

# What are our most important religious artefacts and symbols?

## Lesson sequence:

*To know what a symbol is and why they are important*

*To know what artefacts are used during Jewish rituals*

*To know about the festival of Chanukah*

*To know some of the special clothing Jewish people might wear*

*To understand why the Shema prayer is so important*

*To know what is a Hamsa and how it is similar to other religious symbols*

## Concept Links / Prior Knowledge

**EYFS** – *To know some items are connected with important beliefs or practices.*

**KS1** – *To know special days for Jewish people.*

*To know some of the objects used during a holy ceremony.*

*To know what the symbol of the cross looks like.*

*To know that Christians have a cross to remind them of how Jesus died.*

*To know what some clues may be to show a person follows a particular religion. To know some special items or clothing which may be worn.*

## Sticky learning

### New Knowledge

- *To know what a symbol / artefact is and why they are important*
- *To know some of the religious symbols, artefacts and symbols in Judaism*
- *To know the key Jewish prayer of the Shema and why it is so important*
- *To know about the festival of Chanukah*
- *To know some of the special clothing or objects Jewish people might wear or own*
- *To know what Hamsa is and how it is similar to other religious symbols.*

### New Skills

- *To learn about practices and ways of life by looking at the different artefacts central to Judaism and understand why they are meaningful.*
- *Think about different forms of expression through close examination of Holy stories and the lessons we learn from them.*
- *Being able to talk about identity and belonging through looking at items used for worship, religious dress, daily rituals.*

## Key Vocabulary

*Hebrew, Arabic, Sanskrit, mezuzah, kippa, prayer shawl (tallit), uniform, belonging, community identity, Star of David, tefillin parchment, commandments, Shema prayer, covenant/ menorah, rededication, temple, Jerusalem, Hamza*

## Visual representations



Wearing the tallit and kippah during prayer



Mezuzah on a doorpost



Menorah



Hamza



Hebrew letter: Shin

## New vocabulary I will learn

A **symbol** is something that stands for something else e.g., the heart is the symbol of love.

A **religious artefact** is an item or object which can have special religious meaning or significance.

**Shema** is the holiest prayer in Judaism. It means to listen or to obey God.

**Mezuzah** is a small box containing the Shema, which Jews put on the doors to their homes.

**Chanukah** is the Jewish festival of light which celebrates defeat over an attacking army.

**Menorah** is the ancient lamp that was used to light the temple during the miracle of Chanukah.

**Kippah** is a cloth cap worn by religious Jewish males as a sign of respect to God.

**Tallit** is a fringed cloth shawl worn when praying.

**Hamza** is ancient symbol of protection against evil.