

## CALENDAR/HOLIDAY VOCABULARY LIST

Most lists are in alphabetical order, by the column with transliteration.

Items in "quotations" are literal translations.

\* Terms with an asterisk are part of the Hebrew Through Movement vocabulary lists

שַׁבָּת Shabbat		
Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation/Description
קַבֵּלַת שַׁבָּת	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	Service on Friday night; "receiving <i>Shabbat</i> "
חֲלָה	<i>hallah*</i>	Sweet braided bread eaten on <i>Shabbat</i> and holidays
חֲלוֹת	<i>hallot*</i>	<i>Hallah</i> , plural
כּוֹס קִדּוּשׁ	<i>kos kiddush*</i>	Cup of wine over which the <i>Kiddush</i> blessing is recited
הַמּוֹצִיא	<i>Hamotzi</i>	Blessing said over <i>hallah</i> /bread/food
קִדּוּשׁ	<i>Kiddush*</i>	Blessing over wine; "sanctification"
הַבְּדֵלָה	<i>Havdallah*</i>	Ceremony at the end of <i>Shabbat</i> ; "separation"
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר	<i>l'hadlik ner*</i>	"To light candles"
נֵר	<i>ner*</i>	Candle
נֵרוֹת	<i>nerot*</i>	Candles
אֵשׁ	<i>esh</i>	Fire; flame
בְּשָׁמִים	<i>b'samim</i>	Spices
חוֹל	<i>hol*</i>	Profane; normal
קֹדֶשׁ	<i>kodesh*</i>	Holy; sacred
שַׁבָּת שְׁלוֹמַי	<i>Shabbat Shalom</i>	"A good <i>Shabbat</i> "
שָׁבוּעַ טוֹב	<i>Shavu-a tov</i>	"A good week"

## Hebrew Month: *Tishrei*

### תִּשְׁרִי

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
ראש השנה <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> *	דְּבַשׁ	<i>d'vash</i> *	Honey
	מַחְזֹר	<i>mahzor</i> *	Prayerbook for High Holidays
	שָׁנָה	<i>shannah</i>	Year
	שׁוֹפָר	<i>shofar</i> *	Ram's horn
	תַּפּוּחַ	<i>tapu-ah</i> *	Apple
	תַּפּוּחִים	<i>tapuhim</i> *	Apples
	תַּשְׁלִיךְ	<i>Tashlikh</i>	Throwing away of sins
	יָמִים נֹרָאִים	<i>Yamim nora-im</i>	High holy days
Greetings	שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה	<i>shannah tovah u'm'tukah</i>	"a good and sweet year"
	לְשָׁנָה טוֹבָה	<i>l'shanah tovah</i>	Happy new year; "to a good year"

## Hebrew Month: *Tishrei*

### תִּשְׁרֵי

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
<p>יום כּפּוּר</p> <p><i>Yom Kippur</i></p>	חטא	<i>het</i>	Sin
	מחזור	<i>mahzor*</i>	Prayerbook for High Holidays
	כּל נדרי	<i>Kol Nidre</i>	Prayer recited at evening service of <i>Yom Kippur</i> ; "all vows"
	תשובה	<i>t'shuvah*</i>	Repentance
	צום	<i>tzom*</i>	Fast (not eating or drinking)
<p>Greetings</p>	גמר חתימה טובה	<i>g'mar hatimah tovah</i>	May you finish ( <i>Yom Kippur</i> ) by being inscribed (in the Book of Life) for Good ( <i>meaning that it should all end well</i> )
	צום קל	<i>tzom* kal</i>	"An easy fast"

## Hebrew Month: *Tishrei*

### תִּשְׁרֵי

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
סֻכּוֹת <i>Sukkot</i>	אֶתְרוֹג	<i>etrog*</i>	Citron; lemon-like fruit
	לוּלָב	<i>lulav*</i>	A “bouquet” of palm, myrtle, willow branches, plus an <i>etrog</i>
	אוֹרְחִים	<i>orhim*</i>	Guests
	סֻכָּךְ	<i>s'khakh*</i>	Covering on the roof of a <i>sukkah</i>
	סֻכָּה	<i>sukkah*</i>	Hut; temporary dwelling
	אֲשֻׁפִּיזִין	<i>Ushpizin</i>	(Aramaic) Guests; ancestors who are metaphorically welcomed into a <i>sukkah</i>
Greetings	חַג שְׂמֵחַ	<i>hag same-ah*</i>	Happy holiday
	מוֹעֲדִים לְשִׂמְחָה	<i>mo-adim l'simhah</i>	Happy Holiday; said as a greeting during the middle days of <i>Sukkot</i> ; “seasons of joy”

