

# Conversion Course Terms List

The terms listed below have been compiled to help create a framework for you to organize your studies of Judaism, and to give you a working vocabulary of important Jewish terms. Fill in short definitions of each term as we cover a topic in class and in the readings. If you need help, please ask the rabbi. When the course has been completed, you will have definitions for all of these terms. The rabbi will review them and return them to you for you to keep.

## ***Calendar Terms***

### High Holy Days

1. Rosh Hashanah (incl. what it commemorates)
2. Apples and honey
3. Yom Kippur
4. Selichot
5. Shofar
6. Tekiah
7. Teru'ah
8. Shevarim
9. Teshuvah
10. Tefilah
11. Tzedakah
12. Malkhuyot
13. Zikhronot
14. Shofarot
15. L'Shanah Tova Tikatevu
16. Unetaneh Tokef
17. Kaparah
18. Ne'ilah
19. Kol Nidre
20. Maḥzor
21. Yamim Nora'im
22. Shabbat Shuvah
23. Yizkor
24. Vidui
25. Ashamnu
26. Al Het

### Sukkot

27. Sukkot
28. Sukkah
29. Lulav (four species)
30. Etrog
31. Hol HaMo'ed

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32. Hoshana Rabbah
33. Shemini Atzeret
34. Simḥat Torah
35. Yom Tov Sheni Shel Galiyut (Second day of festival for Diaspora)
36. Shalosh Regalim (Three Pilgrimage Festivals)
37. Ecclesiastes (Kohelet)

### Shabbat

38. Malakhah (“Work”)
39. Mishkan (“Tent of Meeting” or “Dwelling Place”)
40. Muktzeh
41. Driving/Electricity
42. Bride/Queen
43. Remember/Observe
44. Kabbalat Shabbat
45. Lekha Dodi
46. Candles
47. Shalom Aleikhem
48. Kiddush
49. Netilat Yadayim
50. HaMotzi
51. Hallah
52. Zemirot
53. Birkat HaMazon
54. Parshat HaShavuah (Sidra, Torah portion of the week)
55. Haftarah
56. Shalosh Seudot (Shalosheudos, Seudat Shlishit)
57. Havdalah
58. Shabbat Shalom
59. Shavuah Tov

### Hanukkah

60. Hanukkah
61. Maccabees
62. Antiochus
63. Modi’in
64. Jar of Oil story
65. Nes gadol haya sham (A great miracle happened there)
66. Dreydl
67. Menorah (Hanukiyah)
68. Latkes

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#### Purim

69. Purim
70. Megillah
71. Esther/Mordehai
72. Haman
73. Grogger
74. Hamentashen
75. Mishloh Manot (gifts to friends)
76. Matanot L'evyonim (Gifts to the poor)
77. Se'udah

#### Passover

78. Passover (Pesh)
79. Hametz
80. Bedikat Hametz/Bi'ur Hametz
81. Matzah
82. Seder
83. Haggadah
84. Maror
85. Haroset
86. Shankbone (Z'ro'ah, Pesh)
87. Four Questions
88. Four Children
89. Four cups of wine
90. Kos Eliyahu (Cup for Elijah)
91. Afikomen
92. Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs)
93. Sefirat HaOmer
94. Lag B'Omer
95. Hallel

#### Shavuot

96. Shavuot
97. Aseret HaDibrot
98. Tikkun Leil Shavuot
99. Ruth

#### Other Holidays/Fast Days

100. Rosh Hodesh (New Moon)
101. Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzma'ut)
102. Israel Memorial Day
103. Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah)
104. Tisha B'av (9<sup>th</sup> of Av)
105. Tu Beshvat

### ***Jewish Prayer/Synagogue***

#### Services

- 106. Ma'ariv
- 107. Shaḥarit
- 108. Minhah
- 109. Musaf

#### Parts of the Service

- 110. Birkot Haḥahar
- 111. Psukei DeZimra
- 112. Shma and its blessings
- 113. Amidah (shemoneh esreh)
- 114. Kaddish
- 115. Aleynu
- 116. Kri'at HaTorah (Torah reading)
- 117. Adon Olam

#### Synagogue, Ritual Objects and Functionaries

- 118. Siddur
- 119. Ḥumash
- 120. Bet Knesset
- 121. Sefer Torah
- 122. Aron HaKodesh
- 123. Ner Tamid
- 124. Bima
- 125. Yad
- 126. Sheliah Tzibur
- 127. Rabbi
- 128. Ḥazan
- 129. Gabbai
- 130. Ba'al Koreh
- 131. Hagbahah
- 132. Gelilah
- 133. Maftir
- 134. Aliyah
- 135. Magen David (Star of David)
- 136. Menorah
- 137. Kippah
- 138. Tallit
- 139. Tzitzit
- 140. Tefillin
- 141. Mezuzah
- 142. Minyan

***Jewish History*** (know the dates)

143. Abraham
144. Exodus
145. King David
146. Fall of Northern Kingdom (to Assyrians)
147. Fall of Jerusalem (to Babylonians)
148. Hanukkah
149. Hillel/Shamai
150. Fall of Jerusalem (to Romans)
151. Bar Kokhba revolt
152. Mishnah is completed
153. Talmud (Babylonian) is completed
154. Rashi
155. Maimonides
156. Expulsion from Spain
157. Shulhan Arukh finished

