



## Unit 1.7 Who is Jewish and how do they live (part 2)?

### Enquiry Questions

- What special objects might we find in a Jewish home?
- What is inside a mezuzah and what does it mean?
- Why do Jewish people put mezuzot on the doorposts of their houses?
- What stories do Jewish people tell from the Jewish bible?

### What will I know by the end of the unit?

The Star of David is a special symbol for Jewish people.

In a Jewish home you might find a mezuzah, candlesticks, challah bread, a seder plate, a matzah cover, kippah, prayer books, chanukiah, tefillin, a menorah.



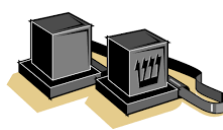
mezuzah



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kippah



tefillin



menorah

A mezuzah is put on the doorposts of houses. The plural of mezuzah is mezuzot. Some Jewish people will touch the mezuzah and then kiss their fingers whenever they walk past it. Inside the mezuzah is a scroll containing a Jewish prayer called the 'Shema'.

Some words from the Shema are "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength."

Jewish people learn lots from the stories in their sacred texts. Some of the stories are the same as stories in the Christian Bible and the Qur'an.

### Key Vocabulary

Judaism, Jew, belief, special, precious, mezuzah, mezuzot, challah bread, seder plate, matzah cover, kippah, chanukiah, tefillin, menorah, prayer, Shema, scroll, bible, sacred