

*Aggada* - Literary, aesthetic elements in the Oral Law and in the Talmud.  
*AHBH* (pronounced *Ahava*) - Love  
*Ain* - Nothing  
*Ain Sof* - No End, Infinite.  
*Akeidah* - Binding of Isaac  
*Amalek* - Archetypal enemy of the Jews.  
*Amen* - Expression of agreement or confirmation used in worship by Jews.  
*Amora* - pl. *Amoraim* - sages, in Palestine and Babylonia (200 - 500A.D.) who interpreted the Mishna and other Tannaitic collections (see Talmud).  
*Aramaic* - language belonging to the Semitic family. Grammatically, Aramaic is very close to Hebrew.  
*Asiya* - Action. World of.  
*Atzilut* - Archetypes, World of.  
*Aveirah* - Sin, transgression.  
*Ba'al Teshuva* - Master Penitent.  
*Beraita* - Jewish oral law not incorporated in the six orders of the Mishnah.  
*Bereishit* - Book of Genesis.  
*Binah* - Understanding, repentance, heart, reasoning, something from something else.  
*Bo'reh* - Creator.  
*Bohu* - Void.  
*Briah* - Creation, World of.  
*Brit* - Covenant.  
*Chacham* pl. *Chachamim* - Wise person, having *Chokhma*.  
*Chaim* (*Chayim*) - Life.  
*Challah* - Portion of dough set aside as a tithe for the Jewish priesthood, or *kohanim*.  
*Charoseth* - Sweet spicy paste into which *Maror* - Bitter herbs are dipped at the Passover Seder.  
*Chaya* - Life-force.  
*Chayot* - Living creatures, angels.  
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*Chesed* (*Hesed*) - Lovingkindnesses. pl. *Chasadim*.  
*Chokhma* - Wisdom, revelation, something from nothing.  
*Chutzpah* - Effrontery, impudence.  
*D'chura* - Masculinity.  
*Da'at* - Knowing.  
*EHYH* - One of Names of God, I Will Be.  
*EL SHADAI* - One of Names of God, translated, God Almighty who is all sufficient.  
*ELOHIM* - One of Names of God, When sacred, God. When profane, gods.  
*ELOHIM CHAYIM* - Living God, God in process.  
*Esau* - Son of Isaac, who sold his birthright to his younger twin, Jacob  
*Exilarch* - one of a line of hereditary rulers of the Jewish community in Babylonia (100A.D. - 1000A.D.)  
*Gadol* - Large, Great.  
*Gematria* - System of assigning numerical value to an alphabet.  
*Gevurah* - Withholding, strict judgment, power, determination, also known as *Pachad* - Terror. pl. *Gevurot*.  
*Gilgul* - Concept of reincarnation, emanating from the Kabbalah  
*Halacha* - the body of law regulating all aspects of life,  
*Heh* - Fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet.  
*Hesed* - see *Chesed*  
*Hillel* - 1st century Jewish scholar, president of the Sanhedrin. Important figure in the Mishnah.  
*Hod* - Beauty, surrender, knowing when to stop.  
*Ishmael* - Son of Abraham and Hagar; ancestor of 12 tribes in N Arabia.  
*Judah* (*Yehuda*) *ha-Nasi* - The Prince. c.135-c.220, known as Rebbe. Palestinian Jewish communal leader. (see *Tanna*)  
*Kabbalah* - A body of mystical teachings of rabbinical origin  
*Katan* - Small, lesser.  
*Kavvana* - Intent, purpose of prayer or act of worship.  
*Kedusha* - Holiness, sanctity.  
*Keter* - Crown, projection, divine plan.  
*Keter Elyon* - Supernal Crown, highest Sefira.  
*Keter Malkhut* - Crown of Sovereignty, lowest Sefira.  
*Kidush Hashem* - Sanctification of the Name, an act glorifying God, martyrdom.  
*Klipoth* - Peels, shells, the primeval husks of impurity, representation of evil forces.  
*Klipoth Nogah* - Shells of Light.  
*Kohain* pl. *Kohanim* (*Cohen*) - Priest, direct male descendant of the Biblical Aaron, brother of Moses.  
*Kosher* - Fit for use. Used in rabbinic literature to mean ritually correct, but most widely applied to food.  
*Lev* - Heart.  
*Malkhut* - Sovereignty, process, divine plan unfolded.  
*Mamzer* - Bastard, child of a prohibited sexual union.  
*Maror* - Bitter herbs eaten at the Passover Seder

*Matrilinear* - Inheriting or determining descent through the female line.

*Merkava* - Vehicle. Throne-chariot of God. 4-wheeled, driven by four *Chayot* each with 4 wings and the 4 faces of a man, lion, ox, and eagle. In Ezekiel's vision.

*Mesorah*, Oral tradition.

*Midah* - Measure, characteristic.

*Midrash* - a collection of early Jewish interpretation of or commentary on a Biblical text.

*Mikveh* - Gathering of water, pool.

*Milah* - Circumcision of the Penis.

*Milah* - Word of the tongue.

