FULL JEWISH LIFE VOCABULARY LIST

This list is in alphabetical order, by the column with transliteration.

Items in "quotations" are literal translations.

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Hebrew	Transliteration	Translation/Description
יהוה	Adonai	God
אֲפִיקוֹמָן	afikoman*	Dessert; hidden <i>matzah</i> that is searched for during <i>seder</i>
עַל רֶגֶל אַחַת	al regel a <u>h</u> at	"On one foot"; Meaning: without/little forethought.
עֲלִיָּה	aliyah	Ascend/go up; move to Israel
עֲלִיָּה לַתּוֹרָה	aliyah la'torah	Calling up to the <i>bimah</i> to recite Torah blessings or read from Torah
עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל	Am Yisra-el	People of Israel
עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל חַי	am Yisra-el <u>h</u> ai	"The people of Israel live"
אֲרוֹן הַקּדֶשׁ	aron hakodesh*	Holy Ark
אַשְׁכְנַזִּי	Ashkenazi	From Eastern European Jewish descent
עַצְמָאוּת	atzma-ut	Independence
אוּיפרוּף	Aufruf colloquially pronounced: oof-roof	(Yiddish: "calling up") Pre-wedding honor and blessing at services
בְּהַצְלָחָה	b'hatzla <u>h</u> ah	Good luck

בְּמִדְבָּר	B'midbar	Numbers; "in the desert"
בְּנֵי מִצְוָה	B'nai Mitzvah	Plural of <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> ; "children of the commandment"
בְּנוֹת מִצְוָה	B'not Mitzvah	Plural of <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> ; "daughters of the commandment"
בְּרָכָה	b'ra <u>kh</u> ah	Blessing
בְּרֵאשִׁית	B'reishit	Genesis; "in the beginning"
בְּרִית מִילָה	B'rit milah	"Covenant of circumcision"
בְּשָׂמִים	b'samim	Spices
בְּסֵדֶר	b'seder	Okay; "in order"
בְּתֵאָבוֹן	b'tey-avon	Bon appetite; enjoy your meal
בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים	B'tzelem Elohim	In the image of God
בְּבַקּשָׁה	b'vakashah	Please; you are welcome
בָּר מִצְוָה	Bar Mitzvah	A boy's coming of age according to Jewish tradition, often celebrated with ceremony; "son of the commandment"
בָּרוּדְ	baru <u>kh</u>	Blessed; praised
בָּרוּךְ הַשֵּׁם	baru <u>kh</u> hashem	Thank God

בְּשָׂרִי	b'sari	Meat
בַּת מִצְוָה	Bat Mitzvah	A girl's coming of age according to Jewish tradition, often celebrated with ceremony; "daughter of the commandment"
בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ	Beit Hamikdash	The Temple – center of Jewish worship in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago; "the holy house"
בֵּית כְּנֶסֶת	beit k'nesset	"House of gathering"; synagogue
בֵּית מִדְרָשׁ	beit midrash	"House of study"
בֶּית תְּפִילָה	beit t'fillah	"House of prayer"; sanctuary
בֵּיצָה	beitzah*	Egg
בִּכּוּרִים	bikkurim*	First fruits
בִּיקוּר חוֹלִים	bikkur <u>h</u> olim	Visiting the sick
בִּימָה	bimah*	Raised area or platform in synagogue; can also refer to the pulpit; stage
בְרְכַּת הַמָּזוֹן	Birkat Hamazon	Grace/blessing of thanksgiving after eating
בְּרִית	b'rit	Covenant; contract
דְּבָר תּוֹרָה	d'var Torah	Sermon; "words of Torah"

דְבָרִים	D'varim	Deuteronomy; "words"
דְּבַשׁ	d'vash*	Honey
דַּיֵּינוּ	dayeinu	It would have been "enough for us"; a song in the haggadah
דֶּגֶל	degel*	Flag
דֶּרֶדְּ אֶרֶץ	dere <u>kh</u> eretz	"Way of the land"; Meaning: the common way that people act
רָשָּׁה	d'rashah	Interpretation or explication of Torah
אֵלוּ וְאֵלוּ	eilu v'eilu	Both this and that
אֱלהִים	Elohim	God
אָרֶץ	eretz	Land; country
אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל	eretz Yisra-el	Land of Israel
עֵרוּב	eruv	Public area designated as "private domain" by wire boundary that permits activities usually forbidden publically on Shabbat (i.e. carrying)
אֵשׁ	esh	Fire; flame
אֶתְרוֹג	etrog*	Citron; lemon-like fruit
עץ חַיִּים	etz <u>h</u> ayim	Wooden handles of Torah scroll; "Tree of life"