## Hebrew Month: *Tishrei*

### תִּשְׁרִי

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
<p>שְׂמֵחַת תּוֹרָה</p> <p><i>Simḥat Torah</i></p>	דָּגָל	<i>degel*</i>	Flag
	הַקָּפָה	<i>hakafah*</i>	Marching/dancing with Torah
	הַקְּפוֹת	<i>hakafot*</i>	Multiple rounds of marching/dancing with Torah
	שְׂמֵחָה	<i>simḥah*</i>	Happiness
	תּוֹרָה	<i>Torah*</i>	Five Books of Moses, in scroll form
Greeting	חַג שְׂמֵחַ	<i>ḥag same-ah*</i>	Happy holiday

## Hebrew Month: Heshvan

חֶשְׁוָן

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
None!	מַרְחֶשְׁוֹן	<i>Mar-<u>Heshvan</u></i>	“Bitter <u>Heshvan</u> ,” labeled as such due to the month’s lack of holidays

## Hebrew Month: *Kislev*

### כֶּסֶלֶו

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
<b>חַנּוּכָּה</b> <i>Hanukkah</i>	חַנּוּכָּה	<i>Hanukiyah*</i>	Menorah with 8 branches plus one for the <i>shamash</i> /helper candle
	נֵר	<i>ner*</i>	Candle
	נֵרוֹת	<i>nerot*</i>	Candles
	נֵס גָּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁם	<i>nes gadol hayah sham</i>	A great miracle happened <i>there</i> (said by those outside of Israel)
	נֵס גָּדוֹל הָיָה פֹּה	<i>nes gadol hayah poh</i>	A great miracle happened <i>here</i> (said by those in Israel)
	שָׁמֶשׁ	<i>shamash*</i>	Helper (candle)
	סֻפְגָּנִיָּה	<i>sufganiyah*</i>	Donut
	סְבִיבּוֹן	<i>s'vivon*</i>	(Yiddish: <i>Dreidel</i> ) spinning top
<b>Greeting</b>	חַג אוֹרִים שְׂמֵחַ	<i>hag urim same-ah</i>	Happy <i>Hanukkah</i> ; "Happy holiday of lights"

## Hebrew Month: *Sh'vat*

שֶׁבֶט

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
<p>ט"ו בִּשְׁבֶט</p> <p><i>Tu Bish'vat</i></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> (day) of (the Hebrew month) <i>Sh'vat</i></p>	עֵץ	<i>etz*</i>	Tree
	עֵצִים	<i>etzim*</i>	Trees
	פְּרִי	<i>p'ri*</i>	Fruit
	סֵדֶר	<i>seder*</i>	“Order”; ritual meal (a <i>Tu Bish'vat</i> <i>seder</i> )



## Hebrew Month: *Adar*

### אָדָר

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
פּוּרִים <i>Purim</i>	מַלְכָּה	<i>malkah*</i>	Queen
	מֶלֶךְ	<i>melekh*</i>	King
	מִגֵּלָה	<i>m'gillah*</i>	Book in scroll form
	מִגִּילַת אֶסְתֵּר	<i>M'gillat Esther</i>	The scroll (book) of Esther
	מִשְׁלוּחַ מְנוֹת	<i>mishloah manot*</i>	<i>Purim</i> baskets; gifts for friends and family
	אָזְנֵי הָמָן	<i>oznei haman*</i> <small>[First syllable is "oh"]</small>	(Yiddish: <i>Hamentashen</i> ) triangular pastries; "Haman's ears"
	רַעְשָׁן	<i>ra'ashan*</i>	(Yiddish: <i>grogger</i> ) noisemaker
Greeting	חַג פּוּרִים שְׂמֵחַ	<i>hag Purim same-ah</i>	"Happy <i>Purim</i> "

## Hebrew Month: *Nissan*

### נִּסָּן

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
פֶּסַח <i>Pesah</i> Passover	אַפִּיקוֹמָן	<i>afikoman*</i>	Dessert; hidden <i>matzah</i> that is searched for during <i>seder</i>
	בֵּיצָה	<i>beitzah*</i>	Egg
	דַּיְינוּ	<i>dayeinu</i>	It would have been “enough for us”; a song in the <i>haggadah</i>
	הַגְּדָה	<i>haggadah*</i>	Book used for Passover <i>seder</i>
	חֵמֶץ	<i>hametz*</i>	Food containing grains forbidden on <i>Pesah</i>
	חֲרוֹסֶת	<i>haroset*</i>	A mixture that represents the mortar used by the Israelites in Egypt
	קַעֲרָה	<i>k'arah*</i>	Seder plate
	כַּרְפָּס	<i>karpas*</i>	Leafy greens
	מָרוֹר	<i>maror*</i>	Bitter herb

