# Unit CU2.5 How and why are Jewish Festivals celebrated today?

## Prior learning - Key Stage One and Lower Key Stage Two

The covenant between God and Abraham.
The importance of the Torah and how it is treated respectfully.
The Story of Moses and the Exodus, and why Moses is important to Jewish people.
The meaning behind the festival of Sukkot and how it is celebrated.
The importance of the festivals of Hanukkah, Shabbat and Pesach, including how and why they are celebrated today.

## Key Questions

What do we know about Jews and Judaism?
What happens at Rosh Hashanah?
Why is Yom Kippur such a solemn and holy day?
How is Sukkot celebrated today?
How is the giving of the Torah remembered at Shavuot?
How is the festival of Purim celebrated?
Why do Jewish people celebrate so many festivals today?

## Transferable Question

Why do people of the same faith have different practices?

## Key Learning

Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the start of the Jewish New Year and is a time to reflect.
Yom Kippur is known as the 'Day of Atonement' and is a time to ask God's forgiveness for any sins.
Sukkot commemorates God's protection during the period after the Exodus.
Shavuot commemorates the revelation of the Torah.
Purim commemorates the time when Jewish people were saved from death and the bravery of Esther.
Celebrating festivals helps create a sense of a global Jewish community for Jewish people.

## Key vocabulary

Jewish, Menorah, Torah, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Atonement, Exodus, Hebrew, Simchat Torah, Shavuot, Mount Sinai, Ruth, Purim, Esther, Persecution, Tradition, Custom

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