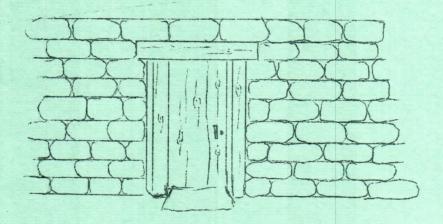


The one room house had only one door.

The opening for the door was important. The sides and top of the door were made strong by doorposts on each side and across the top.



A stone sill was put across the bottom of the door to keep water out of the house.

The door was made of wood. It was left open all day. It was shut at night.

There was a bar on the inside of the door to lock it.

Big wooden keys were made to unlock such a door from the outside.

TURN CARD OVER

In a Jewish home a little box is hung on the side of the door. Every time a Jew goes into his house he touches this box with his fingers. Then he puts his fingers on his lips. This box is called a Mezuzah.



In the box is a tiny roll of paper with a Bible verse on it.

Hear, O Israel, The Lord
our God is one Lord.
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart.
(See Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

When the Jews touch the box they remember God and His command.