

A GLOSSARY OF HEBREW WORDS AND PHRASES

Hebrew word or phrase	English meaning
Kippah (pl. Kippot) כיפה, כיפות	Head covering worn by Jewish males. This forms part of the school uniform.
Tzitzit ציצית	Fringes. These are worn by Jewish males on a four-cornered garment. They remind us that the Torah must be observed at all times. This forms part of the school uniform.
Tefillah (pl. Tefillot) תפילה, תפילות	Prayer (s)
Siddur (pl. Siddurim) סידור, סידורים	Daily Prayer Book
Torah תורה	The Five Books of Moses (Bible)
Mezuzah מזוזה	Found on the doorpost of every room in a Jewish building (except a toilet, bathroom or very small room). It contains sections from the Torah
Kashrut כשרות	Jewish dietary laws (see above)
Boker Tov בוקר טוב	Good Morning
Boker Tov Y'ladim בוקר טוב ילדים	Good morning children
Boker Tove L'kulom בוקר טוב לכולם	Good morning everybody
Shalom שלום	Hello, peace
Shabbat שבת	Sabbath; day of rest, marked by Jews on a Saturday
Shabbat Shalom שלום שבת	Peaceful Sabbath (given as a greeting)
Kabbalat Shabbat	Welcoming Shabbat. This is

קבלת שבת	celebrated in school each Friday with a special service
Kiddush קידוש	Sanctification of the Sabbath over a cup of wine or grape juice
Netillat Yadayim נטילת ידיים	Ritual washing of the hands before eating bread
Hamotzi המוציא	Blessing over bread
Challah (pl. challot) חלה, חלות	Plaited bread used on the Sabbath and festivals
Havdalah הבדלה	A Ceremony that separates the Sabbath from the rest of the week. This is usually said on Saturday night and we say it in school on Monday morning. Grape juice, spices and a plaited candle are used
Shavua Tov שבוע טוב	Good week (said after the Sabbath)
Chag Samayach חג שמח	Happy holiday (greeting used on festivals)
Shofar שופר	The rams horn blown on Rosh Hashana
Arba'at Minim ארבעת המינים	The four species (willow, palm branch, myrtle and citrus fruit) that are taken on Succot
Succah (pl. Succot) סוכה, סוכות	A booth that is lived in during Succot
Chanukiah חנוכיה	A candelabra with eight lights and used at the festival of Chanukah.
Menorah מנורה	The seven branch candelabra used as a symbol of Israel after the design from Temple times.
Megillah מגילה	Scroll that retells the story of Esther