

**Unit Overview: Why do Jews celebrate Pesach?**

**Approximate duration: 4-6 lessons**

Key Questions	Concepts	Learning Outcomes: Students should:	Possible Teaching & Learning Activities	Resources
<p>What story do Jews remember at Pesach, and how do they remember it?</p> <p>What do the themes of the story mean for Jews today?</p> <p>Why is it important for Jews to celebrate Pesach today?</p> <p>Are traditions important in the 21st century?</p>	<p><b>Practices and ways of life</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring the impact of religions and beliefs on how people live their lives.</li> <li>Understanding that religious practices are diverse, change over time and are influenced by cultures.</li> </ol> <p><b>Expressing meaning</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciating that individuals and cultures express their beliefs and values through many different forms.</li> </ol> <p><b>Meaning, purpose and truth</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring some of the ultimate questions that confront humanity, and responding imaginatively to them.</li> </ol> <p><b>Identity, diversity and belonging</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding how individuals develop a sense of identity and belonging through faith or belief.</li> </ol>	<p>Explain why Pesach is important to Jews in similar and different ways (level 7)</p> <p>Analyse how celebrating past events and festivals can affect present beliefs and attitudes for people in Judaism (with reference to other faiths) (level 5)</p> <p>Express the meaning of freedom, and evaluate how important is their own freedom? (level 5)</p> <p>Evaluate and reflect on the worth and challenge of continuing to remember events in the past in the 21st century (level 6)</p> <p>PLT – Creative thinkers                      PLT -Independent enquirers                      PLT - Team workers</p>	<p>Explore using an extract from the 'Moses' video (Testament series) the story of the Exodus.</p> <p>Investigate the celebration of Pesach in a Jewish home today, especially the foods on a seder plate.</p> <p>Identify the links between the Exodus story and the meaning of the symbols on the seder plate through speculative thinking.</p> <p>Collaborate in small groups to unpack the concept of freedom, and relate this to the festival of Pesach i.e. God through Moses leading the Israelite people from slavery in Egypt to freedom in Canaan.</p> <p>Discuss the importance of personal freedom in society today</p> <p>Explore, using extracts from 'Jewish Way of Life' CD-rom about Pesach and Holocaust, the importance of remembrance, and celebrating Pesach today</p> <p>Evaluate the worth of remembering events from the past</p>	<p>Jewish Way of Life CD Rom</p> <p>BBC Schools - Judaism: Passover</p> <p>An introduction to Passover</p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/judaism/passover.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/judaism/passover.shtml</a></p> <p>BBC Schools - Judaism: Passover</p> <p>An introduction to Passover</p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/judaism/passover.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/judaism/passover.shtml</a></p> <p>Lots of ready made worksheets and power-points ready for sue in a KS3 classroom</p> <p><a href="http://www.queenelizabeth.hereford.sch.uk/curriculum/re-KS3.htm">http://www.queenelizabeth.hereford.sch.uk/curriculum/re-KS3.htm</a></p>

**Assessment: “The first Pesach happened a long time ago; it is no longer necessary to remember and celebrate it today.” Discuss**

AT1 – Strand B – what people do and how they live their lives

**Redbridge levels of attainment**

<b>Level 3</b>	I can describe what Jewish people do to celebrate Pesach, and explain the meaning of what they do
<b>Level 4</b>	I can explain using the right religious words why Jewish people celebrate Pesach in the 21st century
<b>Level 5</b>	I can explain two ways in which Pesach is celebrated differently in Judaism, and the difference both ways make to a Jewish person’s life
<b>Level 6</b>	I can explain the importance of Pesach traditions to Jews living today, and show how key beliefs within Judaism are related to this festival
<b>Level 7</b>	I can show through personal research how Jewish people around the world celebrate Pesach differently, and how these differences are related to customs, culture or traditions