

RE—Judaism – Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year? Kestrels

Key Vocabulary

Judaism	A religion based on the Old Testament
Religion	To have belief in and worship a God or Gods
Rosh Hashanah	The Jewish new year
Shabbat	The Jewish Holy day
Shofar	Blown on Rosh Hashanah to start calling people to think about the wrong things they have done and put them right. It is then blown every day for ten days until the very special day of Yom Kippur.
Worship	To show respect toward God
Yom Kipper	The holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance.

Synagogue

Jews worship in Synagogues. Men and women usually sit separately in the Synagogues. Men are required to cover their heads. In most cases worship takes place in Hebrew.



People and Places

Rabbi (Jewish Priest)



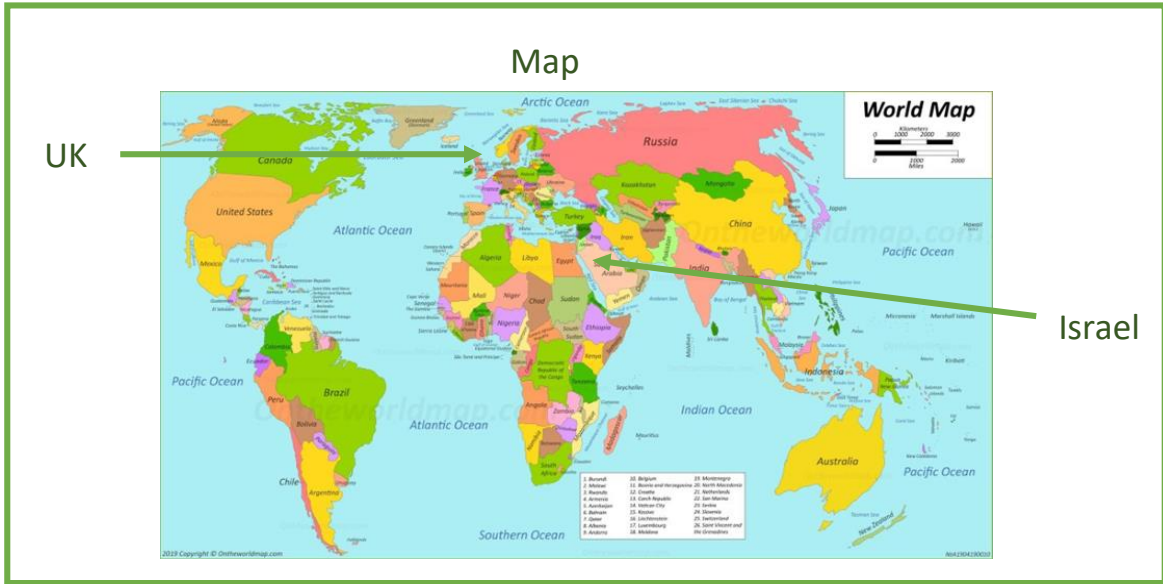
Key Facts

Judaism started in Israel around 4000 years ago.

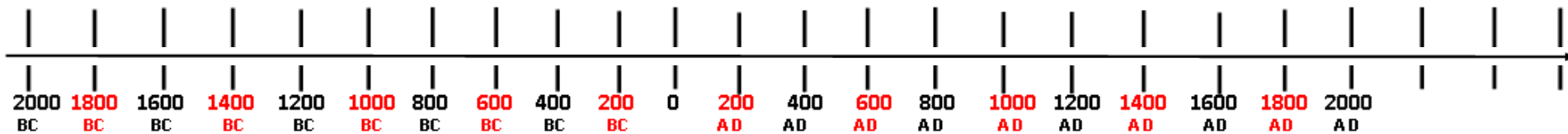
Jews believe that there is a single God who created the universe.

Repentance means saying sorry to God for bad deeds and making sure they don't happen again.

Jewish people believe God weighs the good and bad things we have done at New Year and gives people a chance to put things right and that God forgives those who repent.



Timeline



Tier 2 vocabulary	culture	the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a group of people
	communicate	when you say or do things to help someone understand you
	cooperate	work together towards the same end
	tradition	a set of beliefs passed from generation to generation