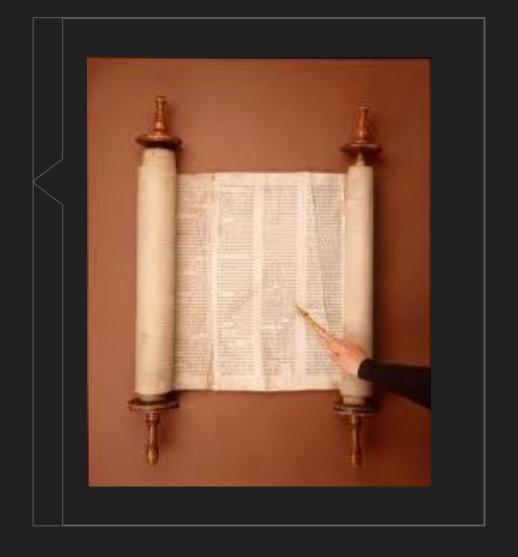
Jewish Festivals

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THE JEWISH FESTIVALS

The Jewish Sabbath or Shabbat begins on sundown Friday night and ends at night fall. This day or rest is one of the most important holy days in the Jewish calendar and it's considered a holiday.





Passover

Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is celebrated to commemorate the liberation of the children of Israel who were led out of Egypt by Moses. Passover commences on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Nisan and lasts for seven days (in Israel).

Passover

Passover is a major eight day festival. A highlight is the Seder meal held in the home of each family at the beginning of the festival, when the story of their deliverance is recounted as narrated in the Haggadah (the telling, the story).



This is what a synagogue looks like





What is a synagogue?

A synagogue, or a temple, is a Jewish house of worship. It is also called a shul in Yiddish. Local synagogues and the holy temple in Jerusalem probably co-existed before the destruction of the temple. Yet, since the destruction of the temple, Jews, being scattered across the globe as they are, usually use local synagogues to worship and congregate.

The Kippah

A kippah or yarmulke (also called a kappel or "skull cap") is a thin, slightly-rounded cap traditionally worn by Jewish men.



The kittel

A kittel is a white kneelength cotton robe worn by Jewish prayer leaders and some Orthodox Jews on the high holidays. In some families, the head of the household wears a kittel at the Passover seder.



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