



The

Synagogue





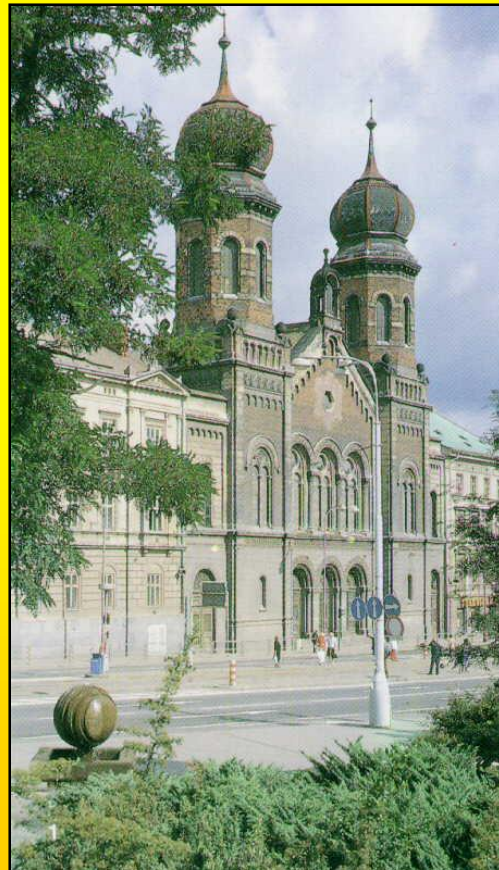
Jews speak a language called Hebrew. Important words, prayers and holy books are written in this language.

								
Tet (T)	Chet (Ch)	Zayin (Z)	Vav (V/O/U)	He (H)	Dalet (D)	Gimel (G)	Bet (B/V)	Alef (Silent)
								
Samech (S)	Nun (N)	Nun (N)	Mem (M)	Mem (M)	Lamed (L)	Khaf (Kh)	Kaf (K/Kh)	Yod (Y)
								
Tav (T/S)	Shin (Sh/S)	Resh (R)	Qof (Q)	Tzade (Tz)	Tzade (Tz)	Fe (F)	Pe (P/F)	Ayin (Silent)



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**Although all synagogues may look different, they all contain a number of things which they have in common.**



**These are interiors of two older style synagogues.**





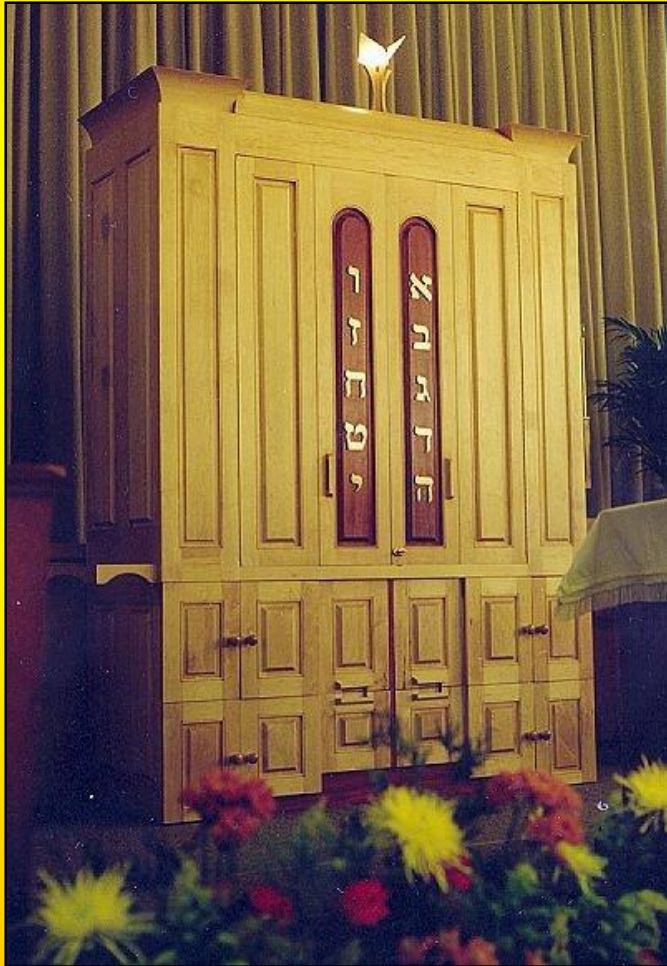
## The Holy Ark

All synagogues have a special cupboard with a curtain over it. This is where the Torah scrolls are kept.

