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Many years ago, the Temple stood in Jerusalem.

It was the holiest place for the Jews.

In the Temple stood a special, golden Menorah with _____ (seven) branches that always lit up the Temple.

The High Priest would light the Menorah with pure _____ (olive) oil.

1000 + 1000 _____ (2000) years ago, the Romans destroyed the _____ (Temple) in Jerusalem and took the precious Temple vessels with them back to Rome.

Among the vessels that they took was also the _____ (Menorah).

Even though it was taken to Rome, it was a Jewish symbol.

It symbolized the Temple; after the Temple was destroyed, it symbolized the Jewish people.

olive

seven

Rome

two

Menorah

Temple

Look at the pictures in front of you. These are different examples of the Menorah as a Jewish symbol

Choose the correct answer from the word bank and write the correct word under each picture.



A Menorah on the symbol of the State of Israel



A Menorah on a Hasmonean coin from the time of the Temple

Photo: Revital Vais



A Menorah from a burial cave in Beit Shearim.

Photo: Shay Eshcenazi



A Menorah in a mosaic from the floor of a synagogue in Tiberias

Photo: Orya Tadmor
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A Menorah on a golden pendant found near to Temple Mount