

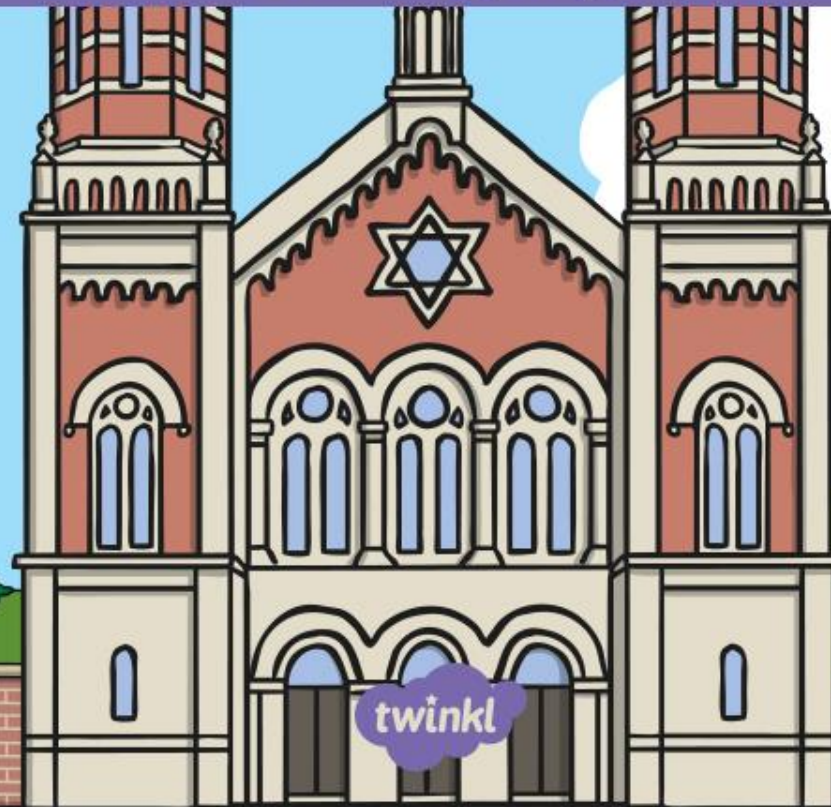


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Jewish Synagogue



Aim

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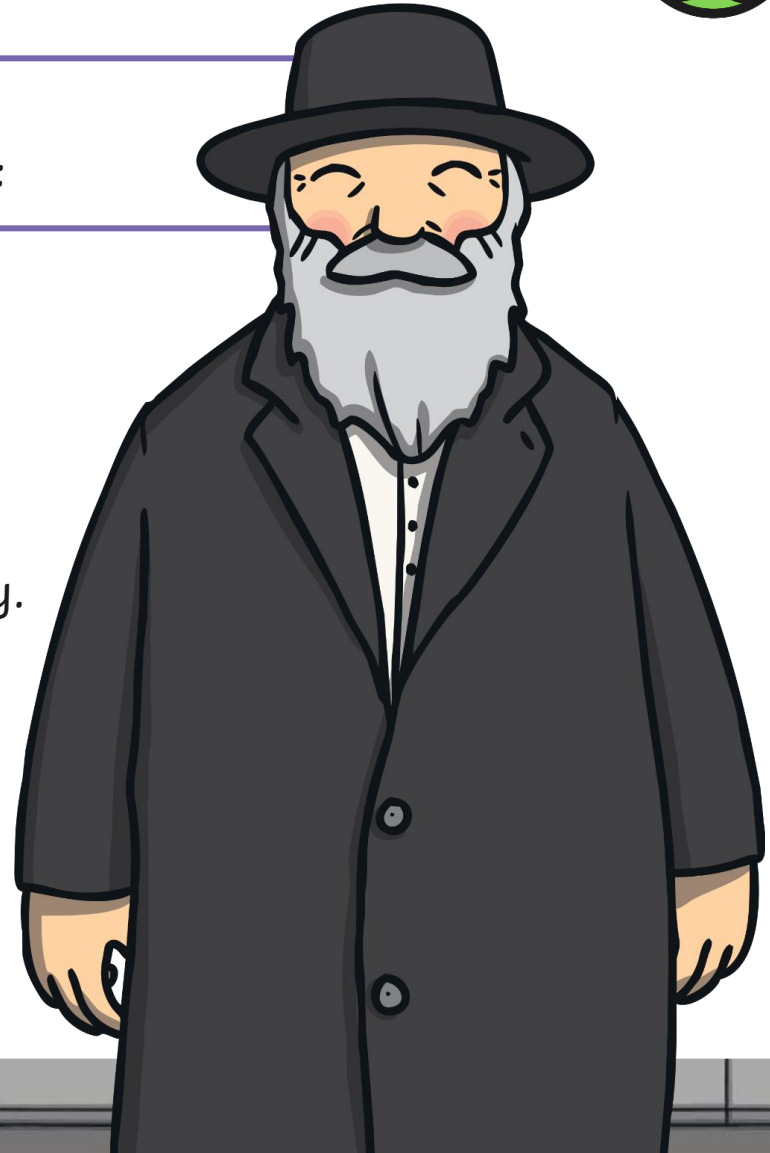
What Is a Place of Worship?



