



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**LO: To be able to name the special Jewish festivals and holy days.**

**Success Criteria:**

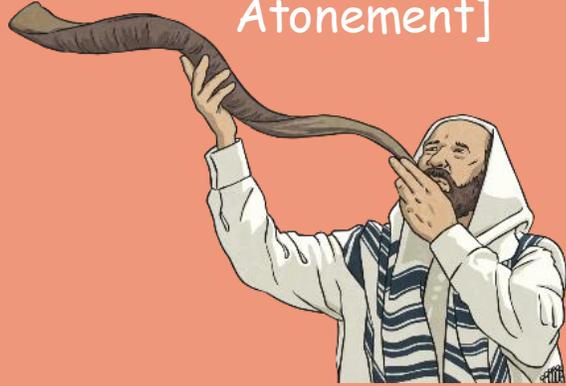
- I can explain why Jews celebrate special Jewish festivals and holy days.
- I can describe how Jewish festivals relate to key events in Jewish history

Starter:

Brainstorm: How and why do you celebrate festivals in your religion or culture?

# Jewish Festivals

Yom Kippur [the Day of Atonement]



Hanukkah [The festival of lights]

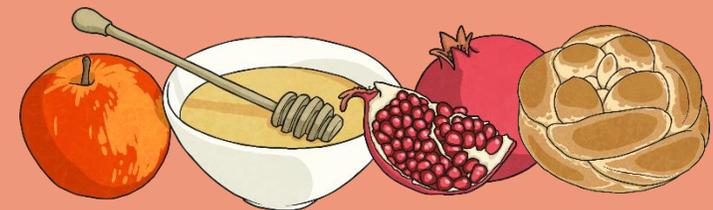


Jewish festivals are based around important events in Jewish history.

Pesach [Passover]



Rosh Hashanah [The New Year]



# Why are these festivals celebrated?



## Yom Kippur:

This day is celebrated by Jews so that they can reflect on their last year and ask for forgiveness from God.



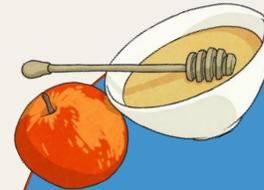
## Hanukkah:

Jews celebrate this day to remember how 2500 years ago, the Jewish temple was dominated by a Syrian king (Antiochus) who attempted to make the Jews worship Greek gods, however this went against the Ten Commandments that Jews follow, so they refused. This resulted in a three year war which destroyed the temple. The Jews cleaned and repaired the temple and rededicated it to God by lighting the lamp (menorah).



## Pesach (Passover):

Passover is celebrated to allow Jews to remember how the people of Israel left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses over 3000 years ago.



## Rosh Hashanah (New Year)

The Jewish New Year celebrates the world being created and this festival lasts for two days. At this time, Jews believe God looks over their year and weigh up the good deeds against their bad deeds to decide what their next year will be like.



# Shabbat

- Shabbat is the holy day for Jews
- Shabbat involves celebrating together as a family

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-shabbat-day-of-rest/zrkvrj6>

Click on the link above to watch and learn about how Charlie celebrates Shabbat with his family!

## Task 1:

After watching the video, list some interesting facts that you found out about Shabbat on a piece of paper, aim for a minimum of **5** or more facts.

# Task & Plenary:

- Familiarise yourself with why Jews celebrate these festivals, so that you are confident in the activity on the next slide.
- If you have a printer, print the next slide displaying the activity and complete, if not copy and write it out on a piece of paper and complete the activity.
- After completing the activity (on the next slide), think about HOW you think Jews celebrate these festivals, which we will be looking at next week.

# Festival Game: Activity

Can you match the following festivals to their description?

Yom Kippur

Hanukkah

Passover

Rosh Hashanah

The Festival of Light

The Jewish New Year  
celebration

A day where Jews reflect on  
the past year and ask for  
forgiveness from God

When Jews remember the  
freedom from slavery