

Judaism on the Web

General Sites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/>

The BBC website has articles on beliefs, customs, holy days, worship, the Torah, and the various divisions of Judaism

<http://www.jewfaq.org/toc.htm> an online Jewish encyclopaedia which has articles on Jewish beliefs and practices including festivals. The articles are helpfully labelled beginner, intermediate and advanced, and there's a special explanatory section on Jewish festivals, just for Gentiles.

<http://www.religionfacts.com/judaism/> is also a facts site, covering all the areas of Judaism you would expect. If you want to know what the 613 commandments in the Torah are, this is the place! This site will also tell you such things how to keep kosher food rules, how to wear tefillin (phylacteries) and has a useful glossary. There are also useful links through to other Jewish sites.

<http://www.jewish-food.org/> is a recipe site



Jewish Websites which can be used by Pupils

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/carolrb/judaism/judai1.html> The Eduweb site written by children the age of your children for your children.

Akhlah: The Jewish Children's Learning Network - A resource for Jewish Children, Parents and Teachers. with Akhlah you can learn about Israel, The Hebrew Aleph-Bet, Jewish Holidays, Torah Heroes and you can also hear the Hebrew Phrase of the Day in Streaming Audio, Colour the Colouring pages and play while learning all about Judaism. <http://www.akhlah.com/>

<http://www.torah4kids.net/> a site for Jewish families to use with their children. Called "dancing with the Torah" follow the archive link for a selection of stories and linked questions which could help you think about discussion topics to use with your class. There is also help on making your home kosher etc.

<http://www.bje.org.au/kids/templateFolder.php?id=20&gid=2> another good site for Jewish children with topics such as festivals, Shabbat, people, history, life cycles etc

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Homework/religion/jewish.htm> written at exactly the right level for lower KS2.

For the youngest pupils – help Teddy identify Jewish artefacts at http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks1/re/teddys_day_out/index.htm
Unfortunately Teddy only tells you when you get an answer wrong, not when you get it right!

Basic materials on the Ten Commandments
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/judaism/commandments/tencomms.htm>

Half a dozen Jewish stories (*not* Biblical ones) <http://www.sln.org.uk/storyboard/l4.htm>

Artefacts

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/Departments/SocialStudies/RE/Database/Graphics/Artefacts/JAfacts.html> photographs and information about a variety of Jewish artefacts and line drawings at :

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/Departments/SocialStudies/RE/Database/Graphics/Images/Jewish/Jewish.html>

A basic artefacts site which could be used by pupils http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/vtc/ngfl/re/m_parry_carmarthenshire/arteffactau/contents%20lddew.htm

Photographs of a variety of seder plates
<http://ny054.urj.net/ReligiousLiving/ReligiousObjects/SederPlate.htm>

For some attractive examples of Hebrew calligraphy see
<http://www.borshevsky.com/mezuzah.htm>

Beliefs and Teaching

Basic beliefs of Judaism <http://judaism.about.com/od/abcsofjudaism/a/beliefsbasic.htm>

The Torah – a simple outline
http://www.refuel.org.uk/curric/ks3_topics/holy_books/judaism.php

Synagogues and Worship

Norwich Synagogue
<http://www.norwichsynagogue.org.uk/Norwich%20Synagogue%20Web%20Site/services.htm>

A very useful introduction to synagogues, including a good picture gallery
<http://scheinerman.net/judaism/synagogue/>

A virtual tour at primary level of the Colchester synagogue
<http://www.hitchams.suffolk.sch.uk/synagogue/index.htm>