A place of worship is a special place within a religion where believers go to:

- ✓ pray;
- ✓ worship;
- ✓ learn about their religion;
- ✓ spend time together as a community.

Here's an idea...



Judaism



Judaism is a religion. People who follow Judaism are called Jews.

Did You Know...?



Jews think God is very holy. They think His name is so holy that it should not be written down. As a sign of respect, Jews write **G-d**.

that God loves them and looks after them

Jews try to follow important rules to live lives the way they think God would like



Judaism



What special rules do you think Jews have?

Jews have lots of rules in their special book, the Torah. An important set of rules is the Ten Commandments.

Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. They try to keep all Ten Commandments throughout their lives.

I
You shall have
no gods before me

II
You shall not make
any idols to worship

III
You shall not take the
Lord's name in vain

IV
Remember and keep
the Sabbath holy

V
Honour your father
and mother

VI
You shall
not kill

VII
You shall not
commit adultery

VIII
You shall not
steal

IX
You shall not bear
false witness

X
You shall not covet your
neighbour's wife nor goods

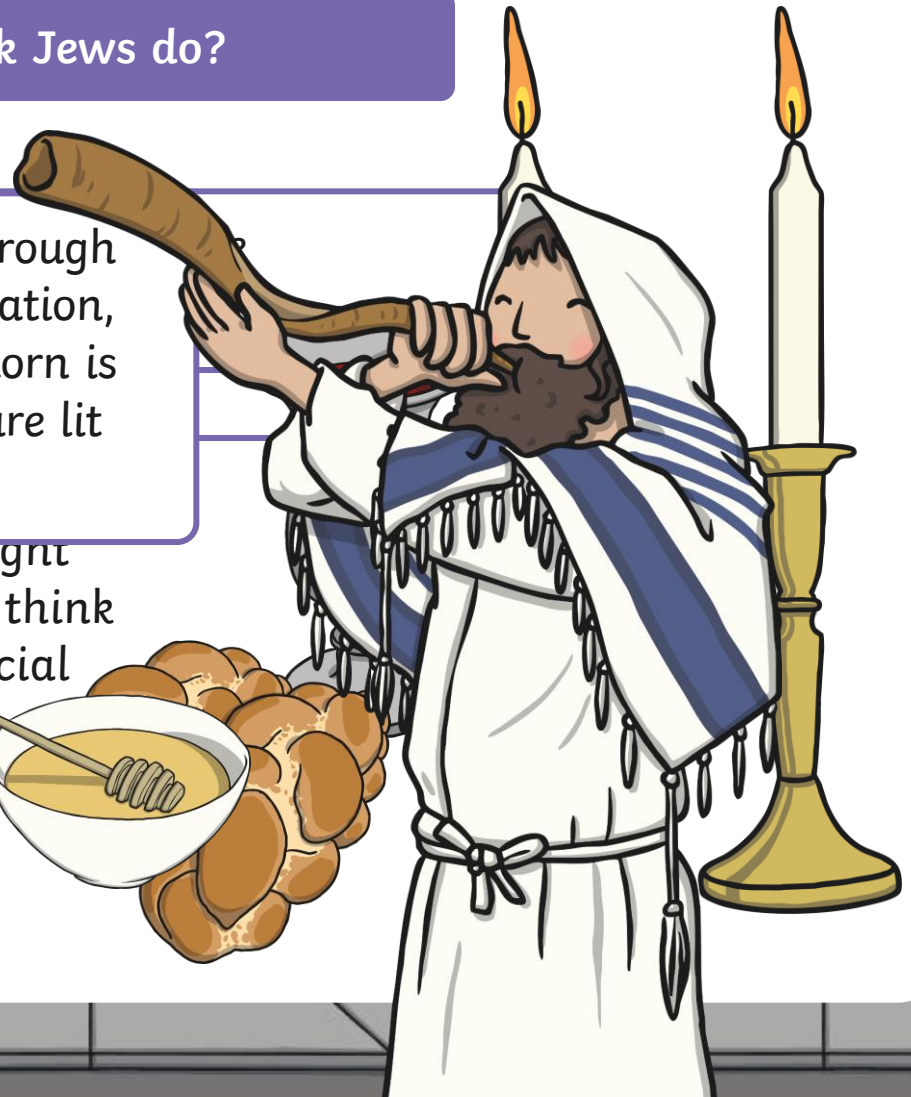
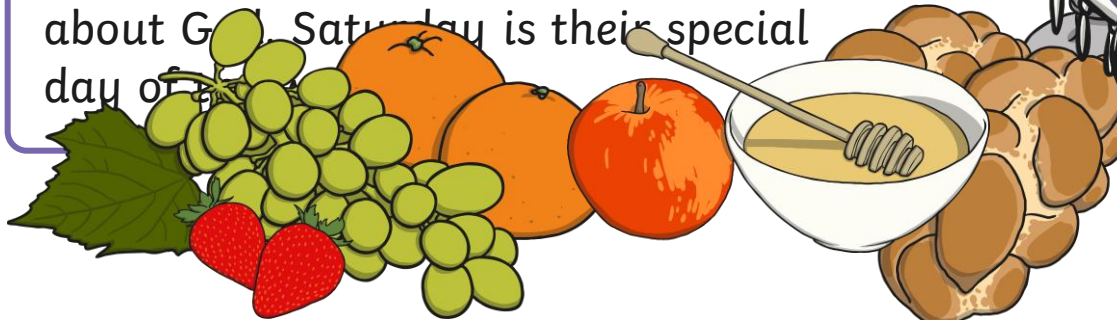
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What special things do you think Jews do?

