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| **NJA logo 14** Judaism Knowledge Organiser – Spring Term 1 Year 6 – Pupil Version |
| **Unit U2.9 Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?**  |
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| **Key Vocabulary** |
| **Torah** | The Jewish holy book, written in Hebrew. |
| **Ark** | The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue. |
| **Ten commandments** | Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God. |
| **Menorah** | A sacred candelabrum with seven branches. |
| **Hanukkah**  | A Jewish festival which takes place in December. |
| **Star of David** | The main Jewish symbol, named after the Jewish King David. |
| **Synagogue** | The Jewish place of worship. |
| **Tallit** | A white shawl worn by Jewish males during religious services. |
| **Kippah** | A head covering, also known as a skullcap. |
| **Mezuzah** | A parchment inscribed with texts and attached in a case to the doorpost of a Jewish house. |
| **barmitzvah** | A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old. |
| **batmitzvah** | A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old. |
| **The Sabbath** | The holy day for Jews. |

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| **Overview – Sequence of lessons (Learning Objectives)** |
| 1. To identify and consider key aspects of the events leading up to Jesus’ death.2. To consider who was responsible for Jesus’ death and why Christians believe it was a sacrifice.3. To explore why Christians celebrate Holy Communion.4. To explore the concept of sacrifice and weigh up its value and impact today.5. To weigh up the value and impact of ideas of sacrifice in their own lives and the world today. |

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| **Knowledge****Building blocks** | **YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT:**  |
| • **Judaism** began around **4000 years ago** in the **Middle East**. **Jerusalem** is a place where many Jews go to on pilgrimage. |
| • Jewish people go to a **synagogue** to worship. Men and women sit separately in some synagogues. The most **important part** of the synagogue is the **Ark**. This is where the **Torah** is kept. The Torah is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it. |
| • The Sabbath lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Jews celebrate as a family. They enjoy a special meal with prayers and songs. |

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| **Main beliefs** |
| Jews believe in one God. They also try to live by the **Ten Commandments**. They include using God’s name with respect, remembering the Sabbath, respecting your parents and not lying or stealing. Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. |

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| **Jewish Symbols** |
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| A **tallit** is a special prayer shawl used by Jewish men to pray. | A **kippah** is a special cap worn by Jewish men and boys to show respect to God. | The **Star of David** is the symbol of the Jewish community. |

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| **The Torah** |
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