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### Mini-Hebrew Dictionary

(with a splash of Yiddish)

**How to Use:** This dictionary is divided by sections and is not alphabetic, rather it is thematic. All words are listed as transliterations first with Hebrew script next to each word, along with a definition. Transliterations are tricky to do and our transliterations are meant to be phonetic for English readers. The dictionary themes are: I. Common Phrases, II. Ritual Words and Life Cycle Events, III. Prayers and Blessings, IV. Holidays and Associated Words, V. Yiddish Words, VI. Numbers and Calendar Items, VII. Torah and Jewish Literature and VIII. Jewish Beliefs and Ideas

# Section I. Common Phrases

## Daily Greetings

Shalom שלום	Hello/goodbye/peace
Boker Tov בוקר טוב	"Good morning"
Ma Nishma מה נשמע?	How Are You
Baruch Hashem ברוך השם	Bless/Thank God (a response to "how are you?")
Mah Chadash מה חדש?	"What's new?"
Mah Hainyanim מה העניינים?	What's happening? How are you?
Shalom Aleichem שלום עליכם	"Peace unto you"
Alechem HaShalom עליכם השלום	The response to Shalom Aleichem
L'ehitra'ot להתראות	See you later
Beruchim Habaim ברוכים הבאים	"Welcome," to a group of people
Shalom Yeladim שלום ילדים	"Hello children"

## Holiday and Shabbat Greetings

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום	Have a peaceful Shabbat
Gut Shabbes	Have a good Shabbat (Yiddish)
Shavuah Tov שבוע טוב	Have a good week (Used on Saturday night)
Chag Sa-may-ach חג שמח	"Have a Happy Holiday"
Gut Yuntif	Happy Holiday (Passover, Sukkot, Shavuot) (Yiddish)

## Life cycle

Yom Huledet Sa-may-ach יום הולדת שמח	"Happy Birthday"
Baruch Dayan Ha-emet ברוך דיין האמת	"Blessed is the True Judge" (said upon hearing of a death)
B'sha-ah Tovah בשעה טובה	Wishes for a healthy pregnancy (used in lieu of saying Mazel Tov, because the baby has not yet arrived)

## Celebrating

B'hatzlacha בהצלחה	"Much success!" (used to wish someone good luck)
Tov Me-ode טוב מאוד	"Very good"
Lechayim לחיים	"To Life" (used as a toast at a meal/occasion)
Mazal Tov מזל טוב	Congratulations ("good fortune") (used on happy life cycle events)
Kol Hakavod כל הכבוד	Great job! ("all the honor")

## Manners

Todah תודה	Thank you
Todah Rabah תודה רבה	Thank you very much
Bevakasha בבקשה	You're welcome
B'tayavon בתאבון	Bon Appetit!
Sheket Bevakasha שקט בבקשה	"Quiet, please"

## People in a family

Eema אמא	Mother
Ahbbah אבא	Father
Sahvtah סבתא	Grandmother
Sahbbah סבא	Grandfather
Ach אח	Brother
Achot אחות	Sister
Dod דוד	Uncle
Dodah דודה	Aunt
Yeled ילד	Boy
Yalda ילדה	Girl
Eesh איש	Man
Eeshah אישה	Woman
Chatann חתן	Groom
Kallah כלה	Bride

## School words

Moreh/ Morah מורה	Teacher (male/female)	
Talmid/Talmidah תלמיד/תלמידה	Student (male/female)	
Adon אדון	Mr.	
Geveret גברת	Mrs.	
Keetah כיתה	Grade/classroom	
Keetah Aleph, Kita Bet... כיתה א, כיתה ב	First Grade, Second Grade	
Misrad משרד	Office	
Sifriyah ספרייה	Library	
Achote אחות	Nurse	
Minahel/Minahelet מנהל/מנהלת	Principal	
Misderon מסדרון	Hallway	
Luach לוח	Poster or wall	
Shee-oo-ray Bayit שיעורי בית	Homework	
Yalkoot/Teek ילקוט	Backpack	
Tah תא	Cubbie	
Aroneet ארונית	Locker	
Teek Ochel תיק אוכל	Lunch box	
Toor/Shurah טור / שורה	Line	
Choveret חוברת	Workbook	
Chofesh חופש	Vacation	
Hafsahkah הפסקה	Recess	
Chateef חטיף	Snack	
Sefer ספר	Book	
Eepahrone עיפרון	Pencil	
Torahn/Toraneet תורן/תורנית	Classroom helper	