	מַצָּה	<i>matzah*</i>	Unleavened bread
	מִצְרַיִם	<i>Mitzrayim</i>	Egypt
	עֹמֶר	<i>Omer</i>	Period of counting seven weeks between <i>Pesah</i> and <i>Shavu'ot</i>
	סֵדֶר	<i>seder*</i>	“Order”; ritual meal for <i>Pesah</i>
	זְרוּעַ	<i>z'ro-ah*</i>	Shank bone
<b>Greeting</b>	חַג שְׂמֵחַ	<i>hag same-ah*</i>	“Happy holiday”

## Hebrew Month: *Nissan*

נִיֶּסָן

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
יום השואה	עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>Am Yisra-el</i>	People of Israel
<i>Yom Hasho-ah</i>	שואה	<i>Sho-ah</i>	Holocaust
Holocaust Memorial Day	זְכוֹרֹן	<i>zikaron</i>	Memory

## Hebrew Month: *Iyyar*

איָר

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
יום הזְכָרוֹן <i>Yom Hazikaron</i>	חַיָּל	<i>hayal</i>	Soldier
	חַיָּלִים	<i>hayalim</i>	Soldiers
Memorial Day (for Israel's fallen soldiers)	כְּבוֹד	<i>kavod</i>	Respect
	שָׁלוֹם	<i>shalom</i>	Peace
	צָבָא	<i>tzavah</i>	Army
	זְכָרוֹן	<i>zikaron</i>	Memory

## Hebrew Month: *Iyyar*

איָר

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
<p>יום העצמאות</p> <p><i>Yom Ha'atzma-ut</i></p> <p>Independence Day</p>	עֲצֻמָּאוֹת	<i>atzma-ut</i>	Independence
	דָּגֵל	<i>degel*</i>	Flag
	כָּחֹל	<i>kahol*</i>	Blue
	לָבָן	<i>lavan*</i>	White
	יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>Yisra-el*</i>	Israel
	מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>M'dinat Yisra-el*</i>	State of Israel

## Hebrew Month: *Iyyar*

איָר

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
לִיג בְּעוֹמֶר	קוּמְזִיץ	<i>kumzitz</i>	(Yiddish) The “event” of people enjoying a campfire; “come sit”
<i>Lag Ba’omer</i>	מְדוּרָה	<i>m’durah</i>	Campfire
33 <sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer	עוֹמֶר	<i>Omer</i>	Period of counting seven weeks between <i>Pesah</i> and <i>Shavu’ot</i>
	סְפִירַת הָעוֹמֶר	<i>s’firat ha’omer</i>	Counting the <i>Omer</i>

## Hebrew Month: *Sivan*

### סיון

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
<p>שבועות</p> <p><i>Shavu'ot</i></p> <p>Feast of Weeks</p>	בְּכֹרִים	<i>bikkurim*</i>	First fruits
	הַר סִינַי	<i>Har Sinai*</i>	Mount Sinai
	מַתַּן תּוֹרָה	<i>matan Torah</i>	Giving of the Torah
	תּוֹרָה	<i>Torah*</i>	Five Books of Moses, in scroll form



## Hebrew Month: Av

אָב

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
<p>תְּשֻׁעָה בְּאָב</p> <p><i>Tishah B'Av</i></p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> of Av</p>	<p>בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ</p>	<p><i>Beit Hamikdash</i></p>	<p>The Temple – center of Jewish worship in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago; “the holy house”</p>
	<p>צוֹם</p>	<p><i>tzom*</i></p>	<p>Fast (no food or drink)</p>
	<p>יְרוּשָׁלַיִם</p>	<p><i>Y'rushalayim*</i></p>	<p>Jerusalem</p>

## Other Observances

Holiday	Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation
תעניות			
<i>Ta'anivot</i>	צום	<i>tzom*</i>	Fast
Fast days			
<b>Greeting</b>	צום קל	<i>tzom* kal</i>	"An easy fast"

ראש חודש	חודש	<i>hodesh</i>	Month
<i>Rosh Hodesh</i>	חודשים	<i>hodashim</i>	Months
	שנה	<i>shanah</i>	Year
New Month	ירח	<i>yare-ah</i>	Moon
<b>Greeting</b>	חודש טוב	<i>hodesh tov</i>	"A good month"