

Spelling list: GCSE Religious Studies: Judaism 2

Key words for GCSE Religious Studies.

Kippur	Yom Kippur is the Jewish Day of Atonement.
kosher	Kosher food is food that meets the requirements of Jewish dietary laws.
law	Jews believe that God gave the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.
liberal	Liberal Judaism combines traditional beliefs with modern interpretations.
merciful	Jews believe in a merciful and compassionate God.
Messiah	Messiah translates as 'the anointed one' sent by God to establish peace on earth.
Mitzvot	Mitzvot are the 613 Jewish commandments written in the Tenakh.
Moses	Moses is the prophet sent by God to set the Israelites free from slavery.
mourning	Mourning rituals are the practices carried out by Jews to grieve for loved ones who have passed away.
Nefesh	Pikuach Nefesh refers to the act of saving a human life, this law overrides all other religious laws.
oral	The oral law or 'Talmud' is word of God given to Moses but not written down for centuries.
Orthodox	Orthodox Jews live strictly according to Jewish laws and traditions.
Pesach	Pesach or Passover is the Jewish festival which celebrates the Jewish Exodus from Egypt.
Pikuach	Pikuach Nefesh refers to the act of saving a human life, this law overrides all other religious laws.
platform	The reading platform in a synagogue is called a bimah.

prayer	Prayer is communicating with God.
reform	Reform Judaism believes that the Torah was inspired by God and that laws can be adapted to fit modern life.
Resurrection	Resurrection is the belief that the dead will rise and live again.
Rosh	Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year celebration.
sanctity	Jews believe in the sanctity of life; that life is a sacred gift from God.