The Temple Book

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A temple is a place I go to pray and celebrate Jewish holidays. Sometimes a temple is called a synagogue or a shul.
When I go to temple, I put a kippah on my head. This shows that I am ready to pray.
I put a tallit over my shoulders. My tallit helps me to remember to follow G-d’s rules.
I sit quietly in my seat and read prayers from my siddur.
I listen to the Rabbi. The Rabbi leads everybody in prayer. He stands on a stage called the bimah.
There is a special cabinet on the bimah. It is called an ark.
What is inside the ark? I pull back the curtain and see the Torah! We keep the Torah safe in the ark when we are not reading it.
The Rabbi takes the Torah out of the ark and walks with it. When he comes near to me, I touch the Torah with my hand and kiss my hand.
I listen to the Rabbi while he reads stories from the Torah on the bimah.
I love going to temple!