Jews also have special festivals through the year. At their New Year celebration, called Rosh Hashanah, a special horn is blown. Prayers are said, candles are lit and sweet foods are eaten.

together on Friday night. They light candles, say special prayers and think about God. Saturday is their special day of rest.

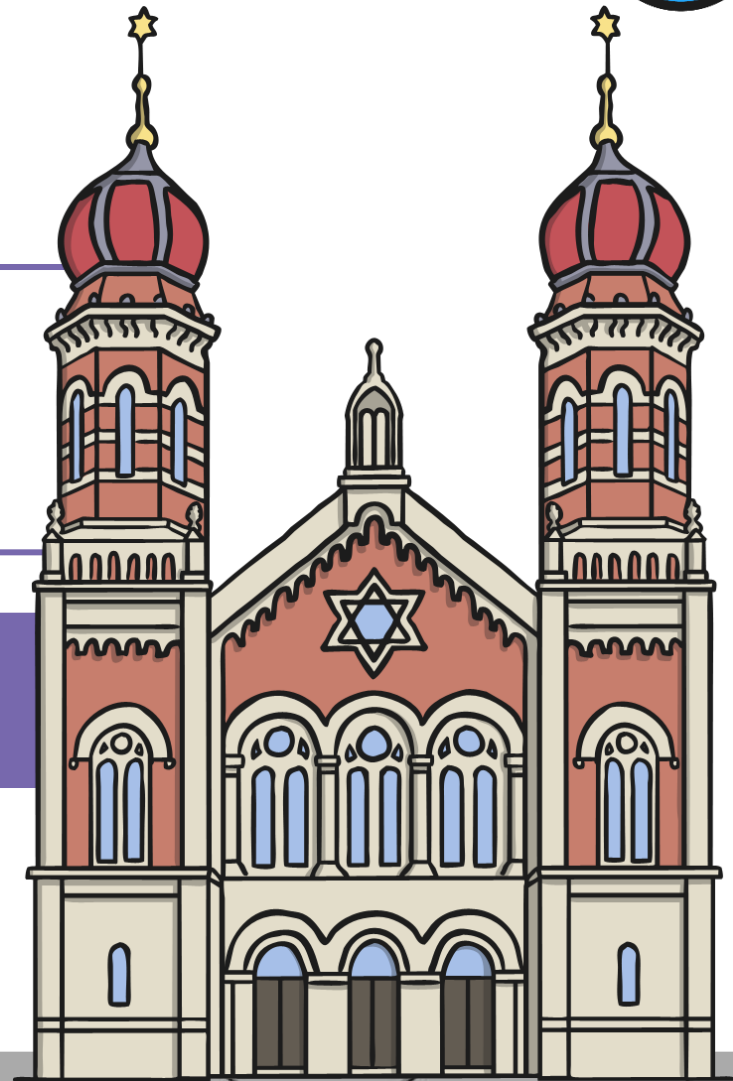


We Might See...



