



A synagogue is where Jews pray

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Menorah	a sacred candelabrum with seven branches
Star of David	the main Jewish symbol, named after the Jewish King David
Synagogue	the Jewish place of worship
Rabbi	Jewish religious leader
Ten Commandments	the rules God gave to Jews to live their lives by.
Torah	the Jewish holy book, written in Hebrew

FESTIVALS

Hanukkah – The Festival of Lights which is a week-long celebration. It marks the date when the Maccabees recaptured the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and re-directed it to Jewish worship.

Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year. It is a 10 day festival which ends with Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year.

Passover – when Jews remember how God rescued them from slavery.

MOSES

Moses was a very important person in the story of the Jewish people. The Jews were slaves in Egypt and it was Moses who helped them out of slavery. The Pharaoh would not let the Jewish people go until God sent 10 plagues to Egypt. Moses gave the Jewish people leadership and strength when they struggled with their faith in God and led them to safety across the red sea.

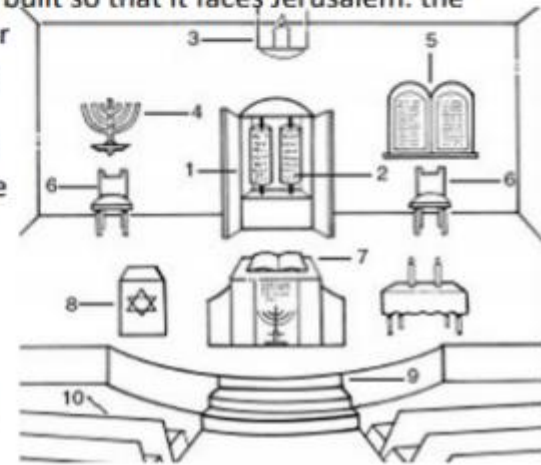
Examples of the plagues:

- Water turned to blood
- An influx of frogs
- Boils on humans and animals

SYNAGOGUE The Jewish place of worship. It is built so that it faces Jerusalem, the Jewish holy city. Men cover their heads and wear the tallit and sometimes women will cover their heads too.

The service is led by a rabbi. There are readings from the Torah scrolls which are taken out of the Ark.

The Ark is a cupboard where the Torah scrolls are kept when they are not being read. In a synagogue you will also find a menorah, the Star of David, the Ten Commandments displayed, an everlasting candle and the Bimah, a platform where the Torah is read.



Jewish men wear special items when they say prayers