***Torah – The Jewish Life Blueprint Lesson Plan***

Points that will be covered in this lesson:

* What is the Torah?
* Why is it so important?
* The best way to teach is through anecdotes.
* How can the lessons of the Torah be relevant today?
1. **Torah means “Lesson”**
* Why is this so important?
* What does the first book talk about? Why would the Torah focus so much on the story of the Jewish People.

We are trying to bring out that the best way for the Jewish People to learn is by reading and internalizing the stories and annecdotes of our forefathers.

There are many parts of the Torah and Mitzvahs which a person can come up by himself but even these are reinforced by the Torah.

1. **Morality**
* Discuss different instances and cases where a persons morals come into play.
* Are these moral actions obvious? Can a person think of them on their own?
* Would it be important to have guidelines of how to act in certain situations.
1. **Sample Stories:**
* Joseph and the brothers
* Slavery
* Going out of Egypt

All these stories teach us fundamental lessons in the way to act and interact with those around us.

1. **Some lessons from the above stories:**
* Jealousy
* Respect for Elders
* Slavery can also be an attitude which we all have to release ourselves from
* Importance of keeping up with tradition and Jewish culture.