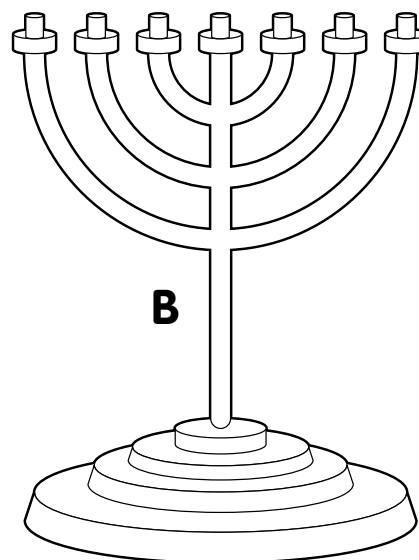
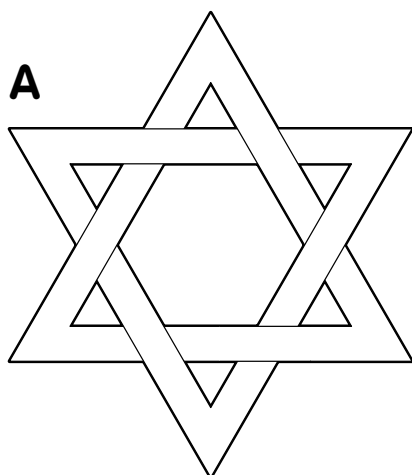


# The sanctuary

The Torah and Ark are kept in a room called the sanctuary.



**Q1.** What is the sanctuary used for? .....

**Q2.** What are two things the bimah is used for?

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**Q3.** What is the name of object **A**? .....

**Q4.** Who does it remind Jews of? .....

**Q5.** What is the name of object **B**? .....

**Q6.** Why does object **B** have seven 'branches'?

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**Q7.** (i) What is in the siddur?

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(ii) What is the chumash?

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## Answers

1. **Worship or prayer.**
2. **To rest the Torah scrolls on; to use as a podium for giving sermons.**
3. **Star of David.**
4. **King David.**
5. **Menorah.**
6. **Each branch stands for one of the days of the week.**
7. **(i) The prayers used during worship;  
(ii) A book version of the Torah.**

## Lesson objectives

- ▶ To help the children identify items in the sanctuary.
- ▶ To introduce some of the symbols of Judaism.

## Lesson outcomes

- ▶ The children can recognise a Star of David and a menorah and know they are symbols of Judaism.
- ▶ The children understand that the sanctuary is used for worship.

## Teaching notes

*After King Solomon built the Temple in ancient Jerusalem, the Ark of the Covenant was kept in a room called the Holy of Holies, or the sanctuary. The sanctuary was the room in the ancient Temple where worship took place. Large synagogues today will have a separate sanctuary, but some smaller synagogues will only have one room. In these synagogues, the one room will be used as the sanctuary and for all of the other functions of a synagogue.*

## The menorah

*The menorah reminds Jews of the candelabra used in the Temple. In ancient times, the priests filled the menorah in the sanctuary with olive oil and lit it every evening. The seven branches stand for the seven days in a week. The seven-branched candelabrum used in the sanctuary is different from the eight or nine-branched candelabrum used on Hanukkah. The eight or nine-branched candelabra of Hanukkah commemorates a miracle – when a day's worth of oil lasted for eight days.*

## Star of David

*This is supposed to represent the shape of King David's shield. The symbol is also called the Magen David, which means Shield of David in Hebrew. King David was a Jewish king who is thought to have lived around 900 BCE. He was a warrior king, responsible for conquering Jerusalem and establishing it as the capital of Israel.*

## Complementary work

The children can investigate art in synagogues around the world to see how the art reflects local culture.

## Resources

Secondary sources or photographs of art in synagogues around the world.