

Exploring Why

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## Key Questions

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## About Aled and Siân

Aled and Siân love exploring the places where they live and the places they go to visit. They enjoy playing 'I Spy' to help them get to know these places better. In the *Exploring Why* series Aled and Siân are curious to find out why some of the things around them are important to their Christian, Jewish and Muslim friends.

The series takes seriously the social significance of religion and is based on extensive research into how children learn about themselves, others and the world in which they live.

To support this storybook series, there is a large range of free downloadable resources for children and teachers available at [hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources](http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources) and [st-marys-centre.org.uk](http://st-marys-centre.org.uk)

The storybooks and activities are devised for 5- to 7-year-olds, but the downloadable resources make the series relevant for younger and older children too.

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## Titles in the *Exploring Why* series are:

Bread  
Cross  
Light  
Menorah  
Veil  
Water  
Symbols of Faith





Aled and Siân are playing 'I spy'. Today they are looking for menorahs. I wonder how many menorahs they will see and where they will see them.



What do you think Aled and Siân saw inside Rebecca's café?



What can you see on the mantelpiece? Why is the Hanukkah menorah there?



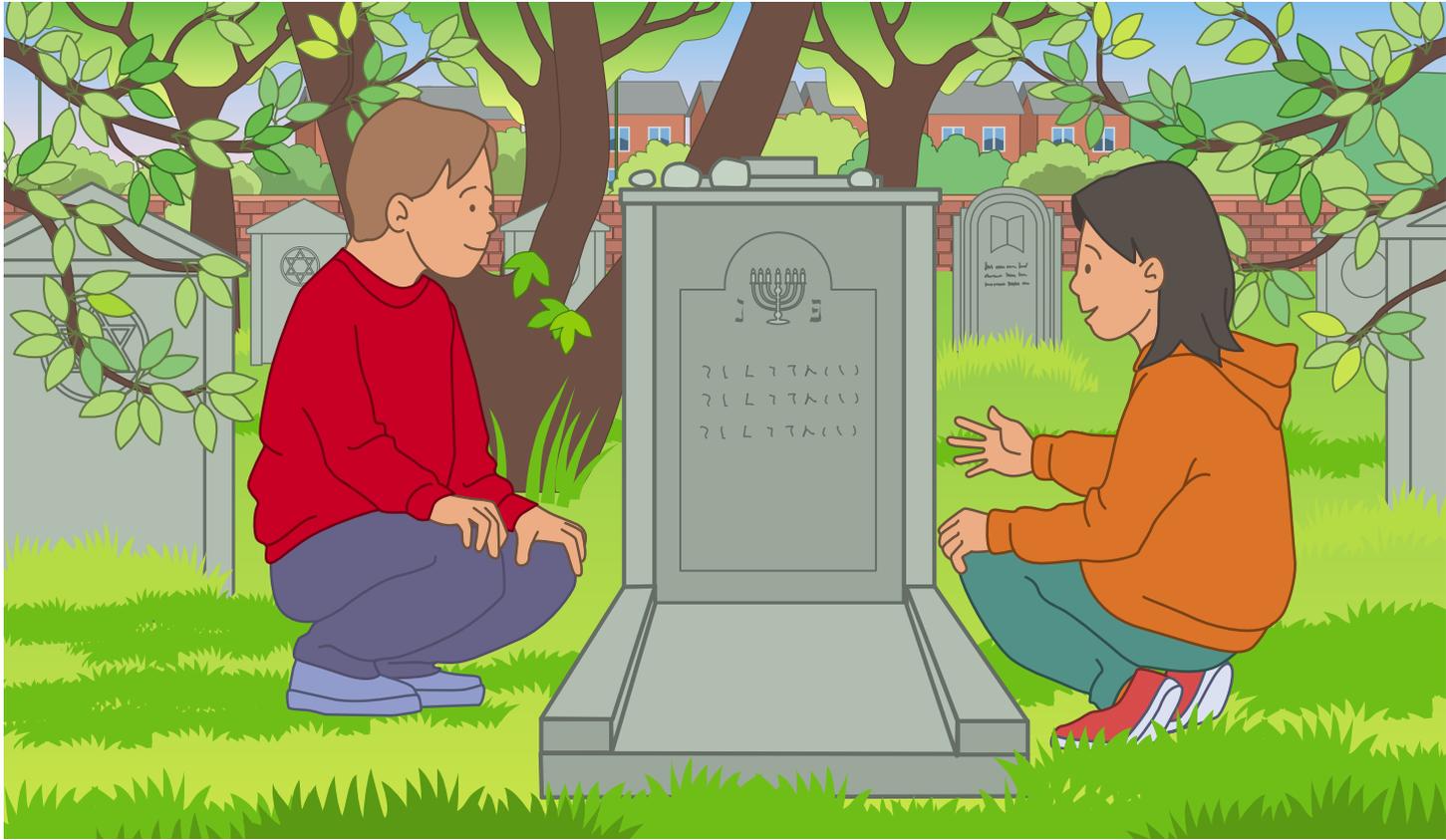
Who are the people you can see in the picture?



What other things do people wear on necklaces? Why is she wearing the menorah?



Where have you seen a postbox like the one in the picture?



