

## Key Features in a Synagogue

The Ark	The Ark is the most important feature in the synagogue. Inside the ark, the handwritten holy scrolls known as the 'Sefer Torah' are kept.
The Yad	A pointer used to read the scrolls.
The Bimah	This is a platform in the centre of the synagogue. The scrolls are read from here.
The Ner Tahmid	Also known as Ner Tamid. This light is kept burning to show God is always present.
The Pulpit	The Rabbi (religious leader) preaches a sermon from here.
The Gallery	The seating area upstairs is just for the women.

## Key People

Abraham	Abraham was the first person to teach the idea that there was only one God; before then, people believed in many gods. He is a prophet in Judaism, Christianity & Islam.
Moses	After the Ten Plagues, where <b>Moses</b> saved the slaves from the Egyptians. <b>Moses</b> led the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt and across the Red Sea, after which they based themselves at Mount Sinai, where <b>Moses</b> received the Ten Commandments.

## Key Terms

Judaism	The monotheistic religion of the Jews.
Covenant	An agreement between a human & God.
Promise Land	The land of Canaan, that was promised to Abraham and his descendants by God.
10 Commandments	<b>The Ten Commandments</b> are laws or rules handed down to Moses by God on Mount Sinai. An example <b>of the Ten Commandments</b> is "I am the LORD thy God. Thou shalt have no strange gods before Me" and "Thou shall not kill."
Abrahamic Religion	An <b>Abrahamic religion</b> is a <b>religion</b> whose followers believe in prophet Abraham. The best known <b>Abrahamic religions</b> are Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
Judgement	When God will judge humans on their actions.
Synagogue	Place of Worship for Jewish people.
Tanakh	The holy book of Judaism, consisting of the Torah, Nevi'im & Ketuvim.
Star of David	The symbol of Judaism, known as the shield of David.
Yom Kippur	The day of atonement.
Pesach	The remembrance of Passover.
Rosh Hashanah	The Jewish New Year.
Rabbi	A Jewish teacher / scholar.
Hebrew	The language the Tanakh is written in.

## The Ten Commandments

<b>Thou Shalt Have No Gods Before Me</b>
A person should not worship any other Gods or 'things'
<b>Thou Shalt Not Make Graven Images</b>
Do not create carved idols or worship items
<b>Thou Shalt Not Take the Lord's Name in Vain</b>
Do not Blaspheme—Say bad things about God
<b>Remember to Keep Holy the Sabbath</b>
Follow the rules of Sabbath—A day of rest for Jews
<b>Honour Thy Father and Thy Mother</b>
Respect your family
<b>Thou Shalt Not Kill</b>
Do not murder
<b>Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery</b>
Do not cheat on your wife or husband
<b>Thou Shalt Not Steal</b>
Do not steal
<b>Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness</b>
Do not lie
<b>Thou Shalt Not Covet</b>
Do not be jealous



Images of the Prophets