## Section II. Ritual Words and Life Cycle Events

**Simchah** שמחה "Joy" or "happiness," A joyous occasion or a celebration

### Marriage

**Aufruf** Pre-marriage aliyah taken before wedding day (Yiddish)

**Ketubah** כתובה Jewish marriage contract

**Chuppah** חופה Marriage canopy

**Shevah brachot** שבע ברכות Seven marriage blessings said at the wedding ceremony and at the festive meal afterwards

**Get** Jewish divorce decree

**Bashehrt** Predestined, made for each other (Yiddish)

**Chatan** חתן Groom

**Kallah** כלה Bride

**Bedeken** "To Inspect" Part of ceremony in which the groom lifts the veil to check to see that the bride is indeed herself - based on story of Jacob, Leah and Rachel (Yiddish)

**Tish** Table where Ketubah is signed, usually before wedding ceremony

**Beit din** בית דין A Jewish Court of Law, which in modern times consists of at least three rabbis for rulings on religious law, such as conversion or divorce (get)

**Ger** גר Definition of a Jew by choice (convert)

### Birth

**B'sha-ah Tovah** בשעה טובה Greeting for Pregnancy (used in lieu of saying Mazel Tov, because the baby has not yet arrived)

**Brit Meelah** ברית מילה Ritual circumcision- Symbol of God's covenant with Abraham and the Jewish people

**Bris** Ritual circumcision (Yiddish)

**Mohel** מוהל Ritual circumciser

**Simchat Bat** שמחת בת Naming celebration for girl

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah** בר/בת מצוה Coming of age for religious responsibility. "Bat" mitzvah and custom of big party are relatively recent developments

### Death

**Chevrah Kadishah** חברה קדישא "Holy Society," (People who prepare body for burial through ritual washing)

**Kree-ah** קריעה Tearing of garment as sign of mourning

**Kaddish (yatom)** קדיש Prayer of praise of God, said by mourners

**Shivah** שבעה First seven days of mourning

**Sh'loshim** שלושים First 30 days of mourning

**Baruch Dayan Ha'emet** ברוך דין האמת "Blessed is the true Judge," a phrase said when Jews hear of a death

**Yahrzeit** Anniversary of date of death

**Yizkor** יזכור Memorial service added to services on Yom Kippur, Shmini Atzeret, Pesach and Shavuot

**Ahzkahrah** אזכרה "The recalling," (referring to the unveiling ceremony at a gravesite)

## School Words

Beit Sefer בית ספר	"House of the Book," which refers to a religious school
Yeshivah ישיבה	A Jewish School of higher learning in Torah, Talmud and classic Jewish Texts
Melavah Malkah מלווה מלכה	"Accompanying the Queen," (referring to the festival meal at the end of Shabbat)
Chag Siddur חג סידור	"Holiday of the Siddur," where students are given their first formal prayer book
Chag Chumash חג חומש	"Holiday of the Chumash," where students are given their first formal torah

## Ritual Objects

Megillah (pl. megillot) מגילה	"Scroll"; scroll on which the Book of Esther is written, read on <u>Purim</u>
Menorah מנורה	Lampstand with 7 branches which stood in Temple in Jerusalem; also used to refer to <u>chanukkah</u>
Mezuzah מזוזה	"Doorpost," (refers to scroll inscribed with <u>Torah</u> passages which is attached to doorpost of Jewish homes)
Klahf קלף	Parchment inside the Mezuzah
Chamsah חמסה	From the word "five" - a good luck charm in the shape of a hand (Arabic) to symbolize the "hand of God"
Genezah גניזה	"Hidden Away" (a storage place for prayer books or ritual items that must be buried because they contain a written name of God)
Tzedakah צדקה	"Righteousness" (refers to money given to charity)

## Food Related Terms

Kosher כשר	That which is permissible to be eaten by biblical and rabbinic standards; most notably this precludes pork products, shellfish, and any combination of meat and milk products
Trayf	Food that is classified by its natural state as being unkosher (i.e. pork, shellfish)
Glatt Kosher	Strictly Kosher, especially in reference to checking for flaws in the lungs of a slaughtered animal (Yiddish)
Hechsher הכשר	An official seal of approval that food is Kosher that is issued by a mashgiach
Mashgiach משגיח	A trained person who inspects and makes sure all the laws of Kashrut are followed
Pareve	Products that are, by their nature, neither meat nor dairy (Yiddish)
Fleishig	Products that are, by their nature, meat (Yiddish)
Milchig	Products that are, by their nature, dairy (Yiddish)
Va'ad Ha-kashrut ועד הכשרות	A local organization of rabbis and mashgichim that oversees standards of kashrut and bestows certificates of compliance

