


What does it mean to live as a Jew in the UK today? RED SQUIRREL CLASS

Key Vocabulary

Torah:	the Jewish Holy Book made of the five books of law	
Pesach (Passover):	the festival remembering the Israelites leaving slavery in Egypt	
Synagogue:	the Jewish place of worship sometimes called shul	
Orthodox:	a worldview in Judaism following the traditional interpretation of Jewish law.	
Progressive:	worldview in Judaism which says that the laws of the Torah should be interpreted for modern day life	
Kosher:	something which follows Jewish laws	
Sefer Torah:	the scrolls containing the Torah which are kept in the ark in the synagogue	
Kashrut:	Jewish laws about the suitability of food	
Secular:	not connected with religious or spiritual matters	

Seder plate

The Seder plate is used during the festival of Passover. Special foods are placed on the plate to remind Jewish people of the time when Moses led the Jews from slavery to freedom.



Judaism is the oldest religion in world. People who follow Judaism are called Jews.

The Mezuzah, which is kept in Jewish homes is incredibly important to many Jewish people, not just because of the case on the outside, but because of what is inside too. They kiss a mezuzah when they walk past and remember to say the Shema two times every single day.

The Shabbat is an important day for many Jewish people as it is the day of rest in a week.

Many Jewish people learn lots from the stories in the Jewish Bible (Tenakah). It is the Jewish Holy book and contains writings that teach about ideas of God, contains stories of how people should live and gives examples of how God has looked after his people. A Yad stick is used to point to words.

Kippah's are skull caps that many Jewish people wear on their head.

Jews worship one God and do so in a Synagogue (place of worship.)

Star of David

The Star of David is a symbol which has six points, each representing a different aspect of something important in the Jewish beliefs. These six aspects are creation, revelation (the revealing of God's will), redemption (to be saved from sin), Man, the World and God.