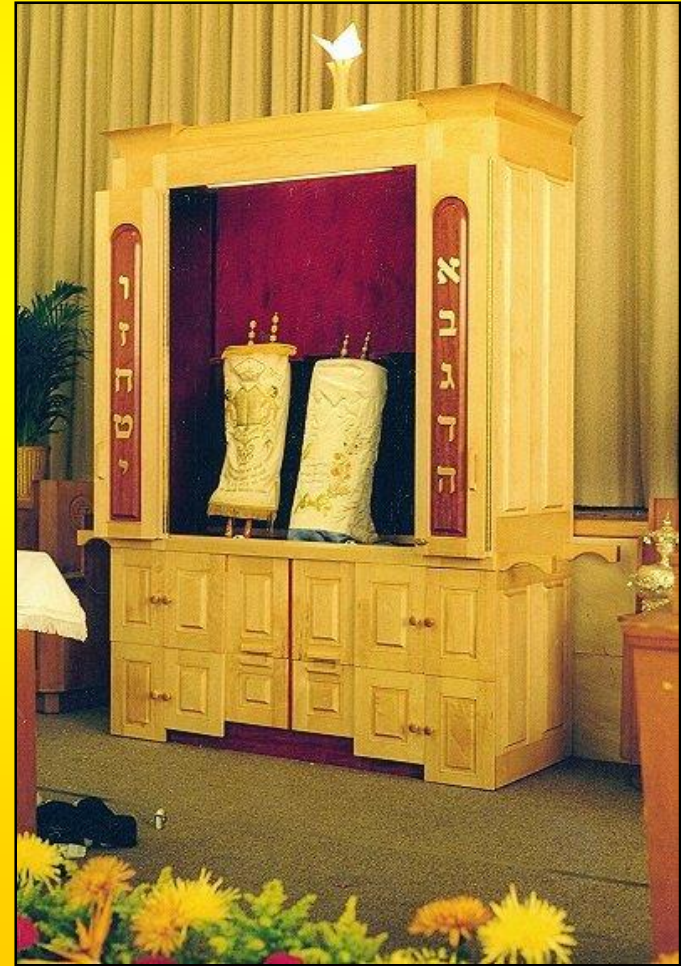




**There are usually words above the ark which say either 'Know before whom you stand' or 'I have set the Lord always before me'.**



