

**GCSE**

# EDUQAS GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES ROUTE B

## **STUDY OF A WORLD RELIGION - JUDAISM**

## Study of a World Faith: Judaism

### Suggested scheme of learning (Y10 April-Summer)

| No. | Topic                   | Key Question   | Teachers notes<br>(from specification)                            | Possible learning activities/resources  |
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| 1   | Introduction<br>to Unit | Why do we study other faiths?                            | N/A   | Keywords and keyword test   |
| 2   |                         | What do we already know about Judaism?                   |   | Overview of the unit<br><br>Formulating questions about the topic – What is good?<br>What is evil?  |
| 3   | The Nature of God       | What do Jews believe that God is like?                   | Issues of God as: One, Creator: Genesis 1:3-5; 1:26-28, The Shema | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z27634j/revision">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z27634j/revision</a>                             |
| 4   |                         | What do Jews believe about God as a Law-Giver and Judge? | Law-Giver and Judge: Exodus 20:1-17                               |   |
| 5   |                         | What is Shekinah?  | The nature and significance of shekinah (the divine presence)     | <a href="http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/feeling-the-presence-of-god/">http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/feeling-the-presence-of-god/</a> |
| 6   |                         | Why is Shekinah important?                               |   |   |

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| 7 | Messiah | What is the Mashiach?   | Different views within Orthodox and Reform Judaism about the nature and role of the Mashiach (Messiah); | <a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/mashiach.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/mashiach.htm</a>   |
| 8 |         | What do Orthodox Jews believe about the nature and role of the Messiah?                   | special person who brings an age of peace, ourselves, his arrival as signaling the end of the world,    |   |
| 9 |         | What do different groups of Reform Jews believe about the nature and role of the Messiah? | praying for his coming, concerned more with living life according to the mitzvot                        | <a href="http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/the-messianic-concept-in-reform-judaism/">http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/the-messianic-concept-in-reform-judaism/</a> |

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| 10 | Covenant | What is a Covenant?                             | N/A   | <a href="http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/4714-covenant">http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/4714-covenant</a>   |
| 11 |          | What is the Abrahamic Covenant?                 | The meaning and significance of the Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 12:1-3, 17:6-8, 17:11-14 including the importance of the 'Promised Land'              | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/firstcovenant.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/firstcovenant.shtml</a>   |
| 12 |          | What is the Covenant with Moses at Sinai?       | The meaning and significance of the Covenant with Moses at Sinai: Exodus 3:11-15 including the continuing importance of the idea of a 'Promised Land' | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/secondcovenant.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/secondcovenant.shtml</a> |
| 13 |          | Why are the Ten Commandments important to Jews? | Importance of the Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:2-14  | <a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/10.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/10.htm</a>   |

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| 14 | Life on Earth | What do Jews believe about the sanctity of life?                | Beliefs and teachings about the nature and importance of Pikuach Nefesh (sanctity of life):<br>Genesis 1:26-27,<br>Talmud B Yoma 84b,<br>Psalm 139: 13-15,<br>Jeremiah 1:5 | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/jewishethics/abortion_1.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/jewishethics/abortion_1.shtml</a> |
| 15 |               | What are the 613 mitzvot?                                       | The relationship between free will and the 613 mitzvot (duties)  | <a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/613.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/613.htm</a>   |
| 16 |               | What is the relationship between the 613 mitzvot and free will? | between humans and with God  |   |

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| 17 | The Afterlife | What do we understand by life after death?               | Orthodox and Reform beliefs and teachings about life after death, judgement and resurrection; spiritual and/or bodily resurrection, immortality of the soul and the belief that we must focus on this life in preparation for whatever happens in the next | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zm2tb9q/revision">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zm2tb9q/revision</a> |
| 18 |               | What are Orthodox Jewish beliefs about life after death? |  |   |
| 19 |               | What are Reform Jewish beliefs about life after death?   |  |   |

