

An enquiry-approach to visiting places of worship



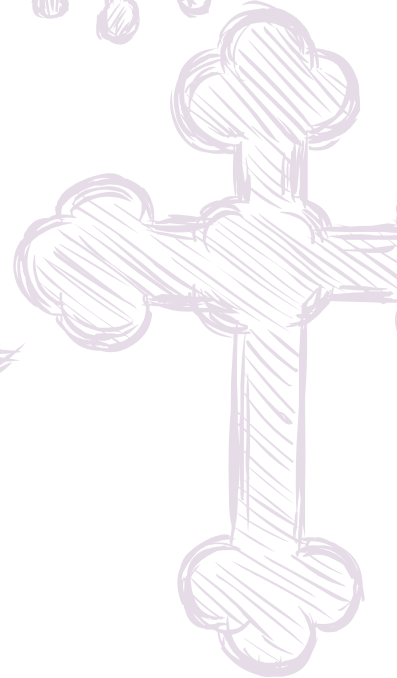
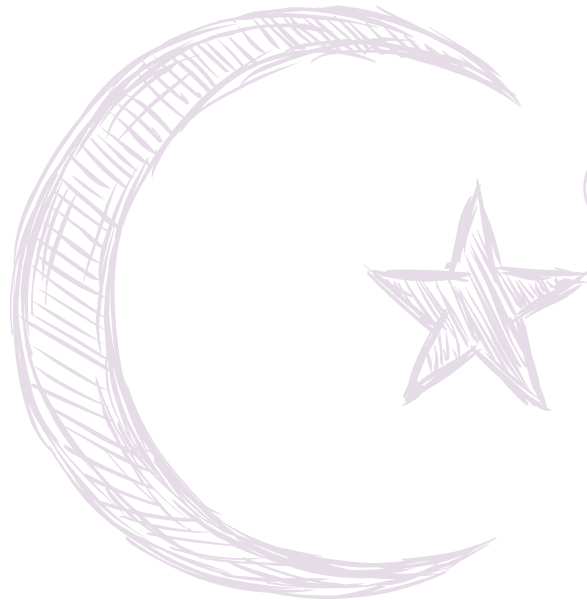
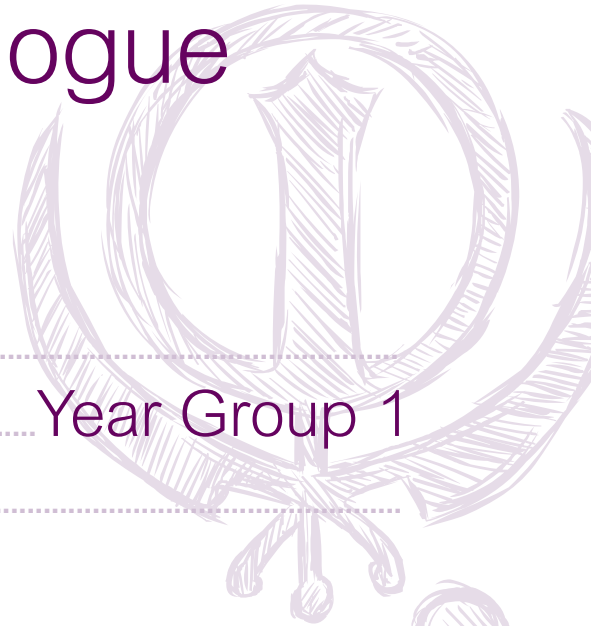
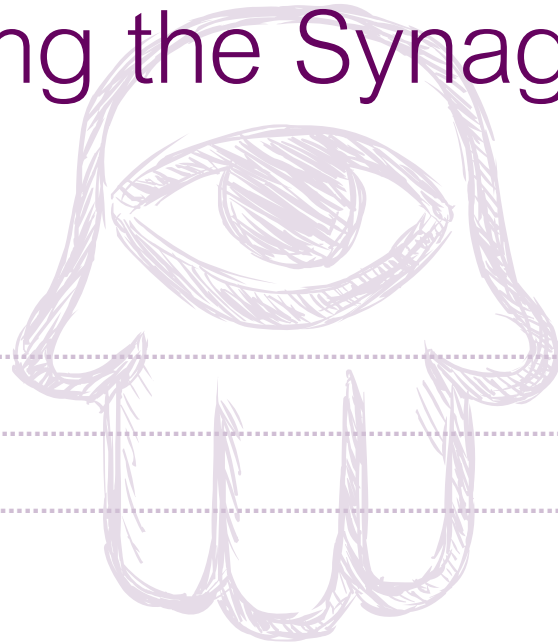
My enquiry into religion by visiting the Synagogue