**The first letters or numbers on the Ten Commandments are usually found on the doors or curtain of the Ark.**

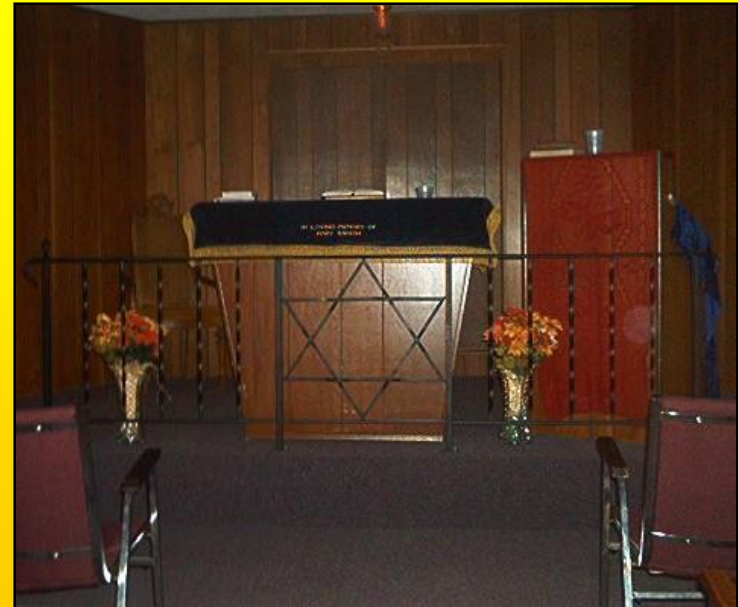






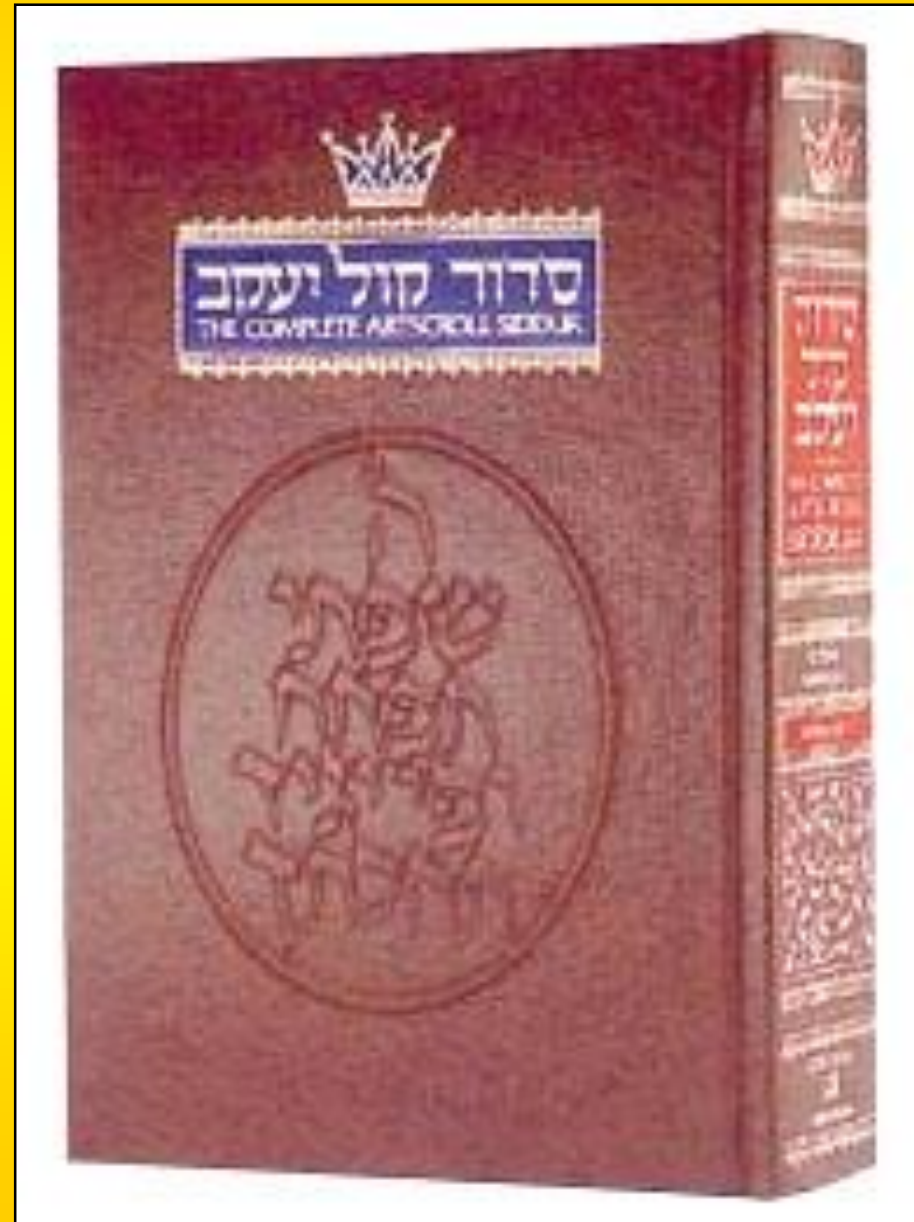
## The Bimah

This is the stand where the Torah scrolls are read from.



## The Siddur

This is the Jewish prayer book.







