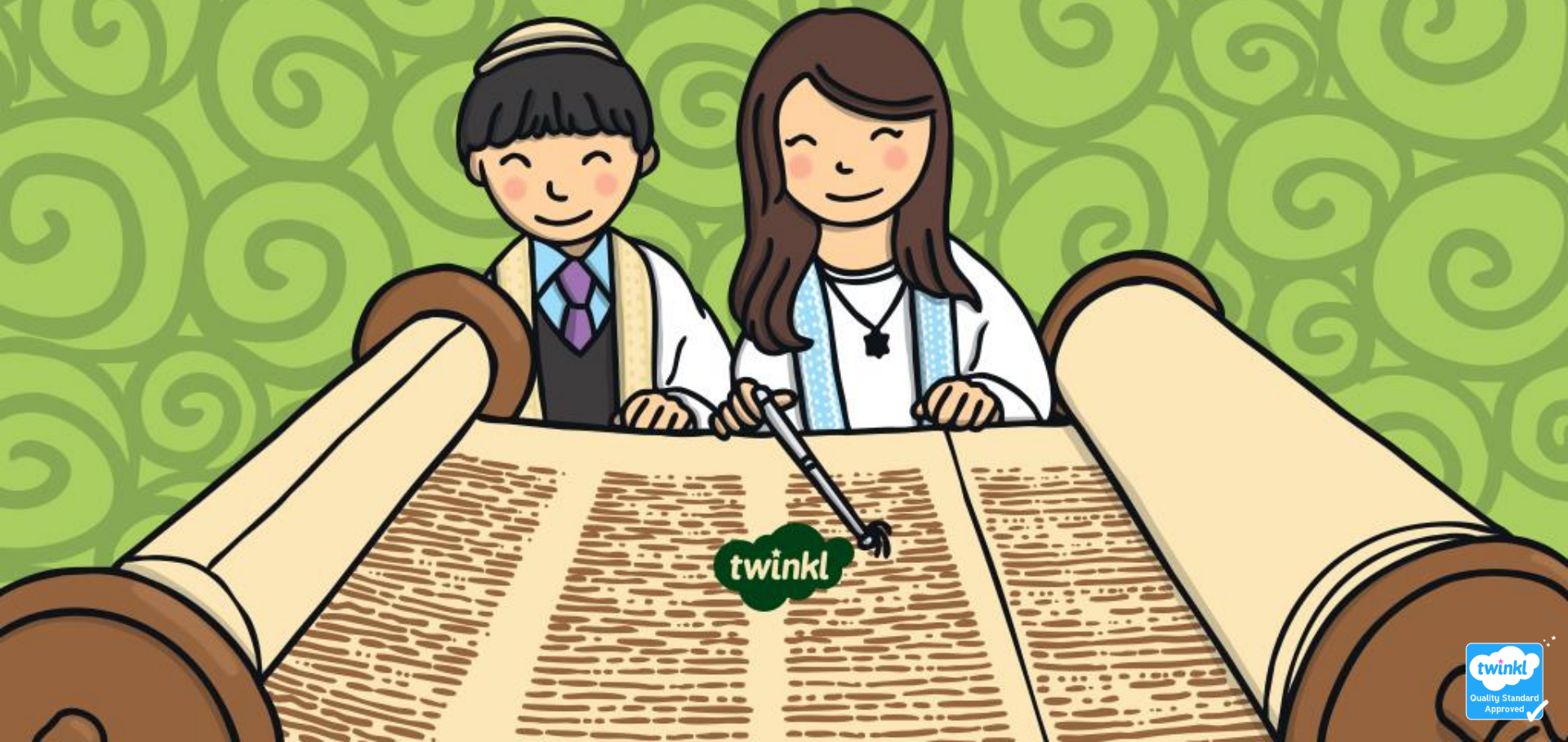


Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Judaism



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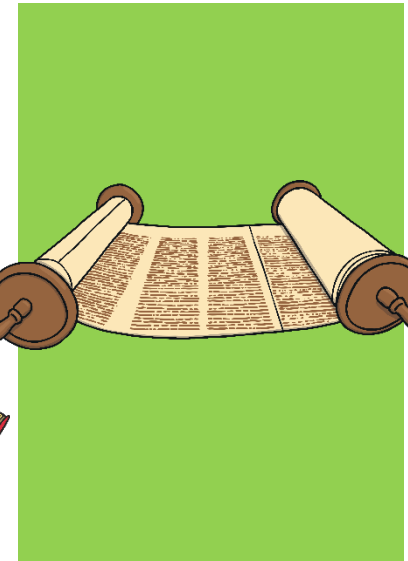
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Which Religion?



With a partner, look at these pictures.
Which religion do you think these pictures represent?



Today, we will be learning about a ceremony from Judaism.

Learning about Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs



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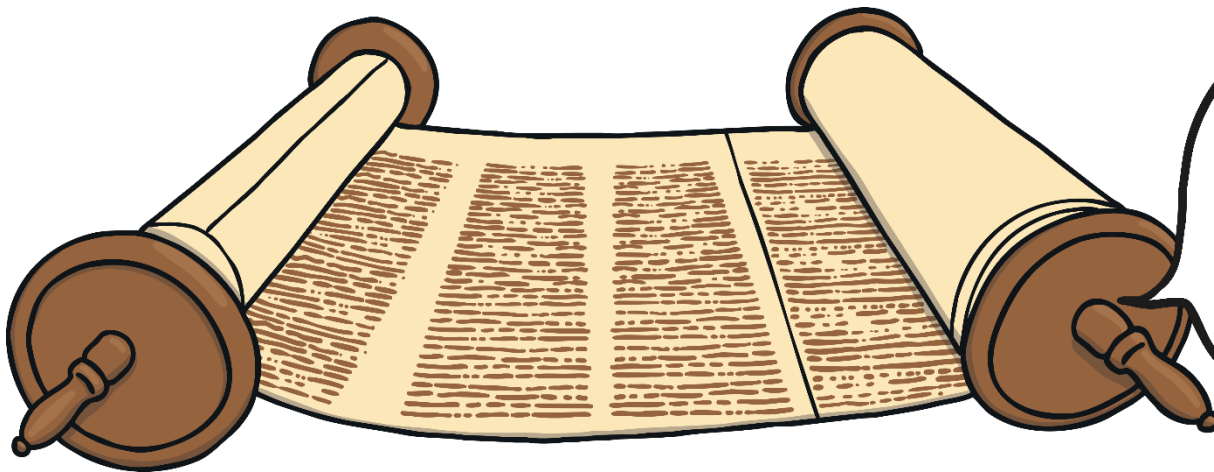


A Rite of Passage

Becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a 'rite of passage'.

This means it is part of growing up.

Young Jewish people spent a lot of time preparing for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. They read their holy book and learn about their faith.



Tell a
friend...
What is a
'holy book'?

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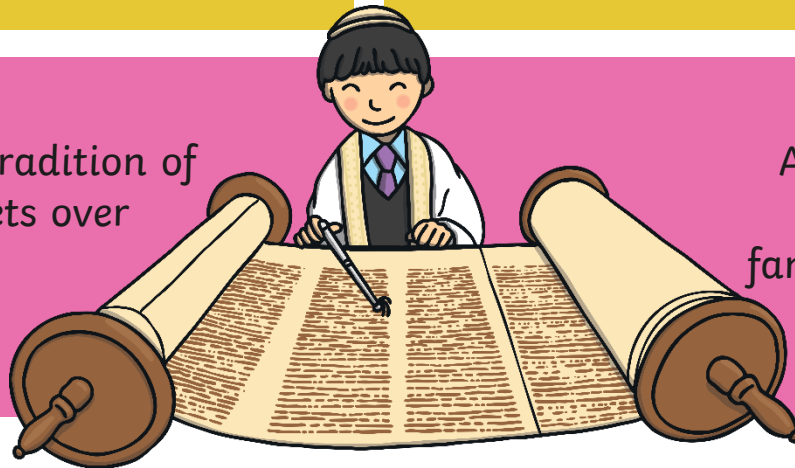


The Bar Mitzvah Ceremony

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The Bat Mitzvah Ceremony

In an Orthodox synagogue, a Bat Mitzvah will not sing, but will speak instead.