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| 20 | Worship in Britain and elsewhere | How do Orthodox Jews worship in the synagogue? | The nature and importance of Orthodox and Reform synagogue services; Shabbat service, the significance of prayer including the standing prayer (Amidah)  | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/worship/synagogue_1.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/worship/synagogue_1.shtml</a><br><a href="https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/holy-cribs-synagogue">https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/holy-cribs-synagogue</a><br><a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/shul.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/shul.htm</a> |
| 21 |                                  | How do Reform Jews worship in the synagogue?   |  | <a href="http://www.reformjudaism.org/quiz-what-do-you-knowabout-synagogues">http://www.reformjudaism.org/quiz-what-do-you-knowabout-synagogues</a>   |
| 22 |                                  | How do Jews worship in the home?               | Worship in the home; siddur, recitation of Shema and Modeh Ani, display of mezuzah.<br>The importance of preparing for and celebrating Shabbat: Exodus 20:8-10. Items worn for worship; tallith, tefillin and kippah | <a href="http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/judaism-at-home/">http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/judaism-at-home/</a>   |

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| 23 | The Synagogue and Daily Life | What are the features of a synagogue in Britain?                       | Features of synagogues in Britain: significance of bimah, aron hakodesh, Torah scrolls, ner tamid, seating, minyan; Exodus 20:4-5  |   |
| 24 |                              | How do British synagogues work to serve Jewish communities in Britain? | Worship, social and community functions of synagogues serving Jewish communities in Britain.   | <a href="http://www.wls.org.uk">http://www.wls.org.uk</a>   |
| 25 |                              | How are the Tenakh and the Talmud significant in Jewish daily life?    | Significance of use of the Tenakh and the Talmud in daily life   | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/texts/torah.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/texts/torah.shtml</a><br><a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/torah.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/torah.htm</a><br><a href="http://www.religionfacts.com/talmud">http://www.religionfacts.com/talmud</a>   |
| 26 |                              | How does a Jew keep Kosher in Britain?                                 | Dietary laws: kosher, treyfah, parev, the prohibition of milk with meat, requirements of a kosher kitchen: Leviticus 11:1-23<br>Keeping kosher in Britain: benefits and challenges | <a href="http://www.koshercertification.org.uk/whatdoe.htm">http://www.koshercertification.org.uk/whatdoe.htm</a><br><a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/being-jewish-costs-brits-an-extra-13000-a-year-a3151486.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/being-jewish-costs-brits-an-extra-13000-a-year-a3151486.html</a><br><a href="http://www.kosher.org.uk">http://www.kosher.org.uk</a> |



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| 27 | Rituals | What is Brit Milah?   | The role and importance of Brit Milah: Covenant, identity, features of the ceremony           | <a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/birth.htm">http://www.jewfaq.org/birth.htm</a><br><a href="https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judaism/circumcision.html">https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judaism/circumcision.html</a> |
| 28 |         | What is Bar Mitzvah?  | Bar Mitzvah: Law and personal responsibility, features of the ceremony                        | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zrrkxnb/revision/2">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zrrkxnb/revision/2</a>  |
| 29 |         | What are the different views of Bat Mitzvah and Bat Chayil? | Orthodox and Reform views regarding Bat Mitzvah and Bat Chayil and features of the ceremonies |  |
| 30 |         | What are the features of a Jewish marriage ceremony?        | Marriage: Genesis 2: 24, features of the ceremony   | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zrrkxnb/revision/3">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zrrkxnb/revision/3</a><br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxQ87qN7E9o">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxQ87qN7E9o</a>     |
| 31 |         | How do Jews mourn for the dead?                             | Mourning rituals: onan, kaddish, sheva, yartzheit. Role of chevra kaddisha                    | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zrrkxnb/revision/4">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zrrkxnb/revision/4</a>  |

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| 32 | Festivals | What is Rosh Hashanah?   | The origin, meaning and celebration of Rosh Hashanah          | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zbb42hv/revision/2">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zbb42hv/revision/2</a> |
| 33 |           | What is Yom Kippur?  | The origin, meaning and celebration of Yom Kippur             |   |
| 34 |           | What is Pesach?  | The origin, meaning and celebration of Pesach                 | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zbb42hv/revision">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zbb42hv/revision</a>     |
| 35 |           | What is Sukkot?  | The origin, meaning and celebration of Sukkot                 | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zbb42hv/revision/6">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zbb42hv/revision/6</a> |
| 36 |           | Where are the differences in practice between different Jewish traditions? | The diversity of practice between different Jewish traditions |   |