Jews have a special place of worship. They go to this place to pray and worship. They also celebrate special events there.

The Jewish place of worship is called a **synagogue**.



We Might See...



What kind of things do you think you might see in a synagogue?

Think about some of the things you now know about what Jews believe to help you. Share your ideas with a partner.

Use these words to help you:



God

Torah

remember

candles

Ten Commandments

community

prayer

love

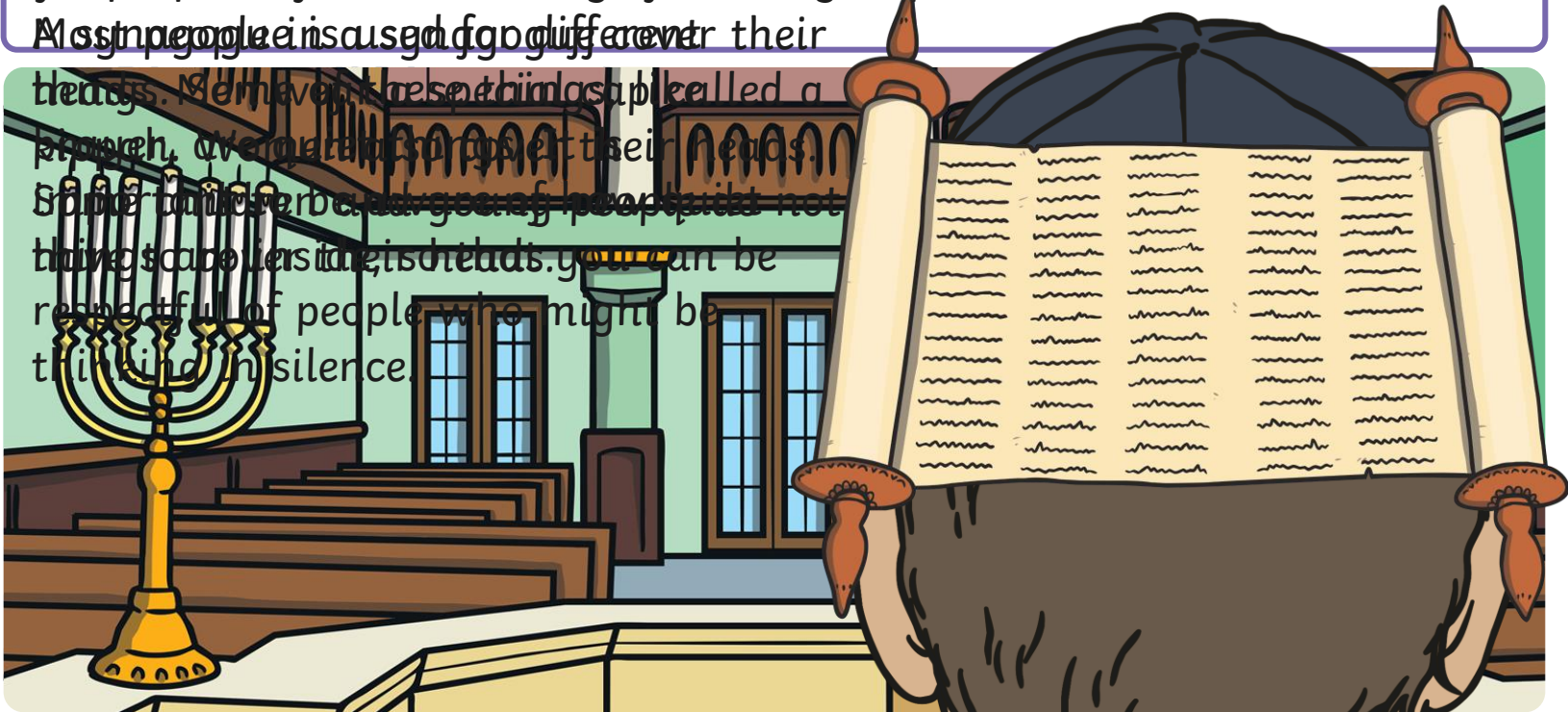
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Be quiet

for people to follow as a way of showing respect.

