews have to follow.

**Jew/Jewish** – a person who follows the religious teachings of Judaism.

**Hebrew** – the language of Judaism. The Torah is written in Hebrew.
**Synagogue** – a place of worship for Jews.

**The Torah** – a sacred text of the Jews.

**Ner Tamid** – a light that hangs above the Ark where the Torah is kept that is not allowed to go out.

**The Ark** – a special cabinet in a synagogue to store The Torah.

**Mezuzah** – a small cylinder fixed to the doorpost of a Jewish home.

**Shema** – a special prayer that is on a scroll inside a Mezuzah.

**Rabbi** – the name for a Jewish religious leader and teacher.

**Scribe** – a person who writes out texts by hand. Jewish scribe make copies of the Torah.

A tallit (prayer shawl)



A Mezuzah



Inside a synagogue



A Torah scroll



A Ner Tamid



**Possible experiences:**

Visit a synagogue.

Have a member of the Jewish community visit school.

Handle objects such as a tallit.

See examples of Hebrew text.

**The Ten Commandments**

1. I am the Lord your God.
2. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not take the name of God in vain.
4. Remember and observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.
5. Honour your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife or house.

**Learning Outcomes**

**I can give examples of agreements and contracts and explain how I would feel if one was broken. I can tell you an affirmation/promise I would like to make.**

**I can start to explain what makes Jewish people believe they have a special relationship with God.**

**I can tell you some of the ways Jewish people express their special relationship with God and start to understand how that might feel.**