



Making a Jewish Home... ...from Home

Easy at-home Jewish learning from the ISJL

THE BIG IDEA: Making a Jewish Home

There are many different versions of what a Jewish family looks like. Regardless of that construction, we can all make a Jewish home. While watching the following video, think about what makes you feel Jewish and what Jewish objects you have at home:

[https://www.yo...v=VyR3miAY3rM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyR3miAY3rM)

STORY: Under the Sabbath Lamp

Under the Sabbath Lamp by Michael Herman is a story about a special family heirloom that makes Shabbat special for his family.

<https://www.getepic.com/book/45577666/under-the-sabbath-lamp>

ACTIVITY: Make a M'zuzah

One thing that can help build a Jewish home is putting up a *m'zuzah* (doorpost/parchment scroll containing the words of the *Sh'mah*) by your front door or bedroom door. If you do not have a mezuzah or just want an extra special one, there are a couple of creative and unique ways to create one found at the following link:

<https://www.kveller.com/article/make-a-mezuzah/>

ACTIVITY: Recording Family History

As we saw in the book, part of making a Jewish home is using your family history to build traditions and to learn more about yourself. Being stuck at home is a great excuse to call family members and have them tell you their stories. You can use the Jewish Women's Archive resource for tips on what questions to ask and how to record it at the following link:

<https://jwa.org/stories>