

symbols

- ? What is a symbol? _____
- ? Why do we need symbols? _____

What is the Jewish symbol? Where did it come from?

Fill in the missing words using the word bank below

Many years ago, the _____ stood in Jerusalem.
It was the holiest place for the Jewish people.

In the Temple stood a special, golden Menorah that had _____ branches and always lit up the Temple.

The High Priest would light the Menorah using pure _____ oil.

____ thousand years ago, the Romans destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem and took the precious vessels from the Temple to _____.

Among the vessels that they took was the _____.

The Menorah symbolized the Temple, and after the Temple's destruction came to symbolize the Jewish people.

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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.



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

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

A Menorah on the symbol of the State of Israel

A Menorah on a golden pendant found near to Temple Mount

A Menorah from a burial cave in Beit Shearim.

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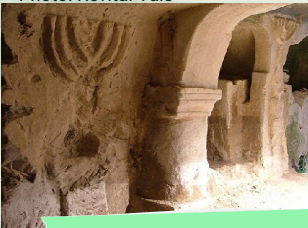


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Why do you think the Menorah _____
was chosen as the symbol of _____
the State of Israel? _____