

Exploring the Symbols of Judaism

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of key symbols and objects used in Jewish faith and practice.

Use your knowledge of Judaism to complete the drawing activity below. Read the labels in the word bank and place them in the correct positions on your sketch. Be sure to include the specific details mentioned in the drawing prompt to show your understanding of their meaning.

Draw: Create a detailed scene of a study table. 1) Draw a seven-branched Menorah in the centre. 2) To the side, draw a Torah scroll that is partially unrolled. 3) Draw a small, pointed rod called a 'Yad' resting near the scroll. 4) Draw a Kippah (a small cap) resting on a nearby chair. 5) Sketch a large Star of David on the wall behind the table. Use a clean, educational style with clear outlines so each symbol is easy to identify and label.



Label words: Menorah · Kippah · Star of David · Torah Scroll · Yad

Steps:

1. Explain why the Menorah is an important symbol in Judaism. How many branches does it traditionally have?
2. What is the purpose of the 'Yad' when reading from the Torah scroll?
3. Why do you think it is important for objects like the Torah to be handled with great care and respect?

4. Draw a Star of David in the space provided. Describe its appearance using two geometric terms.
5. Where is the Kippah worn, and what does it symbolise for the person wearing it?