

Torah binders belong to the most interesting Jewish textiles in many Jewish museums as well as private possessions all around the world. Torah binder binds the Torah scroll together when the scroll is not being used, the binder protects and decorates it. One type of a Torah binder, so called wimpel, used to be made from a swaddling cloth used at boy's circumcision. It was then washed, cut into four stripes and sewn together again in the form of a narrow, long strip of cloth. The custom developed over four hundred years, it arose in Southern Germany and in slightly modified forms spread all around the Ashkenazi Europe.