## Names of God:

Names used <u>only in a ritual context:</u>	Adonai אדוני, Elohim אלוהים, Shaddai שדי
Names used in all contexts:	Adoshem 'ה, Ha-Kadosh Baruch Hu הוא הקדוש ברוך הוא Ha-shem השם

## Section III. Prayers and Blessings

### Places, Objects and People in Worship:

Tefilah תפילה	Prayer
Daven דוון	Pray (Yiddish)
Beit Midrash בית מדרש	House of Study
Beit K'neset בית כנסת	House of Assembly
Kippah כיפה	Ritual Head covering
Tallit טלית	Prayer shawl
Tzeetzeit ציצית	Fringes required on corners of four-corner garments
Tzee-tzees	Fringes (Yiddish)
Tefillin תפילין	Phylacteries, leather straps worn in traditional daily prayer
Aron Hakodesh ארון הקודש	Holy ark, resting place of Torah scrolls
Beemah בימה	Platform at front of sanctuary
Shaliach tzibbur שליח ציבור	Congregation's representative in prayer (Cantor)
Chazzan חזן	The one who leads the singing and chanting of the service; <u>cantor</u>
Kavannah כוונה	Devotional intent in worship
Kevah קבע	Fixed prayers
Minyan מנין	Quorum of 10 adults required for public worship.
Siddur סידור	Prayer book (except High Holy days)
Machzor מחזור	Prayer book for High Holy days
Ner Tameed נר תמיד	Eternal light which hangs in front of the <u>ark</u>
Mikveh מקווה	Ritual Bath; a body of water used for ritual cleaning, must use natural water source

### Services/Components:

Mahareev מעריב	Evening service
Shachareet שחרית	Morning service
Musaf מוסף	Additional service for Shabbat, Rosh Hodesh and major holidays
Mincha מנחה	Afternoon service
Beerchot Hashachar ברכות השחר	Morning Blessings in Daily Service
P'sukei D'zimrah פסוקי דזימרא	Introductory morning service
Brachah ברכה	"Blessing" (basic unit of Jewish prayer)
Amidah עמידה	Private prayers, "The Prayer," recited while standing.
Kedushah קדושה	Prayer of sanctification in Amidah
Kaddish קדיש	Prayer of praise; concludes service sections
Korbanot קרבנות	Sacrifices / section of prayers which reviews sacrifices which were offered
Hallel הלל	Psalms of praise added to service on selected holidays
Yom Tov יום טוב	Festival day - work prohibited
Chol Hamo-ed חול המועד	Intermediate festival days
Mechitzah מחיצה	The physical means of separation, usually a curtain or wall, between men's and women's sections of a synagogue
Aliyah עליה	honor of being called to bless the Torah
Baal/Baalat Korey בעל/בעלת קורא	<u>Torah</u> reader at public prayer service
Gabbai (pl. gabbai'im) גבאי	One of two people who conduct the Torah reading, standing on either side of the Torah reader
Hagbahah הגבהה	The honor of lifting the <u>Torah</u> after it is read to the congregation
Geleelah גלילה	The one who rolls the <u>Torah</u> after it is read and dresses it

<b>Haftarah</b> הפטרה	Portion from one of the books of the prophets read each <u>Shabbat</u> to complement the <u>Torah</u> portion
<b>Mi She'bei'rach</b> מי שברך	"The One who blessed," (prayer recited for those who have an <u>aliyah</u> and read the <u>Torah</u> )
<b>Parashah</b> פרשה	"Portion," (the <u>Torah</u> portion assigned to a particular week or holy day)
<b>Sidrah</b> סדרה	Weekly <u>Torah</u> portion
<b>Siddur</b> (pl. siddurim) סידור	Prayerbook for <u>Shabbat</u> , weekdays, and festivals, or some combination of the above
<b>Teekkune</b> תיקון	Printed edition of the <u>Torah</u> which has vocalized and pointed text in one column, and a photographic representation of a <u>Sefer Torah</u> next to it, used to learn to chant Torah
<b>Trope</b>	System of cantillation marks and their music, which are used to chant sacred books; there are trope systems for <u>Torah</u> , <u>haftarah</u> , and the <u>megillot</u> .
<b>Yad</b> יד	"Hand," (Pointer used to keep one's place while reading <u>Torah</u> )
<b>D'var Torah</b> דבר תורה	Commentary/sermon given about ideas from the Torah or the weekly Torah portion

