

Jewish Festivities and Traditions

Summary

Using the links suggested at the end of this form, students are invited to identify a festivity in the Jewish calendar which can be linked to a tradition of their own culture.

Description of the activity

The activity mainly consists of research, to be carried out in small groups in the classroom, or even individually at home, on the main Jewish festivities and on the traditional expressions of the students' own culture, which can be compared and contrasted with the Jewish religious tradition.

Activity structure

- **Preferred premises of the activity:** Reading the paragraph on Judaism in the Guideline and reference to the suggested links.
- **Resources needed:** Multimedia classroom, Internet connection.
- **Recommended number of people participating:** 28 students (1 single class)
- **Previous knowledge of participants necessary:** Notion of festivity.
- **Activity duration:** 2 h for the research activity 1 h for the debate, in the class, on the results achieved, 2 h to work out a short essay.

Learning Objectives

Students will acquire

- A historical vision of Judaism
- A shared knowledge of their own traditions
- The ability to identify the characteristic elements of a religion
- The ability to compare different traditional expressions

Expected Outcomes

Create a warm atmosphere in classroom through debates and cooperation

Compare different points of view about a question

Motivate students to understand cultural heritage

Tackle stereotypes and prejudices

Target group

14-16 years old

Subject of the curriculum in which the activity could be implemented

History

Geography





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Learning objects to be used with this activity

In this activity teachers will use:

Guidelines

Articles (links suggested in the guidelines)

<https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebraismo>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Judaism>

Jewish Calendar

<http://www.pisaebraica.it/ebraismo/festivi.htm>

<https://www.hebcal.com/hebcal/?c=off&d=on&maj=on&min=on&mod=on&month=x&nx=on&o=on&v=1&vis=on&year=2017&yt=G>

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http://www.chabad.org/holidays/default_cdo/jewish/holidays.htm

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/0/19150793>



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