***Modern History (concepts/names)***

158. Emancipation/Enlightenment
159. Moses Mendelssohn
160. Zionism
161. Theodor Herzl
162. Holocaust
163. Kristallnacht
164. Adolph Hitler, Heinrich Himmler, Adolph Eichmann
165. Auschwitz, Dachau, Bergen-Belsen, Buchenwald, Treblinka
166. Warsaw Ghetto
167. David Ben Gurion
168. Golda Meir
169. May 14, 1948
170. Hatikvah
171. Kibbutz
172. Law of Return
173. Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Eilat, Hebron
174. Arab-Israeli Wars:
  - a. War of Independence 1948
  - b. Sinai Campaign 1956
  - c. Six Day War 1967
  - d. Yom Kippur War 1973
  - e. Lebanon War 1982
  - f. First Intifada 1987
  - g. Second Intifada 2000
175. Oslo Accords and Peace Process
176. Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres, Ehud Barak, Ariel Sharon
177. Ethiopian Jews
178. Soviet/Russian Jews

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179. Four movements
  - a. Orthodox
  - b. Conservative
  - c. Reform
  - d. Reconstructionist
180. Abraham J. Heschel
181. Mordecai Kaplan
182. Solomon Schechter
183. Louis Finkelstein
184. American Jewish Institutions
  - a. B'nai Brith (and Anti Defamation League)
  - b. American Jewish Committee
  - c. American Jewish Congress
  - d. Hillel
  - e. Jewish Community Centers
  - f. United Jewish Communities
  - g. Jewish Federation
  - h. Jewish Theological Seminary (and University of Judaism)
  - i. Hebrew Union College
  - j. Yeshivah University
  - k. Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
  - l. Hadassah (and Young Judea) and Henrietta Szold

### ***Jewish Literature***

185. Tanakh (explain the parts of the Bible)
186. Torah (know the five books in order)
187. Mishnah
188. "Order" (6 in Mishnah)
189. "Tractate" (63 in Mishnah)
190. Gemarah
191. Tannaim
192. Amoraim
193. Talmud
194. Midrash
195. Mishneh Torah
196. Shulḥan Arukh
197. Responsa
198. Halakha
199. Aggadah
200. Mitzvot

### ***Beliefs***

201. Olam HaBa (World to Come)
202. Teḥiyat HaMetim (Resurrection)
203. Mashiaḥ (Messiah)
204. Gehennam ("Downstairs"?)

**Ethics**

- 205. Tzedakah (Charity/Justice)
- 206. Lashon Hara (Evil Speech)
- 207. Gemilut Hasadim (Deeds of lovingkindness)
- 208. Kibud Av v'Em (Honoring parents)
- 209. Bikur Holim (visiting the sick)
- 210. B'tzelem Elohim (in the image of God)
- 211. Tza'ar Ba'alei Hayim
- 212. Yetzer HaTov and Yetzer HaRa
- 213. Mentsch
- 214. Tzaddik
- 215. Kiddush HaShem
- 216. Hilul HaShem
- 217. Shalom
- 218. Hakhnasat Orhim

**Kashrut**

- 219. Kosher animals (definitions for air/water/land animals)
- 220. Shehitah
- 221. Shohet
- 222. Fleishig (Basari)
- 223. Milhig (Halavi)
- 224. Pareve
- 225. Kasher L'Pesh
- 226. Treif
- 227. Hekhsher

**Life Cycle**

Birth

- 228. Brit Milah
- 229. Mohel
- 230. Sandak
- 231. Kvaterin/Kvater
- 232. Simhat Bat
- 233. Pidyon HaBen

Adolescence

- 234. Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- 235. "Confirmation"

Marriage

- 236. Aufruf
- 237. Bedeken
- 238. Kiddushin/Erusin
- 239. Nisu'in
- 240. Huppah

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- 241. Ketubbah
- 242. Hatan/Kalah
- 243. Yihud
- 244. Sheva Berakhot
- 245. Get

### Conversion

- 246. Ger/Giyoret
- 247. Requirements:
  - a. Study of Judaism
  - b. Acceptance of God
  - c. Acceptance of Torah
  - d. Experience Jewish holidays, customs, traditions
  - e. Circumcision (or hatafat dam) – men only
  - f. Immersion in Mikveh
  - g. Bet Din
- 248. Blessings: al hatevilah and shehehiyanu

### Death and Mourning

- 249. Kevod Hamet
- 250. Hevra Kaddishah
- 251. Shemirah
- 252. Taharah
- 253. Takhrikhin
- 254. Keri'ah
- 255. No: cremation, viewing, flowers
- 256. Stages of mourning: aninut, shivah, shloshim, 12 months
- 257. Avel
- 258. Seven relatives
- 259. Nihum Avelim
- 260. Alav HaShalom
- 261. Kaddish
- 262. Yizkor
- 263. Yahrzeit