### Blessings:

<b>Bentscher/Beerkhon</b> בירכון	Small booklet that contains <i>Grace after Meals</i> and other songs and prayers associated with meals (Yiddish then Hebrew)
<b>Baruch Atah Adonai</b> ברוך אתה אדוני	"Blessed are you, Adonai," (Words that begin most blessings)
<b>Beerkhat Hamazon</b> ברכת המזון	The <i>Grace After Meals</i> Prayer
<b>Shehecheyanu</b> שהחיינו	The blessing that thanks God for long life and for reaching a happy occasion
<b>Amidah</b> עמידה	"Standing," (This is the long, centerpiece prayer of the synagogue service)
<b>Shemoneh Esrei</b> עשרה שמונה	Another name for the Amidah, Literally, "18 benedictions" for the 18 blessings that are a part of the prayer
<b>Borei Pre-Hagafen</b> פרי הגפן בורא	The blessing over the "fruit of the vine," i.e. the wine
<b>Ha'Motzi</b> המוציא	The blessing over the bread
<b>Ha'etz</b> העץ	The blessing over the "fruit of the tree"
<b>Ha'ahdahmah</b> האדמה	The blessing over the "fruit of the ground"
<b>Mizonot</b> מזונות	The blessing over the eating products of wheat, barley, rye, oats, or spelt
<b>She'hakol nihiyeh b'dvaroh</b> שהכל נהיה בדברו	The blessing over eating all other foods
<b>Lechem</b> לחם	The blessing over the bread
<b>N'Teelat Yadayim</b> נטילת ידיים	The blessing over the washing of the hands

## Section IV. Holidays and Associated Words

### Shabbat:

Muktzeh מוקצה	Items not touched on Shabbat either because they might lead to a violation of Shabbat or because it was not prepared before Shabbat for use on Shabbat
Kiddush קידוש	Sanctification of the day, usually said using wine
Kabbalat Shabbat קבלת שבת	Service of welcome for Shabbat
Se-udah Shlisheet סעודה שלישית	Third meal on Shabbat
Havdalah הבדלה	Service of separation to mark end of Shabbat
Yayin יין	Wine or grape juice used for Kiddish
Besamim בשמים	"Spices," (referring almost always to spices used for Havdalah)
Aish אש	"Fire," (the flame of the candle used at Havdalah)
Motzah-ay Shabbat מוצאי שבת	Leaving of Shabbat (Saturday night)
Had-lahkaht Neirat הדלקת נרות	Candle Lighting at the beginning of Shabbat
Licht Benchen	Candle Lighting at the beginning of Shabbat (Yiddish)
Oneg Shabbat עונג שבת	"Sabbath Delight," (referring to informal reception after Shabbat Services, either Friday evening or Saturday morning)
Shabbaton שבתון	A special Shabbat program for learning and fellowship
Shomer Shabbat שומר שבת	"Sabbath Guardian," (referring to a Jew who strictly observes the Sabbath according to halakhah or Jewish Law)
Challah חלה	The portion of bread dough which is burned entirely as a sacrifice to God; today, however, the term is used to refer to a braided loaf of white bread used to celebrate the Sabbath

### High Holy Days:

Yameem Norah-eem ימים נוראים	"Days of Awe"
Shofar שופר	A hollowed out ram's horn that is blown like a trumpet during Elul and the high holidays: 4 sounds are Tekiah, Teruah, Shevarim and Tekiah Gedolah
Seleechot סליחות	Prayers asking Divine forgiveness
Yom Hadeen יום הדין	"Day of Judgment," a name for Rosh Hashanna
Yom Hazikaron יום הזיכרון	"Day of Remembering," a name for Rosh Hashanna
Yom Teruah יום תרועה	"Day of Shofar Sound," a name for Rosh Hashanna
Avinu Malkeinu אבינו מלכנו	"Our Father, our King," list of brief supplications, all begin with that phrase
Shevareem שברים	Shofar sound: three notes
Tekee'ah תקיעה	Shofar sound: one blast
Teruah תרועה	Shofar sound: wavering sound of nine staccato notes
Kol Nidre כל נדרי	Formula for absolution of vows, said immediately before Yom Kippur begins
Ne'eelah נעילה	Final service on Yom Kippur, literally means "locking".
Tashlich תשליך	"Throw," (referring to a ceremony performed on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah to cast away sins of the year by throwing bread crumbs into water)

### Sukkot / Shmini Atzeret/Simhat Torah:

Sukkah סוכה	Booth erected for Sukkot
Sekhakh סכך	Roofing material for sukkah
Arbah-at Hameeneem ארבעת המינים	Four plant species used during Sukkot services
Lulav לולב	Palm; also name given for arbah minim
Hadas הדס	Myrtle; twigs (3) used in "lulav"
Aravah ערבה	Willow; twigs (2) used in "lulav"



