Spelling list: GCSE Religious Studies: Judaism 2

Key words for GCSE Religious Studies.

Kippur Yom Kippu	ris the Jewish Da	y of Atonement.
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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 Judaism combines traditional beliefs with modern interpretations.

merciful Jews believe in a **merciful** and compassionate God.

Messiah translates as 'the anointed one' sent by God to establish peace on

earth.

Messiah

mourning

Mitzvot are the 613 Jewish commandments written in the Tenakh.

Moses is the prophet sent by God to set the Israelites free from slavery.

Mourning rituals are the practices carried out by Jews to grieve for loved

ones who have passed away.

Pikuach **Nefesh** refers to the act of saving a human life, this law overrides all Nefesh

other religious laws.

The **oral** law or 'Talmud' is word of God given to Moses but not written down oral

for centuries.

Orthodox Jews live strictly according to Jewish laws and traditions.

Pesach or Passover is the Jewish festival which celebrates the Jewish Pesach

Exodus from Egypt.

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all other religious laws.

platform The reading **platform** in a synagogue is called a bimah.

prayer Prayer is communicating with God.

Reform Judaism believes that the Torah was inspired by God and that laws reform

can be adapted to fit modern life.

Resurrection Resurrection is the belief that the dead will rise and live again.

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year celebration.

sanctity Jews believe in the **sanctity** of life; that life is a sacred gift from God.