

Jewish Artefacts

WALT: know about different artefacts

WILF: to identify at least 3 Jewish
artefacts

What do you think?



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Kiddush

- Kiddush is the Hebrew term making holy. The Kiddush is the prayer recited over a cup of wine in the home or synagogue to sanctify the Sabbath or festivals.
- The prayer consists of a passage from the book of Genesis, a blessing over wine and a blessing for the day.
- In some synagogues a Kiddush is recited after the Saturday morning service as part of a social get together.

What does it look like?



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Tallit

- A tallit is a large prayer shawl, made of wool or silk, which has fringes attached to each of its four corners
- This passage states that the practice is to remind Jews that they are to obey God's commandments and live a life dedicated to God as it was God who delivered them out of slavery in Egypt under Moses.
- The tallit is usually white and has often got black or blue stripes on it. The tallit is worn over the shoulders with the corners left hanging at the front and the back so that the wearer is surrounded by the fringes. It is worn by Jewish men during morning prayer and all day during the Day of Atonement.

What you think?



Kippah

- Skull caps are worn by most Jewish men. Some wear one at all times as a sign of humility before God, others wear one when praying or studying the Torah whether at home or in the synagogue.
- It helps to remind them that God is above and it is a sign of respect

What do you think?



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Challah

- The two plaited loaves on the Sabbath table recall the double portion of manna received by the Hebrews each Friday morning on their journey through the wilderness after their deliverance from Egypt.



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Hanukkah

- The Hannukah is the special nine-branched candlestick associated with Hannukah.
- Hannukah, a Hebrew word which means Dedication, it is an eight day Jewish festival which is celebrated in December.



Matzah

- Matzah is the Hebrew word for unleavened bread
- It is a thin wafer-like bread which is made from a mixture of flour and water. Because it does not contain yeast, it can be baked quickly.
- According to the Jewish scriptures, the Hebrews took matzah with them when they fled from Egypt because they did not have time to wait for the bread to rise. To commemorate this, matzah is eaten on the first night of Passover.



Mezuzah

- Mezuzah is the Hebrew word for door post. The mezuzah is a parchment scroll which is placed in a small container fastened to the right door post of the house and rooms in traditional Jewish homes.
- The parchment includes the most famous of all Jewish scriptural passages, the Shema,



Torah

- Torah, the Hebrew word for teaching
- The term Torah is used of the first five books of the Jewish Scriptures which are traditionally attributed to Moses, but is also used for the whole Jewish law and for the scroll on which these laws are written.
- The law offers guidance on many aspects of Jewish life. The Torah scrolls used in synagogues are written by hand and are held in the greatest respect.



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Shofar

- The Shofar is a ceremonial wind instrument usually made from a ram's horn which is blown during certain Jewish festivals
- In particular during Rosh ha'Shanah, the Jewish New Year. According to tradition the sound of the Shofar represents the cry of the human soul yearning to be reunited with God its creator.

- Now time for a game
- Describe one of the Jewish artefacts and get your neighbour to guess which one it is
- You can describe what it looks like and what it is used for
- Good luck!