<b>Etrog</b> אתרוג	Citron fruit used with lulav in sukkot rituals
<b>Hoshanah</b> הושענא	"Save, I pray," (prayer added each morning during Sukkot. Extra verses are added on the last day of Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah)
<b>Hoshana Rabba</b> הושענא רבה	Last day of hol hamo-ed Sukkot; last chance for repentance
<b>Shmini Atzeret</b> שמיני עצרת	"Eighth day of assembly," last day of Sukkot but, liturgically, a separate holiday
<b>Simchat Torah</b> שמחת תורה	"Rejoicing in the Torah," holiday marking completion and beginning of Torah reading cycle
<b>Hakkafot</b> הקפות	Circuits around sanctuary with Torah Scrolls
<b>Ushpizin</b> אושפיזין	"Visitors," (referring to the ancestors who are summoned to the Sukkah)

### Passover/Pesach:

<b>Seder</b> סדר	"Order," (Special meal of retelling the Exodus from Egypt)
<b>Bedikat Chametz</b> בדיקת חמץ	"Search for hametz," held night before first seder
<b>Be'ur Chametz</b> ביעור חמץ	"Destruction of hametz," morning of first seder, by approximately 11:00 am
<b>Chametz</b> חמץ	Fermented; wheat, oats, rye, barley or spelt after they come in contact with water for 18 minutes after harvest. Also dishes and utensils which have been in contact with hametz foods during the year
<b>Haggadah</b> הגדה	Book used at seder to retell the story
<b>Matzah</b> מצה	Unleavened bread eaten on <u>Passover</u>
<b>Afikomen</b> אפיקומן	A piece of matzah that is hidden during the Passover Seder
<b>Maror</b> מרור	A bitter herb, usually horseradish, that is on the Seder plate to symbolize the bitterness of slavery in Egypt
<b>K'ahrah</b> קערת הסדר	Seder plate
<b>Mah-neesh-tanah</b> מה נשתנה	The Four Questions introduction or "tune" that is sung or recited during the Seder

### Shavuot:

<b>Shavuot</b> שבועות	Pentecost- feast of weeks. 50 days after second day of Pesach
<b>Megillot Root</b> מגילת רות	The scroll read on Shavuot, the book of Ruth
<b>Tikkun Layl Shavuot</b> תיקון ליל שבועות	All night study session to recall giving of Ten Commandments
<b>Asseret Hadeebrot</b> עשרת הדברות	The Ten Commandments

### Minor Holidays:

<b>Hanukkah (or Chanukah)</b> חנוכה	"Dedication," holiday celebrating the victory of the Maccabees against the Assyrian-Greeks
<b>Menorah</b> מנורה	7 branch candelabra used in Temple
<b>Hanukkeeah</b> חנוכייה	9 branch candelabra used for Hanukkah celebration
<b>Shamash</b> שמש	"Servant," (refers either to the 9th candle in the <u>chanukkiah</u> which is used to light the other 8 candles, or to one who serves as the custodian of the synagogue)
<b>Gelt</b>	"Money," (referring to foil wrapped chocolate coins used when playing dreidel at Hanukkah) (Yiddish)
<b>Latke/Liveeva</b> לביבה	Potato pancakes; traditional Hanukkah meal (Yiddish/Hebrew)
<b>Nes Gadol Hayah Sham</b> נס גדול היה שם	"A great miracle happened there" - letters of the Siveevon/Dreidel
<b>Siveevon/Dreidel</b> סביבון	Spinning top; used in children's games at Hanukkah
<b>Sufganeeyot</b> סופגניות	Jelly doughnuts; traditional Hanukkah treat
<b>Al Hanissim</b> על הניסים	Prayer of thanksgiving added to Amidah on Hanukkah and Purim
<b>Maccabees</b> מכבים	A Jewish rebel army who liberated parts of the Land of Israel from the rule of the Assyrian-Greeks
<b>Asarah B'Tevet</b> עשרה בטבת	10th of Tevet, minor fast day noting start of Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, 587 B.C.E.