Most people in a synagogue do not wear their hats. Men have a special hat called a kippah, and women cover their heads. Some people are in charge of people who do not think it is right to wear hats. You can be respectful of people who might be thinking in silence.



In a Synagogue



Prayer Room

This is where Jews gather to pray together. In some synagogues, men sit in a different area to the women. Men wear a special shawl, called a **tallit**, when they pray.



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The Cantor

This person has a special place in the room to stand. They chant prayers for the rest of the people to join in with.

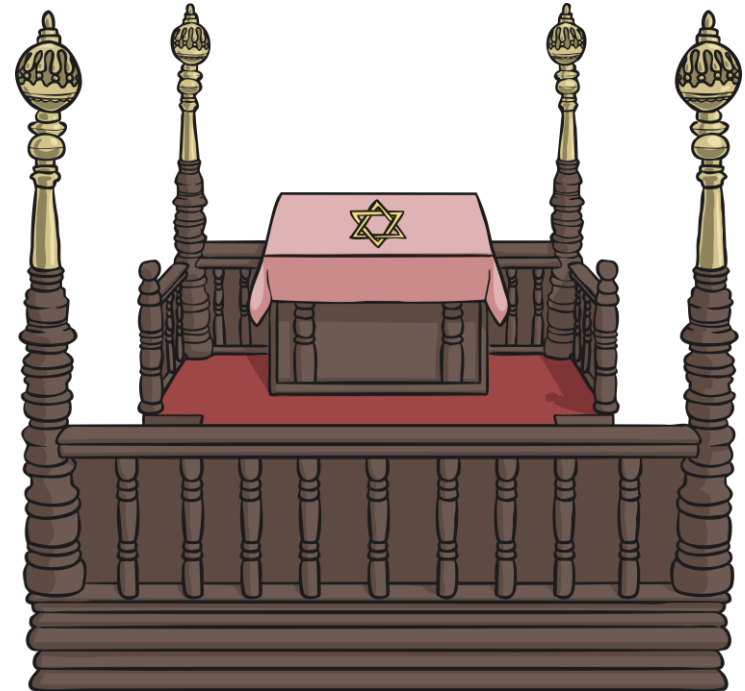


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The Bimah

The Jewish special book is called the Torah. It is sacred to Jewish believers. The **bimah** is a raised platform where the Torah is placed when it is to be read from. This is often in the middle of the room, or at the end of the room near the **ark**. The **cantor** stands here, too.



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The Ark

To look after their special book, every synagogue has an **ark**. This is a special place where the Torah is kept. It is often on the main wall of the synagogue and impressively decorated.

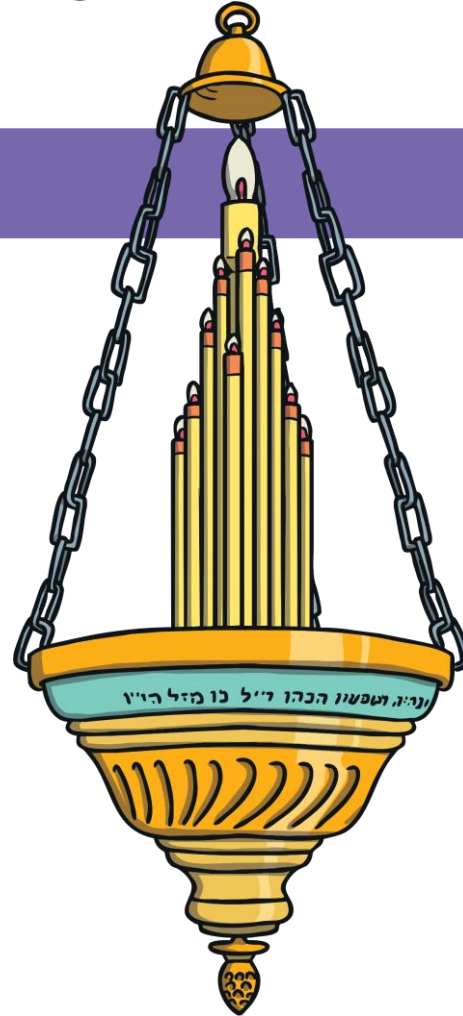


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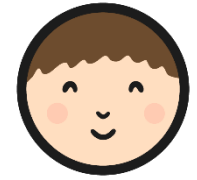


Eternal Light

In some synagogues, there is a light above the **ark**. This is called the Eternal Light. Its name comes from a verse in the Torah which says an eternal flame should burn in the temple all the time. It is also a reminder of the candles in the Temple in Jerusalem that stayed lit, which Jews believe was a miracle of God.
















