

# 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 is it 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





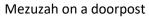
# **Visual representations**





Wearing the tallit and kippah during prayer







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 artefac**t 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.