<b>Tu B'shvat</b> ט"ו בשבט	"Fifteenth of Shevat," (new year for trees)
<b>Chag Ha-eelanoth</b> חג האילנות	"Holiday of the Trees"
<b>Etz</b> עץ	"Tree"
<b>Purim</b> פורים	"Lots," (holiday celebrating the victory of Mordecai and Esther over Haman)
<b>Ta-aneet Ester</b> תענית אסתר	Fast day preceding Purim
<b>Megillat Ester</b> מגילה	Megillah read on Purim
<b>Mishloach Manot</b> משלוח מנות	Gifts of food (2 kinds) sent to friends on Purim
<b>Shalach Munis</b>	Mishloah Manot (Yiddish)
<b>Matanot L'evyoneem</b> מתנות לאביונים	Gifts of tzedakah given to poor on Purim
<b>Se'udat Purim</b> סעודת פורים	Special meal of celebration during the Purim day
<b>Achahshvahrosh</b> אחשוורוש	King or Persia in Book of Esther
<b>Mordechai</b> מרדכי	The cousin of Queen Esther and one of the heroes of the Purim story
<b>Omer</b> עומר	Sheaf offering brought to Temple on 16 Nisan; name for period between the second day of Pesach and Shavuot
<b>Yom Hashoah</b> יום השואה	Holocaust Commemoration day, 27 Nisan
<b>Yom Hazeekaron</b> יום הזיכרון	Israel Memorial Day, 3 Iyar
<b>Degel</b> דגל	"Flag"
<b>Hatekvah</b> התקווה	"The Hope," (Israeli National Anthem)
<b>Yom Ha-atzmaoot</b> יום העצמאות	Israel Independence Day, 4 Iyar
<b>Lag B'omer</b> לג בעומר	"33rd day of omer," Minor festival day, 18 Iyar (free from restrictions)
<b>Yom Yerushalyim</b> יום ירושלים	Reunification of Jerusalem, 1967, 28 Iyar
<b>Shivah Asar B'Tammuz</b> שבועה עשר בתמוז	"17th of Tammuz," Minor fast day noting Babylonians entering Jerusalem, 587 B.C.E.
<b>Tisha B'av</b> תשעה באב	"9th of Av," Day of mourning for Jewish tragedies, including loss of two Temples, expulsion from Spain in 1492
<b>Tzohm</b> צום	A "Fast"
<b>Tzohm Gedahliaya</b> צום גדליה	An annual fast day instituted by the Jewish Sages to commemorate the assassination of Gedahliaya Ben Achikam, the Governor of Israel during the days of Nebuchadnetzar King of Babylonia

## **Section V. Yiddish Words**

<b>Bubbe</b>	Grandmother
<b>Bubkes</b>	Something worthless
<b>Chazerai</b>	Cheap, worthless stuff
<b>Haimish</b>	Unpretentious, homey
<b>Kibbitz</b>	Fool around, joke
<b>Klutz</b>	Clumsy or awkward
<b>Kvell</b>	To be delighted, pleased, proud
<b>Kvetch</b>	To chronically complain
<b>Macher</b>	A big wheel/operator
<b>Mensch</b>	A caring, decent person
<b>Nosh</b>	A little snack
<b>Schmooze</b>	Friendly conversation
<b>Shlep</b>	To carry or lug
<b>Shluff</b>	To sleep
<b>Shmatte</b>	Rag, an old worn piece of clothing
<b>Shmeer</b>	A dab or a spread
<b>Shmutz</b>	Dirt or stain
<b>Shpiel</b>	A long involved story or tale
<b>Shtick</b>	Overused actions or behavior
<b>Tchotchke</b>	Any cute or insignificant object (doll)
<b>Tsuris</b>	Troubles or worries
<b>Zayde</b>	Grandfather

## Section VI. Numbers and Calendar Items

### Common numbers:

Ehad (masc.) אחד / Ahat (femin.) אחת	One (1)
Shnayim (masc.) שניים / Shtayim (femin.) שתיים	Two (2)
Shlosha (masc.) שלושה / Shalosh (femin.) שלוש	Three (3)
Arbaah (masc.) ארבעה / Arba (femin.) ארבע	Four (4)
Hamisha (masc.) חמישה / Hamesh (femin.) חמש	Five (5)
Shisha (masc.) שישה / Shesh (femin.) שש	Six (6)
Shivah (masc.) שבעה / Sheva (femin.) שבע	Seven (7)
Shmona (masc.) שמונה / Shmoneh (femin.) שמונה	Eight (8)
Tishah (masc.) תשעה / Taysha (femin.) תשע	Nine (9)
Asara (masc.) עשרה / Eser (femin.) עשר	(10)
Esreem עשרים (no gender)	Twenty (20)
Shlosheem שלושים	Thirty (30)
Arbayim ארבעים	Forty (40)
Hamesheem חמישים	Fifty (50)
Shisheem ששים	Sixty (60)
Sheveem שבעים	Seventy (70)
Shmoneem שמונים	Eighty (80)
Tisheem תשעים	Ninety (90)
May'a מאה	One Hundred (100)
Elef אלף	One Thousand (1000)