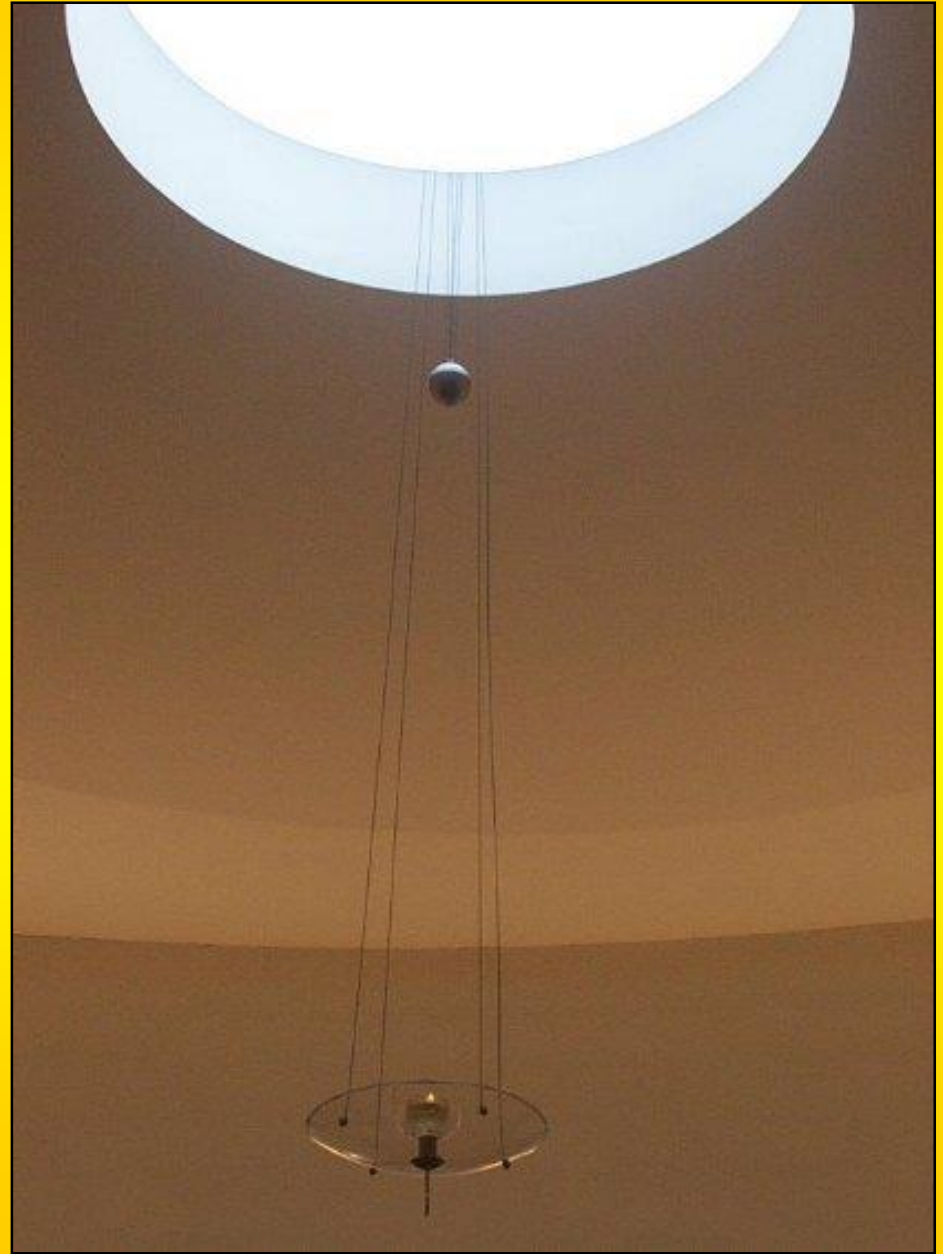
## The Menorah

**A seven-branched  
candlestick.**



## Ner Tamid

The everlasting light, it hangs over the Ark.





# The Torah Scroll

This is a written record of the first five books of the Old Testament.



**There are a few other things that you will also see in most synagogues that you visit:**

- **The Star of David**



- **Prayers written in Hebrew displayed on the wall. In Britain, these may be prayers for Israel and the British Royal Family.**





**How many things can you see in this picture?**





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