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The Family in Judaism: How does being Jewish make a difference to family and celebration?

Vocabulary		The Torah scrolls with a
Jews	People who practice Judaism.	Yad resting on top
Jewish	Belonging to the faith of Judaism.	ZIVAN
Precious	Of great importance. Very valuable.	
The Torah	The Jewish Holy Book. Every Synagogue has a Torah that is handwritten on scrolls. Noone is allowed to touch the parchment. It is written in a language called Hebrew.	
Worship	An act of devotion to something or someone you admire.	
Synagogue	The Jewish place of worship.	
Mezuzah	A small, usually decorated case with a particular Jewish prayer rolled inside. The prayer is called the Shema.	Challah
Shema	A prayer, part of the Jewish holy book, the Torah. It's written in Hebrew, and ancient language used by Jews. Shema literally means 'Listen'	
Shabbat	The Jewish weekly day of rest. Shabbat starts at on Friday and lasts until the sun sets on Saturday. During Shabbat, Jews remember that God created the world and on the seventh day he rested. Jews believe God's day of rest was a Saturday.	
Challah	Special Jewish bread eaten on special occasions such as Shabbat.	
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Ark	The special cupboard in the synogogue in which the Torah is kept safe.		
Synagogue	The building where Jews gather to worship together.		
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Hebrew	The language that the Torah is written in. A very, very old language.		
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Sofer	Scribe. The person who makes copies of the Torah.		
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Festival	A special time of celebration. Often a festival is a time to remember something from long ago.		
Hannukah	A Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights. It is also known as the festival of lights. It represents joy and a celebration of victory against enemies of the Jews.		
Purim	A festival to celebrate the story of Esther, a Jewish girl who became Queen of Persia.		

The Torah scroll with a Yad resting on top



Hanukkah Menorah



Which parts of the Synagogue can you name?