### Calendar Items:

**Erev** ערב The day prior to a holiday/Shabbat (Erev Shabbat, Erev Purim)

### Months (Hodesh) of the Hebrew Year (Shana) and their Holidays (Chag)

<i>Tishray</i> (30 days)	תשרי		
1-2 Rosh Hashanah	ראש השנה	<i>Nisan</i> (30 days)	ניסן
3 Fast of Gedaliah	צום גדליה	15-23 Pesach	פסח
10 Yom Kippur	יום כיפור	27 Yom Hashoah	יום השואה
15-22 Sukkot	סוכות		
22 Shmini Atzeret	שמיני עצרת	<i>Iyar</i> (29 days)	אייר
23 Simhat Torah	שמחת תורה	3 Yom Hazikaron	יום הזיכרון
		4 Yom Ha-atzma-ut	יום העצמאות
<i>Heshvan</i> (29/30 days -No Holidays)	חשוון	18 Lag B'Omer	לג בעומר
		28 Yom Yerushalyim	יום ירושלים
<i>Kislev</i> (29/30 days)	כסלו		
5-29(30) Hanukkah	חנוכה	<i>Sivan</i> (30 days)	סיון
		6-7 Shavuot	שבועות
<i>Tevet</i> (29 days)	טבת		
1-2(3) end of Hanukkah		<i>Tammuz</i> (29 days)	תמוז
10 Asarah B'Tevet (Fast of Tevet)	עשרה בטבת	17 Sh'va Asar B'Tammuz (Minor Fast Day)	
<i>Shevat</i> (30 days)	15 Tu B'Shevat	<i>Av</i> (30 days)	אב
		9 Tisha B'av (Ninth of Av)	תשעה באב
<i>Adar</i> (30 days, during leap year add Adar II: 29)	אדר		
13 Ta-anit Ester (Fast of Esther)	תענית אסתר	<i>Elul</i> (29 Days) - No Holidays	אלול
14 Purim	פורים		
15 Shushan Purim	שושן פורים		

## Section VII. Torah and Jewish Literature

### Text and Commentary

<b>Torah</b> תורה	Five books of Moses. Hebrew root means "to guide" or "to teach."
<b>Chumash</b> חומש	Printed edition of the <u>Torah</u> , often containing translation and commentaries
<b>The Torah is divided into:</b>	
<b>Sefer</b> ספר	Books: Bereshit בראשית, Shmot שמות, Vayikra ויקרא, Bemidbar במדבר, Devarim דברים
<b>Perek</b> פרק	Chapter
<b>Pasuk</b> פסוק	Verse
<b>Parasha</b> פרשה	The Torah is divided into 54 sections for weekly study and for public readings during Shabbat morning services
<b>Tanakh</b> תנ"ך	Acronym for the Bible: Torah; Neviim (Prophets); Ketuvim (Writings)
<b>Pentateuch</b>	Five books of Moses
<b>Decalogue</b>	Ten commandments
<b>Asseret Hadibrot</b>	Ten commandments
<b>Talmud Torah</b> תלמוד תורה	Mitzvah of study
<b>Midrash</b> מדרש	Early Rabbinic Commentary on Biblical text
<b>Talmud</b> תלמוד	Collection of ancient rabbinic laws, commentaries and traditions comprised of:
<b>Mishnah</b> משנה	Legal concepts from which laws are learned, compiled by Judah the Prince ≈ 200 CE
<b>Gemara</b> גמרא	Commentary on and expansion of the Mishnah
<b>Mitzvah</b> מצוה	Commandment; one of 613 from Torah; <i>a good deed is not the best translation</i>
<b>Aggadah</b> אגדה	Narrative (non-legal) parts of the Talmud
<b>Halakha</b> הלכה	Law
<b>Zohar</b> זוהר	"Radiance," (referring to the mystical book that is the canon of Kabbalah)
<b>Aprocrypha</b>	A group of 14 books that were originally included in the Septuagint (the oldest Greek version of the Old Testament)
<b>Pirkei Avot</b> פרקי אבות	A tractate of the Mishnah that contains a collection of maxims, quotes and popular sayings from ancient Jewish sages and scholars, which is often translated as <i>Ethics of Our Fathers</i>
<b>Haftarah</b> הפטרה	The reading of the Prophets that is part of the Sabbath and Festival morning Service, usually contained in a Chumash after the weekly Torah reading
<b>Megillot</b> מגילות	"Scrolls," which are a part of the Hebrew Bible. Read on festivals, they are: <i>Ruth, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Esther, and Lamentations</i>
<b>Mishneh Torah</b> משנה תורה	A famous, comprehensive Code of Jewish Law by Moses Maimonides ≈ 1200 CE
<b>Mishnah Berurah</b> משנה ברורה	A work of <i>halakha</i> (Jewish law) by Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan, better known as the <i>Chofetz Chaim</i> ≈ 1850 CE
<b>Shulchan Arukh</b> שולחן ערוך	"The prepared table," which is an authoritative code of Jewish law (halakhah) written by Joseph Karo in 1565