Where have you seen memorials like the one in the picture? Why is the menorah there?



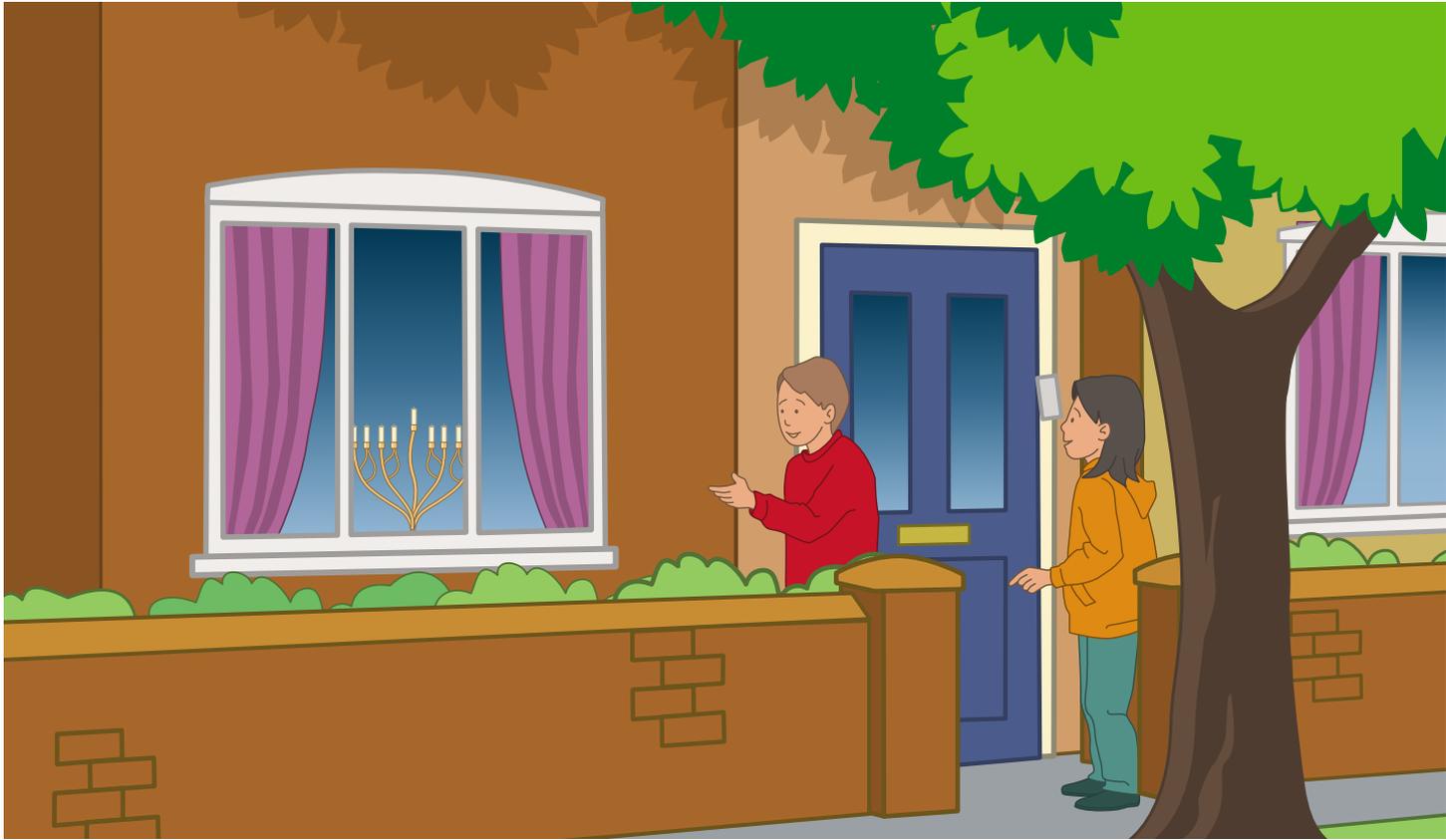
What do you think Aled and Siân saw in the music shop window?



Why do you think the menorah is in the music shop window?



What can you see in the windows of the house?



Why do you think the Hanukkah menorah is in the window?



What is Nathan wearing on his head?



Where have you seen stained-glass windows? What is special about them?



Where are Aled and Siân and what can they see?



Can you see where the lamp is burning? Why is it there?



What kind of trees can you see in the picture?



Who can you see in this picture?



What are the buildings you can see?



**Can you see where the lamp is burning? What are the people doing?**



How many candles can you see on the Hanukkah menorah?

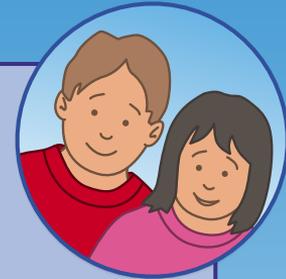


How many of the candles have been lit on this Hanukkah menorah?



What have Aled and Siân learned about the menorah?

Aled and Siân are playing 'I Spy' and today they are looking for 'Menorahs'. They find menorahs in all kinds of places around where they live. When Aled and Siân visit their friends, Nathan and Rachel, they start asking an important question – “I wonder why the menorah is so important?” With the help of Nathan and Rachel, Aled and Siân begin to find some answers.



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