She will normally speak about something important to her that she has learned about.



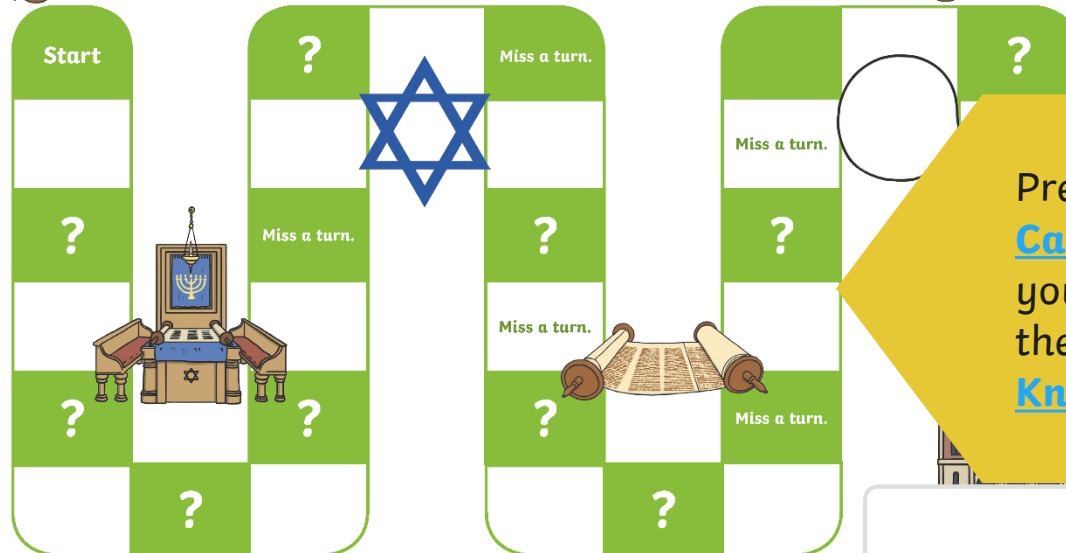
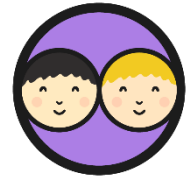
At their Bat Mitzvah, girls may read a prayer that is special to them. The prayer is about how women are worth more than rubies or diamonds.

In a Reform synagogue, the Bat Mitzvah ceremony can be very similar to the Bar Mitzvah ceremony.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Knowledge Board Game



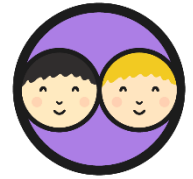
Instructions

A game for 2 players. You will need a counter each and one die in order to play. Roll the die and see where you land. If you land on a 'Q' space, your partner should read the question on the card from the top of the pile to you. If you get the answer right, move on 3 spaces. If you don't get it right, stay on that space. The winner is the first to reach the synagogue.

Prepare your [Question Cards](#) to allow you and your partner to then play the [Bar/Bat Mitzvah Knowledge Board Game](#).

Place your question cards here.

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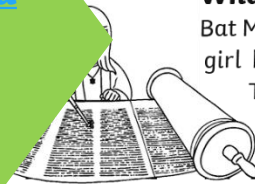
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You may find the [Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs Information Sheet](#) helpful for this activity.



Discussion



Do you agree with 12 and 13 being a good age to become more responsible? Why or why not?

At what age do you think children should be responsible for their own decisions and actions?



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