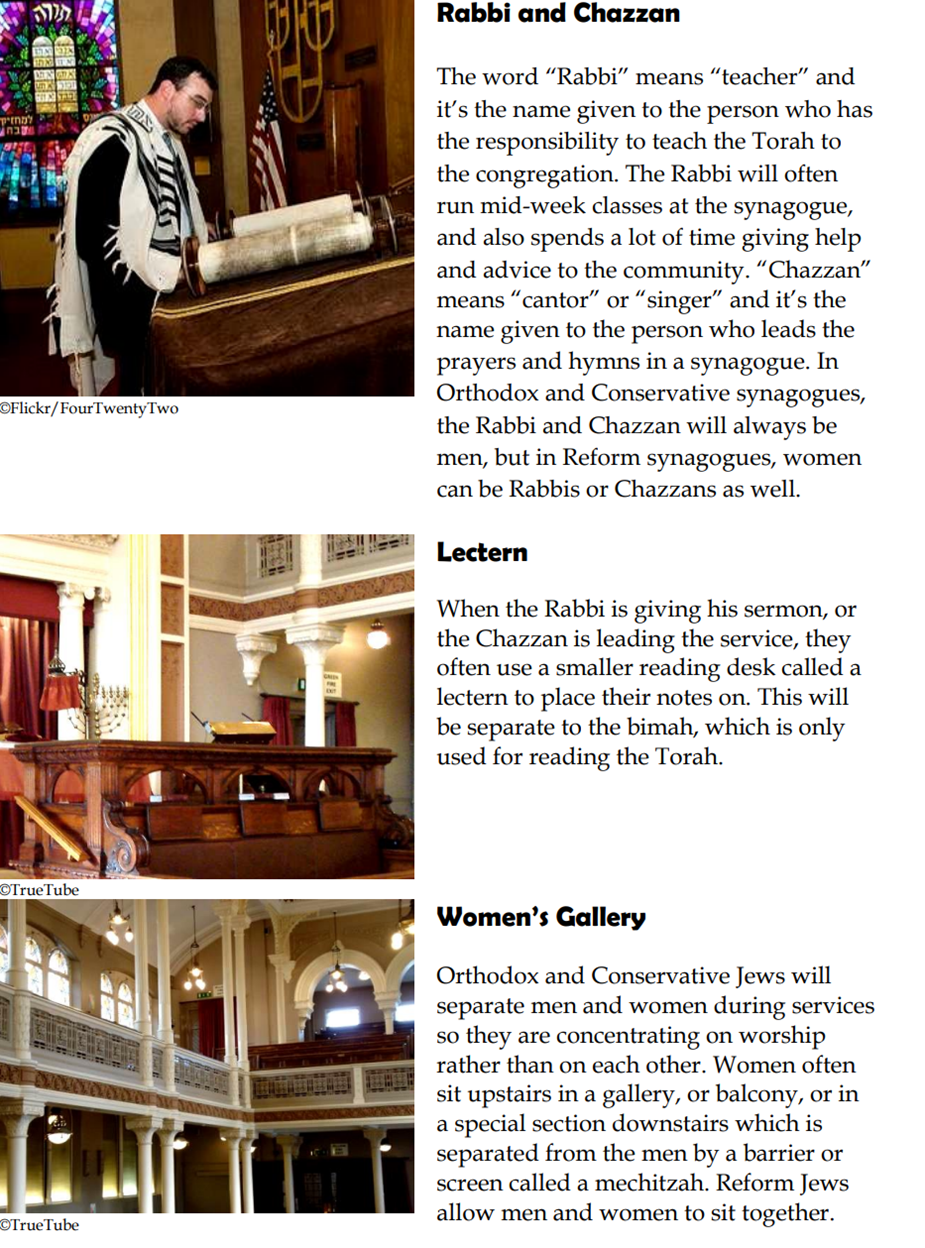


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**Kippah**

In Orthodox and Conservative

synagogues men are expected to cover

their heads as a sign of respect to G-d. They usually wear a skull cap called a

kippah, or yarmulke. Married women are

expected to cover their heads at all times

with a hat, scarf or wig. Unmarried

women might choose to cover their heads

as well.

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**Tallit**

Jews wear a special shawl called a tallit

whenever they pray at home or in the synagogue. The shawl has fringes called

tzitzit which represent the 613

Commandments in the Torah. The shawl

reminds Jews that they should be

following G-d’s commandments

whenever they put it on.

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**Tefillin**

Tefillin or phylacteries are small boxes

containing tiny scrolls with words from

the Torah written on them. They are

attached to leather straps so they can be

worn in a particular way on the head and

on the left arm. The Torah says, “Bind

these words as a sign on your hand, and

let them be an emblem in the centre of

your head”, so many Jews do just that

while they pray to remind themselves of

the importance of G-d’s words. Tefillin

are used during private prayer and so

they are not usually worn at the

synagogue.

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