St. Antony's Catholic College

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Year 9 Religious Education: Zones ASP & H

Instructions for the week beginning Monday 22nd June

Watch

https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/holy-cribs-synagogue

Read

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/inside-the-synagogue-what-do-you-need-to-know/zb3f2sg

Listen to

Do

1. Watch the above clip and make notes
2. Read the next page and then do the following: Title is the synagogue, copy down the keyword definition, read the paragraph on worship, social and community functions and make notes on the following.
    a. As a house of prayer
    b. As a house of study
    c. As a social hall
3. Using the interactive synagogue make notes on the following features:
    a. Rabbi
    b. Cantor
    c. Ner Tamid
    d. Ark
    e. Prayer room
    f. Bimah
    g. Torah Scrolls
4. Use the internet to find 10 images of the outside of synagogues around the world.
5. Use the internet to find images of the features in a synagogue
6. Do the quiz on showmyhomework.

The synagogue

Key Concept

Synagogue House of assembly; building for Jewish public prayer, study and assembly.

Britain

The **synagogue** is the central focus of Jewish life. In Hebrew it is called Beth ha Knesset which means 'house of assembly.

Most synagogues have three main functions:

- As a beit tefilah, a house of prayer. It is the place where Jews come together for community prayer services. Although Jews can pray anywhere there are certain prayers that can only be said in the presence of a minyan (ten adult men, although some traditions women are included).

  It is for this reason that many observant Jews will go to the synagogue each evening.
- As a beit midrash, a house of study. Indeed many Ashkenazi Jews refer to their synagogue as 'shul' from the Yiddish word for school. For the observant Jew, the study of sacred texts is a life-long task. Thus, a synagogue normally has a well-stocked library of sacred Jewish texts for members of the community to study. It is also the place where children receive their basic religious education.
- As a social hall for religious and non-religious activities. The synagogue often functions as a sort of town hall where matters of importance to the community can be discussed. Each synagogue normally has a programme of social events, which will include opportunities to learn more about religious and cultural issues. An important role of the synagogue is its function as a social welfare agency, collecting and dispensing money and other items for the aid of the poor and needy within the community. Many are connected with Jewish Care agencies.