### Figures in Jewish Literature

<b>Hillel and Shamai</b> הלל ושמאי	The most well renowned of the pairs of teachers during the early Mishnaic period
<b>Rabbi Akiva</b> רבי עקיבא	The most legendary of all the teachers during the Mishnaic period: often considered the father of the oral tradition
<b>Rashi</b> רש"י	The most authoritative Medieval Torah and Talmud commentator
<b>Moses Maimonides/Rambam</b> הרב משה בן מימון	The Medieval physician/legal scholar whose intellectual prowess is still revered

**Baal Shem Tov** בעל שם טוב Known also by the acronym "*Besht*", Father of the mystical Modern Hasidic movement that elevated prayer and the notion of the ordinary person as being of unique value to God and the community

## Section VIII. Jewish Beliefs and Ideas

<b>Ahavat Yisrael</b> אהבת ישראל	Love Israel
<b>Bikur Holim</b> ביקור חולים	Visiting the sick
<b>Emet</b> אמת	Truth
<b>Eemunah</b> אמונה	Faith
<b>Gematria</b> גימטריא	"Geometry," (referring to an ancient system of Hebrew numerology)
<b>Gemilut Hasadim</b> גמילות חסדים	Acts of loving-kindness
<b>Hakhnasat orchim</b> הכנסת אורחים	Welcoming guests
<b>Hiddur Mitzvah</b> הידור מצוה	Beautifying a mitzvah
<b>Hillul ha-Shem</b> חילול השם	Profaning God's Name by unethical behavior
<b>Kabbalah</b> קבלה	Received mystical tradition
<b>Kavod</b> כבוד	Honor/respect
<b>Kavod Ha-met</b> כבוד המת	Respecting the dead
<b>Kiddush Ha-Shem</b> קידוש השם	Sanctifying God's name through exemplary deeds
<b>Loshon ha-ra</b> לשון הרע	Gossip that is considered to be malicious even if it is true
<b>Ma'asim tovim</b> מעשים טובים	Good deeds
<b>Mashiach</b> משיח	Messiah, the concept that when he comes the world will be transformed
<b>Menschlikhkeit</b>	Behaving ethically, kindly and sweetly (Yiddish)
<b>Minhag</b> מנהג	A custom that does not have the status of law
<b>Neshamah</b> נשמה	From the word "breathe," The Soul, the aspect of a person that is spiritual and immortal
<b>Nefesh</b> נפש	From the word "breath," interchangeable with Neshamah
<b>Nichum aveilum</b> ניחום אבלים	Consoling the mourner during <i>shiva</i> : the week of mourning
<b>Olam ha-ba</b> עולם הבא	The world to come
<b>Pikuach nefesh</b> פיקוח נפש	Saving a life for which one can transgress a commandment
<b>Rachmanut or Rachmones</b>	Sympathy or empathy
<b>Ruach</b> רוח	Wind or spirit
<b>Shalom bayit</b> שלום בית	"A tranquil home," very important especially during Shabbat and festivals
<b>Shekhinah</b> שכינה	"Dwelling," (referring to the ancient Talmudic name for G-d's presence)
<b>Teshuvah</b> תשובה	"Return," (referring to a return to God by mending our ways and confessing our sins)
<b>Tikun olam</b> תיקון עולם	"Repair the world," which has come to be a synonym for social justice, and caring for the general (not Jewish) community
<b>Torah mi-Sinai</b> תורה מסיני	Torah from Sinai, refers to the belief that the Torah was given by God at Mt. Sinai
<b>Tzneut</b> צניעות	The Jewish principle of modesty and decorum, which applies to more than outward dress and appearance
<b>Yetzer ha-ra</b> יצר הרע	Evil inclination, the desire to do bad things
<b>Yetzer ha-tov</b> יצר הטוב	Good inclination, the desire to do good things
<b>Yiddishkeit</b>	Jewishness (Yiddish)