

RE—Judaism – Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish Community? Kestrels

Key Vocabulary

Bimah	Where the Torah scroll is placed ready for reading.
Hebrew	The language of the Torah.
Holy Ark (Aron Kodesh)	The cupboard where the Torah scrolls are kept in a synagogue.
Mezuzah	A decorative case fixed to the entrance of a Jewish home containing some of the Torah which reminds people to love God and follow his commandments.
Moses	A great leader and teacher of Jewish history.
Simchat Torah	A joyous holiday that celebrates the Jewish love of Torah. It marks the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle.
Torah	A very important book for all Jews containing God's rules.

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

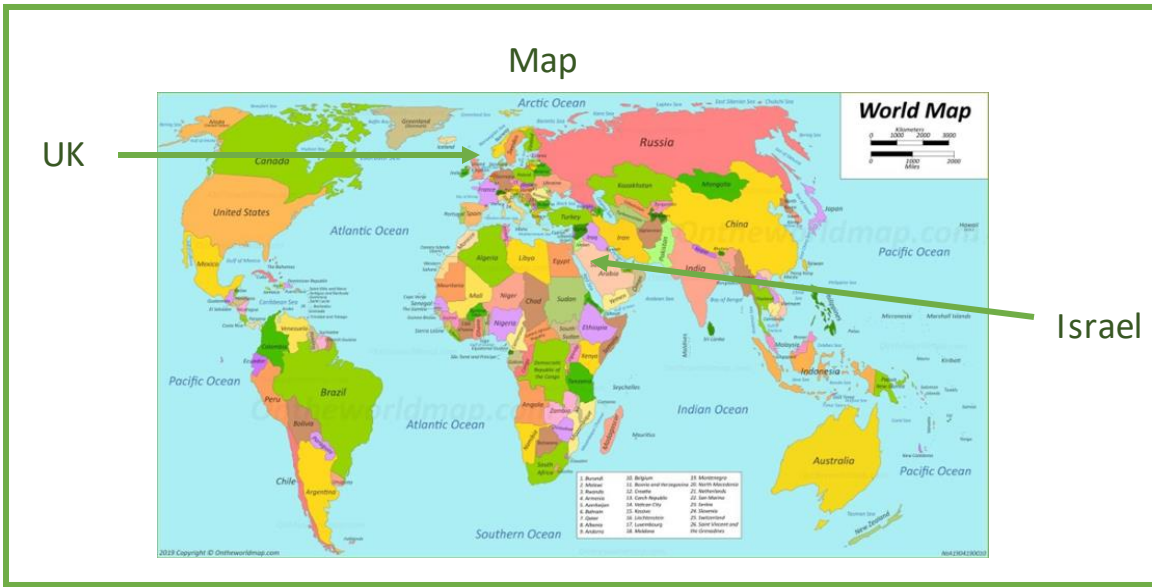
Key Facts

Jewish people believe the Torah is a very important book, so important, that when they get to the end, they start to read it all over again.

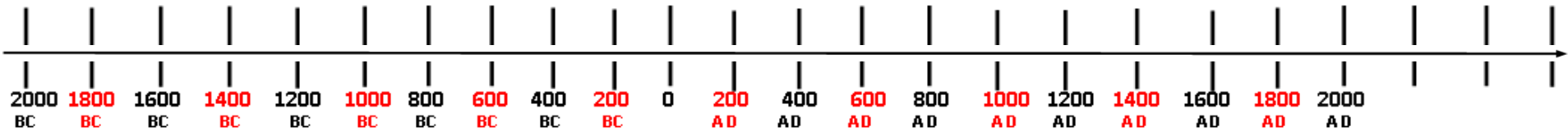
Jews believe that the Torah was given to the Jewish people from God.

The Torah contains rules from God on how they should live.

The Torah should be treated with respect.



Timeline



Tier 2 vocabulary	contribute	saying or doing things to help.
	interact	to join in with something.
	participate	to join in with something.
	significant	important enough to be worth your attention