



What can we learn from a synagogue?

Outcomes

- Know the synagogue is a place for worship, learning and community for Jews.
- Name the main features of a synagogue. List at least three artefacts and symbols found in a synagogue and explain their meaning.
- The Torah's teachings form the core beliefs of Judaism and include the Shema. Identify the impact of the Shema on Jews' lives
- Describe how the Torah is treated in the synagogue and explain how this shows its importance
- Explain how the Synagogue is central for community life, including during festivals such as Pesach.
- Retell the Pesach story and design a Seder plate.
- Know that Jesus was a Jew and his last supper was a celebration of Pesach (Passover).

Torah		Jewish holy book
synagogue		Jewish holy place
menorah		A seven branch candle.
mezuzah		A special box with a prayer inside. It is put on a doorpost.
Shema		Declaration of faith in one God.
Ark		Cabinet in the synagogue for the
bimah		A raised platform from which the Torah is read.
kippah		A small cloth cap worn by Jews.
Pesach		Festival of the Passover

The Torah is the most valuable and sacred object in the synagogue.

Pesach is where Jews remember the story of Moses leading the Jews out of Egypt and how the angel of death passed over.

Synagogue art contains no images of God, people or animals.