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Class

Date of visit

Year Group 1

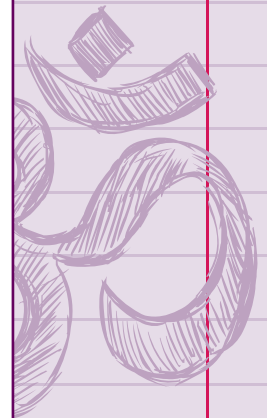


How do you know what Jews believe about respecting God by what you encounter in this place of worship?

What do I know about Jews beliefs about respecting God already?

I know that Jews have Passover and have a roasted egg and parsley on a special plate, and that they believe in God. They are not allowed to have a Big Mac because they cannot eat that sort of meat.

I like my mum's friend who is a Jew as she makes us lovely cakes.



6 encounters

In each box put a picture of one encounter e.g. a piece of furniture, a symbol, a person, a piece of music and in the 'Clues' box write what this encounter might tell you about the beliefs behind it.

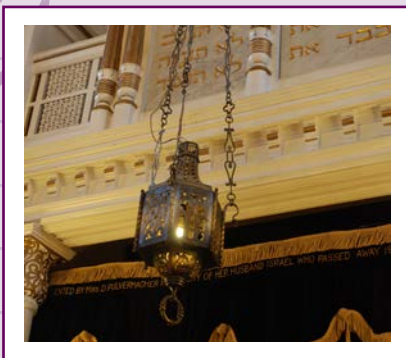
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Menorah candlestick - This is a special candle holder that is lit to remember God.



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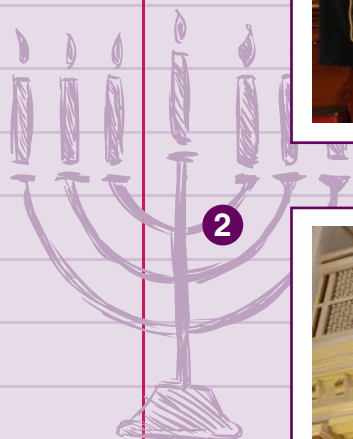
The Ner Tamid (ever-burning lamp) - this lamp is always on - it means that God is always with Jewish people. That must feel nice.



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The Ark - this is a special cupboard where the big scrolls are kept. These are like special books and tell Jews what God wants them to do.



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The scrolls - these are very important to Jews as they have words about God on them. I like the shiny silver bells and the special coats. You can't touch them in case your fingers are dirty and spoil them.



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The rabbi - the rabbi is the person who helps Jews know what to do and how to pray to God. He puts on a special scarf in the synagogue.



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The Ten Commandments - These are two big stones which have 10 special rules on, like our class charter. Jews try to keep these rules to respect God.



My encounters so far lead me to deduce thatJews..... **believe** that respecting God is important and they try to show him they respect him by going to the synagogue and praying.

What questions do I need to ask to find out more about what
.....Jews..... believe?

(Can I talk with a member of this religion to hear their answers?)

My questions

Answers (more clues)

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1. Why are special clothes put on?

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2. What sort of things are written in the books?

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3. Is it safe for the lamp to always be on?

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4. Why don't men and women sit together?

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5. Why does the candlestick have lots of candles not just one?

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6. Do children take part in the services?

My encounters so far lead me to deduce thatJews..... believe
think it is very important to respect God

This page shows what I have found out from my encounters in this place of worship about the beliefs of the people who visit this place of worship.

Jews think it is very important to respect God. When they go and pray they go to the synagogue where the prayer leader wears special clothes. Jews think the holy books are so special that they lock them away in a special cupboard and put silver bells on them. These books have words about God in them and help Jews know what to do to be good.



This visit has been interesting to me because because I have learned that Jews come here to pray to God and learn how to be good. I think this shows that they really respect God.