Match It Up!



How much can you remember about the things you might find in a synagogue?

Complete the **Parts of a Synagogue Matching Activity Sheet** to show much you now know about a synagogue.

<p>★ Can you match to the name of</p>	<p>★★ How much can picture and place in the missing</p> <p>ark</p>	<p>★★★ Parts of a Synagogue Can you match the picture to its description? Cut out each picture and place it next to the description of the object it shows. Then, add labels to say what each object is.</p> <p>_____ → <input type="text"/> The special place on the main wall where the Torah is kept.</p> <p>_____ → <input type="text"/> The raised platform where the cantor stands and the Torah is placed.</p> <p>_____ → <input type="text"/> A shawl worn by men when they pray in the synagogue.</p> <p>_____ → <input type="text"/> A light above the ark which is always lit.</p>								
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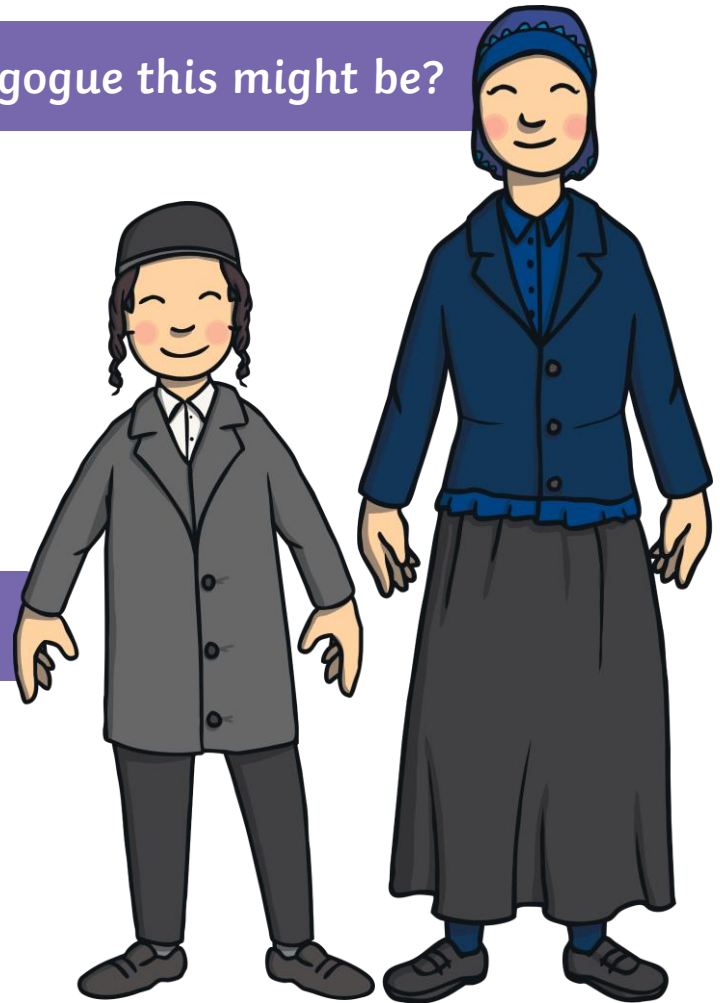


Can you guess which object from a synagogue this might be?

- ✓ I am worn by men.
- ✓ I am blue and white.
- ✓ I help show respect during prayer.



tallit – a prayer shawl



Guess the Object



Can you guess which object from a synagogue this might be?

- ✓ I am on the main wall of the synagogue.
- ✓ I look after the Jewish special book.
- ✓ I am impressive to look at.



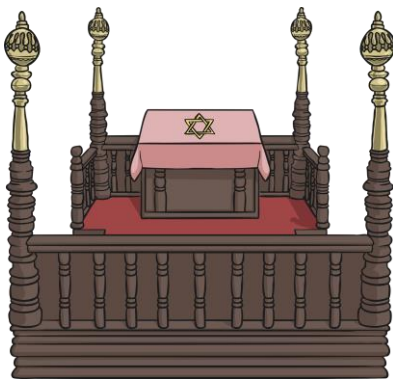
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Guess the Object



Can you guess which object from a synagogue this might be?

- ✓ I am where the cantor stands.
- ✓ I am where the Torah is placed.
- ✓ I am in the centre of the room.



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