

RE Plan Years 1-6

Spring 1: Judaism and 'How has diversity improved life?'

This plan aligns with Nottingham City SACRE guidelines and explores how the diversity within Judaism has shaped and improved Jewish life and contributed to wider society.

Year	Key Concept	Objectives	Key Lessons
1: Introduction to Judaism	• Belonging • Symbols • Celebration	• Understand what it means to belong to a group. • Recognise important Jewish symbols and celebrations. • Appreciate the value of diversity within Jewish practices.	• What does it mean to belong? – Introduction to the concept of belonging (family, school, community). Learn about belonging in Judaism (synagogue, Jewish community)- Create a paper chain representing different communities' students belong to. • Jewish symbols- Introduction to Jewish symbols (Star of David, Menorah). Explore how symbols represent Jewish identity and diversity within the Jewish community. Draw and colour key Jewish symbols and discuss their meanings. • Celebrating Jewish Festivals- Focus on Hanukkah or Shabbat as a key festival. Understand the significance of the festival in Jewish life and how different Jewish communities celebrate. Role-play a simple Shabbat or Hanukkah celebration.
2: Jewish Stories and Lessons	• Wisdom • Community • Storytelling	• Understand how Jewish stories teach important values. • Learn how diversity within Jewish communities influences storytelling. • Appreciate how different people can understand stories in unique ways.	• The Story of Creation (Genesis)- Explore the story of Creation in Judaism. Discuss different interpretations of the story within progressive Jewish thought. Create a storyboard of the 7 days of Creation. • Noah's Ark- Learn the story of Noah's Ark. Discuss themes of responsibility and care for others, including animals and the environment. Students make their own "arks" with different people and animals, symbolising diversity. • The Exodus: Freedom and Belonging- Learn the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Discuss the themes of freedom and belonging, and how different Jewish groups remember the Exodus. Act out the story of Moses parting the Red Sea.
3: Jewish Faith and Practices	• Faith • Ritual • Identity	• Understand how Jewish faith is practiced in diverse ways. • Learn about important Jewish rituals and their significance. • Appreciate how diversity enhances Jewish religious life.	• What is faith? Explore the concept of faith in Judaism. Discuss how different Jewish people practice their faith. Draw and discuss personal beliefs and values, comparing them with Jewish faith practices. • Jewish Worship: The Synagogue- Learn about the synagogue and its role in Jewish worship. Explore the differences between Progressive and Orthodox synagogues. Design a synagogue with different features based on what was learned. • Bar Mitzvah- Understand the significance of Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies in Progressive Judaism. Discuss how this rite of passage shapes Jewish identity. Create a timeline showing the steps leading up to a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

4: Jewish Beliefs About God and The Torah	• Covenant • Law • Interpretation	• Explore Jewish beliefs about God and the significance of the Torah. • Understand how diversity in interpretation shapes Jewish law and ethics. • Appreciate the central role of Torah in Jewish life.	• Who is God in Judaism? - Learn about Jewish beliefs regarding God. Discuss how different groups within Judaism might view God differently. Write or draw student's personal ideas of God or a higher power. • The Torah: What is it? - Introduction to the Torah as the Jewish holy text. Explore how the Torah is interpreted differently by various Jewish communities. Create a scroll and write a class 'Torah' about how to treat others kindly. • Living by the Torah- Learn how Jewish people follow the laws and teachings of the Torah in diverse ways. Discuss the differences in how Progressive Jews follow Torah laws compared to Orthodox Jews. Role-play scenarios where students make ethical decisions based on the teachings of the Torah.
5: Jewish Values and the Importance of Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)	• Justice • Responsibility • Repairing the World	• Learn about the concept of Tikkun Olam. • Appreciate how diversity within Jewish communities strengthens their commitment to social justice.	• Justice in Judaism - Explore the importance of justice in Jewish teachings. Discuss how Jewish values promote kindness and fairness in society. Debate a scenario where students must decide the fairest solution. • Tikkun Olam: Learn about the Jewish concept of Tikkun Olam. Explore how Jewish people take action to improve the world and how diversity helps this. Plan a class project to 'repair' or improve something in the local community. • Charity in Judaism (Tzedakah) – Discuss the importance to giving to those in need in Judaism. Explore how different Jewish communities practice Tzedakah. Design posters encouraging kindness.
6: The Impact of Jewish Diversity on Society	• Heritage • Legacy • Diversity	• Understand the impact of Jewish diversity on global and local communities. • Learn how Jewish values and traditions have shaped modern society. • Appreciate the contributions of Jewish individuals and communities to societal improvement.	• Jewish Contributions to Society – Explore famous Jewish figures who have contributed to science, culture and politics. Discuss how diversity within Judaism has led to innovative ideas and solutions. Research and present a famous Jewish figure and their contribution. • Jewish Cultural Diversity - Learn about different Jewish communities around the world (Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Mizrahi). Explore how these communities have maintained and shared their unique traditions. Create a class collage representing the diversity of Jewish culture. • How Jewish Diversity Improves Life Today- Reflect on how diversity within Judaism has positively impacted Jewish life and wider society. Discuss how diversity and inclusion can improve life for all people. Write a reflection on how diversity has improved students' own lives.