

The Mezuzah



What is a Mezuzah?

The Mezuzah is a scroll which Jewish people keep inside a case.

What's important is the scroll, upon which the first two sections of the Shema are handwritten.



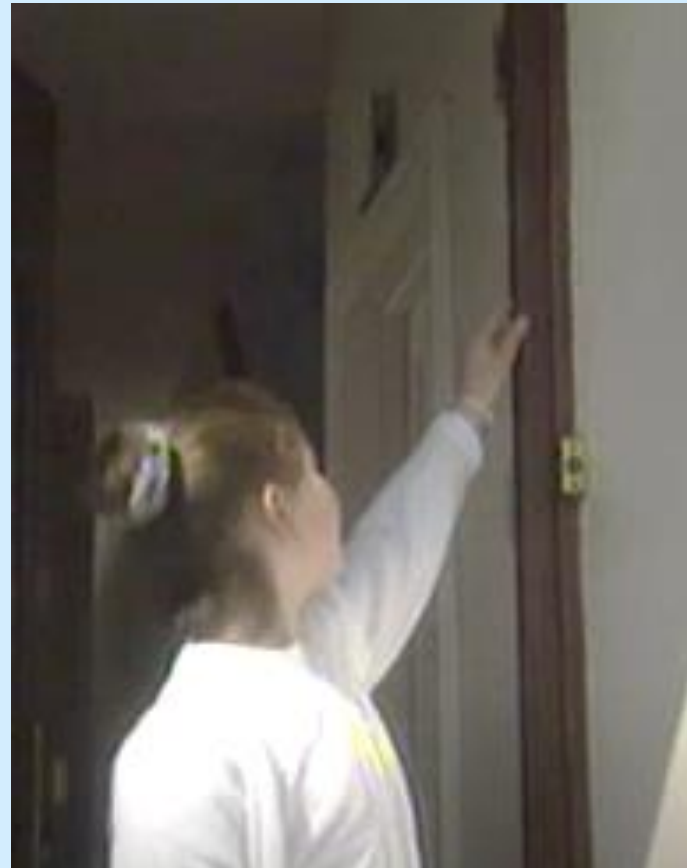
Where does a Mezuzah belong?

The Mezuzah is fixed to the right side of their doorframe and when Jewish people fix it there they chant 'Blessed are you, Lord, our God, Sovereign of the Universe'.



Why is the Mezuzah important?

The Mezuzah is placed on doorframes to constantly remind Jewish people of God's presence. Whenever a Jewish person goes through their door they touch the Mezuzah to remind themselves that God is there.



Why is the Mezuzah important?

Watch this video about Jewish life and rituals that are important to them.

Then continue reading these slides, there is another video to watch.



Judaism

The Torah is seen as a source of wisdom by Jewish people and is written in Hebrew. The Shema is a very important Jewish prayer which declares ones belief in one God.



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The Shema

An extract of the Shema translated from Hebrew into English;

Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord in One.
Blessed is the name of His glorious kingdom forever and ever.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul and all your might. Let these matters that I command you today be upon your heart. Teach it to your children and talk about it when you sit in your home, when you walk in the street, when you rest and when you arise.

Deuteronomy 6

The Shema

Try and complete the comprehension question sheet (Week 12 RE resource) after watching this video;

