

Y5 RE Knowledge organiser – UNIT 4

UNIT U2.9 Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?

My Key Learning



What do I already know?

A **mezuzah** is put on the door frames of houses. It has a prayer in it.

The **Shema** prayer is rolled up inside telling Jewish people about God. It can be found in the book of Deuteronomy 6: 4-9.

Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one.



Shabbat is begins on Friday night with a special meal.

Jewish people remember the day that God rested after creating the world.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
atonement	Making up for something and asking for forgiveness
deliverance	being set free
Exodus	second book of the Talmud telling the story of Jews leaving Egypt
kosher	food prepared according to Jewish law
Passover	Jewish holiday to celebrate the Jews escaping Egypt
Sabbath	day of rest and worship
synagogue	Place of worship for Jewish people
torah	The holy book in Judaism

The **Sefer** torah is a handwritten scroll that is used in each week in the synagogue for the annual cycle of readings.

The **Tenakh** is the written torah – the holy book. The name refers to three things:

- T**orah – The Laws
- N**evi'im – The Prophets
- K**etuvim – the Writings



The first five books of the Tenakh tell the story of the **Exodus and Passover** as well as the laws that are followed today. There are 613 commandments (also called **mitzvot**) in the Torah – these include the Ten Commandments.

Rosh Hashanah is the creation of the world.

Yom Kippur is the "Day of Atonement".

Shabbat is the Sabbath day.

What Is Considered Kosher?

KOSHER	NOT KOSHER
<p>Chews its cud and has split hooves COWS, SHEEP, GOATS, DEER</p>	<p>Doesn't chew cud and/or doesn't have split hooves PIGS, RABBITS, KANGAROO</p>
<p>Domesticated species CHICKEN, DUCK, TURKEY</p>	<p>All scavenger and predatory birds VULTURE, EAGLE, OWL</p>
<p>Has both fins and scales TROUT, TUNA, SALMON</p>	<p>Does not have both fins and scales CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSKS, WATER MAMMALS</p>
<p>KOSHER Chuck, rib, shoulder, plate</p> <p>NOT KOSHER Loin, sirloin, rump, flank, heel</p>	<p>MEAT AND DAIRY TOGETHER</p>

The laws of food:

Kosher food is prepared in a certain way in line with Jewish law.

The Synagogue

