

The focus of interest, last to be encountered as the worshipper walks across the mosaic floor toward the standing Torah shrine on the south wall, is the panel depicting the holy objects. A Torah shrine stands in the center with closed paneled doors concealing its scrolls of the Law. The ark curtain is tied so as to reveal its doors. The shrine has two columns in front and a shell motif on the pediment above the doors. Finely detailed menoroth stand left and right of the Torah shrine with flames at the tip of each branch. In the area below each menorah are a *lulav* (palm branch bound with myrtle and willow), an *etrog* (citron)--ritual objects important in the festival of *Sukkot* (Tabernacles)--a shofar (ram's horn) and an incense shovel.