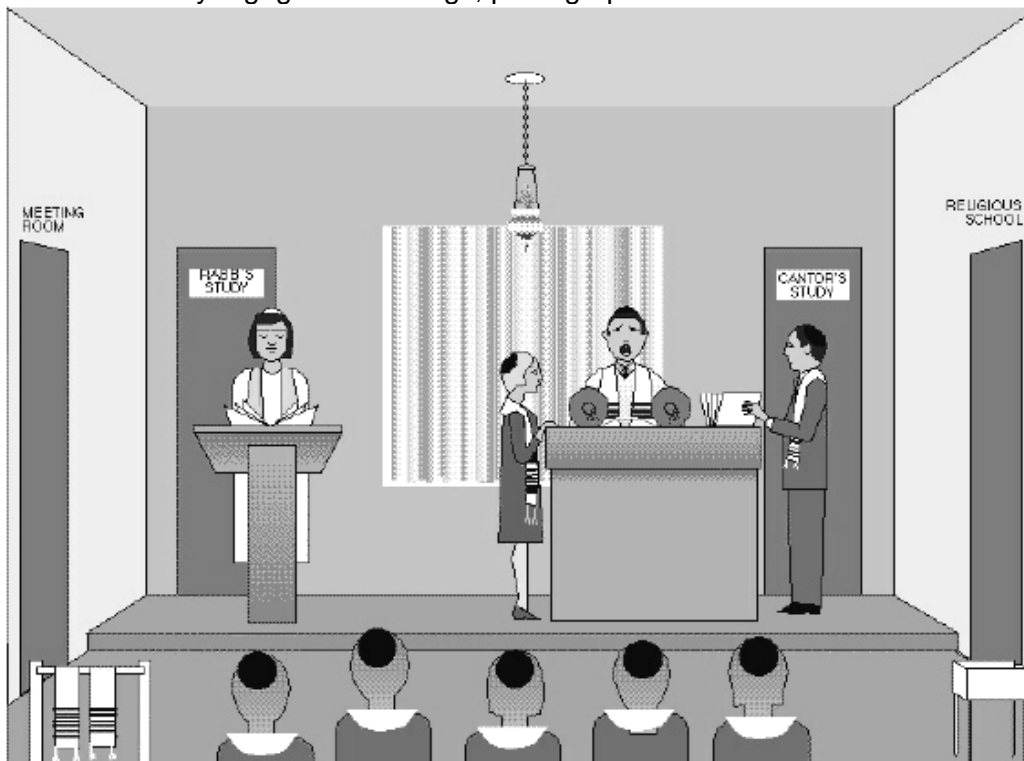
A tour of a Welsh synagogue at http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/vtc/ngfl/re/m_parry_carmarthenshire/addoldai/synagog/synagogtwo.html

A webcam at the Western Wall is at <http://www.aish.com/wallcam/> - if your firewall lets you open it.....

Photographs of synagogues and worship at <http://www.sln.org.uk/re/Jewish%20images%201.htm>

Tour of an orthodox synagogue <http://re-xs.ucsm.ac.uk/re/places/>

<http://www.scheinerman.net/judaism/synagogue/tour/index.html> A “click me” tour of a synagogue – drawings, photographs and information



www.refuel.org.uk/curric/ks2_topics/judaism/synagogue.php an outline of a typical day in the life of an American rabbi

Lesson ideas for teaching Shabbat

http://www.refuel.org.uk/curric/ks2_topics/judaism/shabbat_meal_pres.php or about the synagogue and what happens in it

www.refuel.org.uk/curric/ks2_topics/judaism/synagogue.php

<http://www.virtualcantor.com/> Now this is a site you really must try – audio files of songs and chants used in Jewish worship, particularly festivals. The front page doesn't look very inspiring, but just follow through the various links and you'll find a wealth of materials. There are also some truncated Jewish song clips at

<http://www.kolharuach.com/songlist.htm>

Jewish Festivals

http://judaism.about.com/od/holidays/a/cal_06holidays.htm a holiday calendar which will tell you the dates of Jewish festivals this year

A variety of festivals are represented at <http://www.spirit-staffs.co.uk/synagogue/index4.htm> including links to other websites

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/allre/nframe.php?http://www.well.com/user/zagit/shirim.html>
Songs for festivals – music, transliterated text and some audio files

<http://judaism.about.com/od/purim/a/aboutpurim.htm> all bout **Purim** - stories, customs, recipes, see also <http://akhlah.com/holidays/purim/purim.php> and http://www.virtualjerusalem.com/jewish_holidays/purim/index.htm
<http://www.holidays.net/purim/>

Chanukkah websites:

http://www.virtualjerusalem.com/jewish_holidays/chanukah/index.htm
<http://www.holidays.net/chanukah/>
<http://www.open-sez-mefestivals.co.uk/hanukkah.htm>

Passover websites:

<http://www.holidays.net/passover/>

Rosh Hashanah:

<http://www.holidays.net/highholydays/>

Shavuoth:

<http://www.holidays.net/shavuot/>

Succoth:

http://www.virtualjerusalem.com/jewish_holidays/sukkot/index.htm

Rites of Passage

A gateway site to materials on rites of passage

<http://judaism.about.com/od/abcsofjudaism/p/lifecycle.htm>

Outline of a wedding ceremony

<http://ohr.edu/yhiy/article.php/1087> and www.ohr.org.il/judaism/articles/wedding.htm also at <http://re-xs.ucsm.ac.uk/re/passage/marriage.htm#Marriage in Judaism>

http://mywebpage.netscape.com/sfdmnr/Danny_Barmitzvah_home.htm This is a family's website with photographs from their son's bar mitzvah – nothing's labelled – but it's real people and a real celebration.