*Mishna* - Codified collection of Oral Law, legal interpretations of portions of Pentateuch and other legal material. An article or section of this collection.

*Mitzvah* pl. *Mizvoth* one of 613 Commandments of the Torah, or any act of human kindness.

*Mochin* - Mindedness, mentality.

*Mochin D'Gadlut* - Large or broadminded.

*Mochin D'Katnut* - Small or narrow minded.

*Musaf* - Additional sacrifice in Temple, additional prayer service on sabbaths and festivals.

*Navon* pl. *Nevonim* - People having *Binah* - Understanding.

*Nefesh* - Anima.

*Neshama* - Breath.

*Netzach* - Victory, eternity, initiative, persistence, knowing when to begin.

*Nidah* - Regulations and rituals concerning menstruation; a woman when menstruating.

*Notariqon* - Using initial or final letters of a word to stand for another word, forming a sentence or idea out of the words.

*Nukba* - Feminine.

*Ohr* - Light.

*Ohr Makif* - Surrounding Light.

*Ohr Pnim* - Inner Light.

*Olam* - World.

*Olam Haba* - World to Come.

*Olam Hazei* - This World.

*Onkelos* - translator of the Hebrew Bible into Aramaic, 2nd cent. A.D.,

*Ot* - Letter pl. *Otyot* - Letters

*Ot* - Sign pl. *Otot* - Signs.

*Panim* - Face, front. Interior.

*Rashi* - 1040-1105 A.D. Jewish exegete, grammarian, and legal authority, b. Troyes, France. Name of authoritative commentary on the Bible he wrote.

*Rebbe* - Title of respect for the leader of a Hasidic group.

*Reishith* - Beginning.

*Ruach* - Spirit.

*Ruach Hakodesh* - Holy Spirit

*Samael* - Archangel in Talmudic and post-Talmudic lore, accuser, seducer and destroyer.

*Sanhedrin* - Highest judicial and ecclesiastical council in ancient Israel.

*Sephira* - Step-by-step process of the Divine plan as it unfolds itself in our world. pl. *Sephirot*

*Sh'ma* - Centerpiece of Jewish prayer, affirming monotheism, Hear O Israel The LORD our God, the LORD is One.

*SHADAI* - One of Names of God. Usually paired with *EL*.

*Shamai* - Jewish scholar of the 1st century, important figure in the Mishnah. Eminent contemporary and opponent of *Hillel*.

*Shana* - Year.

*Shechina* - Divine Presence representing the feminine attributes of the presence of God .

*Shefa* - Abundance, flow of divine munificence.

*Simcha* - Joy.

*Sof* - End.

*Talmud* - Both the Palestinian and Babylonian schools produced Talmuds, compendia of Jewish Law and Lore.

*Tameh* - see *Tumah*

*Tanakh* - Bible used in Judaism.

*Tanna* pl. *Tannaim* - Jewish sages of the period from Hillel to the compilation of the Mishna.

Targum - Any of several translations of *Tanakh* into Aramaic

*Tefilla* - Prayer.

*Tefillin* - Phylacteries, a pair of black leather boxes with scrolls of biblical verses worn in prayer on head and arm.

*Ten Martyrs* - Ten Tannaim of the Mishna killed by the Romans to expiate the Selling of Biblical Joseph into Egypt.

*Teshuva* - Repentance.

*Tetragrammaton* - Greek meaning 'word of four letters', refers to *YHVH*.

*Tifferet* - Glory, symmetry, balance, compassion.

*Tikkun* - Fixing.

*Tohu* - Chaos.

*Torah* - Pentateuch.

*Tumah* is a state of ritual impurity. A person or item which contracts *tumah* is said to be *Tameh*.

*Twelve Tribes* - Twelve sons of Biblical Jacob who form the basic family unit of the Jewish People.

*TZABAOTH* - Hosts, One of Names of God.

*Tzadik* - Righteous one. pl. *Tzadikim*. title given to someone considered righteous; spiritual master or rebbe.

*Tzedaka* - Charity.

*Tzimtzum* - Contraction or constriction. the notion that God contracted His infinite light in order to allow for a conceptual space in which a finite, seemingly independent world could exist.

*Yechida* - Singularity.

*Yesh* - Something.

*Yesh Me' Ayin* - Something from Nothing.

*Yesh Me'yesh* - Something from Something.

*Yesod* - Fundament, foundation, coherence, bringing things together.

*Yetzer* - Desire. *Yetzer Ra* - Evil Desire *Yetzer Tov* - Good Desire.

*Yetzira* - Formation, World of.

*YH* - One of Names of God.

*YHV* - One of Names of God. Precursor of *YHVH*.

*YHVH* - One of Names of God, The LORD. The ineffable Name.

*Yud* - Tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

*Zivug* - Coupling, pairing, joining (sexual) or grappling, matching (war).

*Zohar* - Mystical commentaries and homilies on the Pentateuch by Moses de León (13th cent.) attributed to Simon ben Yohai, scholar of the 2nd cent. A.D.