

SCAVENGER HUNT:

WHAT IF A TIME MACHINE SUCKED YOU BACK INTO THE JEWISH PAST? WHAT DO YOU HAVE AT HOME THAT COULD PREPARE YOU TO LIVE THROUGH OUR PEOPLE'S PAST?

Oh no! You're all the way back in the Garden of Eden! This is one of the first stories in Torah, about Adam and Eve being tricked by a serpent. When God catches them, they hide.

- Something snake-like (Bonus: If it can talk)
- A fruit you really like
- Something that grows
- A great hiding spot for hide-and-go-seek

Oh no! You're a slave in Egypt! Being driven to build against your will is terrible. How can you get God to hear your cries!

- Sand
- Something you built
- A body of water (Bonus: if it's like a river)
- A way to be louder

Oh no! You're wandering the desert! God led the Israelites for forty years as a pillar of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night.

- Water
- Something smoky
- Something that burns (Bonus: If it burns only at night)
- Something that doesn't get boring quickly
- Water in a different form (You're in the desert – you always need more water!)

Oh no! Jerusalem has been captured and by the Babylonians, and you're being sent to Babylon! You gotta pack, and quickly!

- Something that makes you sad
- Something that reminds you of growing up
- Something that makes you hopeful

A suitcase or backpack (Bonus: If everything you found for this challenge fits inside)

Oh no! You're in Persia during the time of Purim! Haman wore a three-cornered hat when he threw lots (dice). The king was known for his epic feasts.

- Something lucky
- Dice
- Something three-sided (Bonus: If it's edible)
- Something devious
- Your favorite food to feast on

Oh no! You're in the land of Israel during the time of the Maccabees! They led a revolt against the Greeks and reclaimed the land for Jews. Their leader, Judah, was called "The hammer." We celebrate them around Channukah.

- A hammer
- Something with Greek written on it
- Something used for self defense
- Oil
- Something that lights up

Oh no! You're in the Golden Age of Spain! This is a period in the 12th century when Jews, Christians, and Muslims all lived peacefully in Spain. Maimonides, who was a Rabbi but also a doctor, lived during this time.

- Something golden
- Something a doctor might use
- Something with Spanish on it

Oh no! You're in 17th century Netherlands. While the Dutch were developing the world's first stock market, a Jewish man named Baruch Spinoza wrote book about philosophy. It was so controversial at the time that the Jewish court punished him.

- Something you'd trade
- A valuable item that isn't money
- Something a judge would use
- A book that makes you think

Oh no! You're at the first Zionist Congress in Switzerland. Early Zionist leaders like Theodore Herzl argued that the Jews, like other people, deserved their own country. In the early days, they Congress considered creating a Jewish state in Argentina. They also adopted *Hatikvah* to be the country's national anthem.

- Something from South America (Bonus if it's from Argentina)
- A way to be heard in a big meeting
- Something that gives you hope
- Something Swiss

Oh no! You're in Ellis Island, trying to get into America. Immigrants from Europe were required to go through processing on this island before being allowed into the country. Sometimes they were turned away and had to go back, though you could bribe the officials to let you in anyway.

- Something from around 1892 (bonus if it's from that exact year)
- An official document with your, or your family's, name on it
- Money
- Something from around 1954 (bonus if it's from that exact year)

Oh no! You're in a Jewish Shtetl! If you've seen *Fiddler on the Roof*, you know what to expect. It's a tradition! Jews lived separately from non-Jews in what we now call Russia, Poland, and Ukraine (and other Eastern European countries, too).

- A musical instrument (Bonus: If it's a stringed instrument – double bonus if it's a fiddle.)
- Something with Russian, Polish, or Ukrainian written on it
- Something with Yiddish written on it
- Something associated with Jewish tradition.