עץ	etz*	Tree
עֵצִים	etzim*	Trees
גְּלִילָה	g'lilah	Dressing the Torah
גְמַר חֲתִימָה טוֹבָה	g'mar <u>h</u> atimah tovah	May you finish (Yom Kippur) by being inscribed (in the Book of Life) for Good (meaning that it should all end well)
גְּמִילוּת חֲסָדִים	g'milut <u>h</u> asadim	Acts of loving kindness
ַּגַבַאי	Gabbai	One who helps with Torah service
גְּמָרָא	Gemara	Rabbinic commentary on the <i>Mishnah</i> ; second part of <i>Talmud</i>
הַגבָּהָה	hagbahah colloquially pronounced: hagbah	Raising of the Torah scroll
הַגָּדָה	haggadah*	Book used at <i>Pesa<u>h</u> seder;</i> "telling"
הַקָּבָּה	hakafah	Going around or circling with Torah scrolls; Torah procession; marching/dancing with Torah
הַקָּפוֹת	hakafot*	Multiple rounds of marching/dancing with Torah
הַכְנָסַת אוֹרְחִים	ha <u>kh</u> nasat or <u>h</u> im	Welcoming guests
הַכּל בְּסֵדֶר	hakol b'seder	Everything is okay; "Everything is in order"

הַכּּתֶל	Ha-Kotel	The Western Wall of The Temple in Jerusalem
הַלְכָּה	hala <u>kh</u> ah	Jewish law; "the way to go"
הַפּוֹצִיא	Hamotzi	Blessing said over <u>h</u> allah/bread/food
הַר סִינַי	Har Sinai*	Mount Sinai
תַשָּׁם	Hashem	God; "The Name"
הַּלְּלָה	Hatikvah	Israeli national anthem; "The Hope"
הַבְדָּלָה	Havdallah*	Ceremony at the end of Shabbat; "separation"
חֵג שָּׂמֵחַ	<u>h</u> ag same-a <u>h</u> *	Happy holiday
חַג אוּרִים שָּׁמֵחַ	<u>h</u> ag urim same-a <u>h</u>	Happy <u>H</u> anukkah; "Happy holiday of lights"
תֵי	<u>h</u> ai	Life; alive; living
חֲלָבִי	<u>h</u> alavi	Dairy
תַלָּה	<u>h</u> allah*	Sweet braided bread eaten on <i>Shabbat</i> and holidays
חַלוֹת	<u>h</u> allot*	<u>H</u> allah, plural
טָמֵץ	<u>h</u> ametz*	Food containing grains forbidden on <i>Pesa<u>h</u></i>
קֻנֻכִּיָה	<u>H</u> anukiyah*	Menorah with 8 branches plus one for the shamash/helper candle
חֲבָּבָּה	<u>H</u> anukkah	Festival of Lights

חֲרוֹסֶת	<u>h</u> aroset*	A mixture that represents the mortar used by the Israelites in Egypt
חַבְרוּתָא	<u>h</u> avrutah	(Aramaic) friendship, study partner, traditional rabbinic style of Talmud study in pairs
תַּיָּל	<u>h</u> ayal	Soldier
חֲיָּלִים	<u>h</u> ayalim	Soldiers
וֹזָל	<u>H</u> azzan	Cantor
ָהֶכְשֶׁר	he <u>kh</u> sher	Kosher certification approval
טָסֶד	<u>h</u> esed	Kindness
מָטָא	<u>h</u> et	Sin
חֹדָשִׁים	<u>h</u> odashim	Months
רוֹדֶשׁ	<u>h</u> odesh	Month
רוֹדֶשׁ טוֹב	<u>h</u> odesh tov	"A good month"
חוֹל	<u>h</u> ol*	Profane; normal
חוּמָשׁ	<u>h</u> umash*	Five Books of Moses in book form
טֿפּֿט	<u>h</u> uppah	Wedding canopy
טֿאֿפֿע	<u>h</u> utzpah	Nerve; guts; the quality of over-stepping boundaries with no shame
קְעָרָה	k'arah*	Seder plate

קְתִּלָּה	k'hillah	Community
בְּתוּבָּה	k'tubah	Marriage contract, agreement
כְּתוּבִים	K'tuvim	Writings (section of the Bible)
קַבָּלַת שַׁבָּת	Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday night service; "receiving Shabbat"
קַדִּישׁ	Kaddish	Prayer said in remembrance of those who died; also used as a divider between sections of a service as words of praise
קַדִּישׁ יָתוֹם	Kaddish yatom	Mourner's Kaddish; prayer said in remembrance of those who died
קָדוֹשׁ	kadosh	Holy
בָּחֹל	ka <u>h</u> ol*	Blue
פַרְפַּס	karpas*	Leafy greens
ּבָּשֵׁר	kasher	To make kosher; to make fit for use
ַבַּשְׁרוּת	kashrut	Laws concerning status of food for eating and ritual; kosher
כָּבוֹד	kavod	Respect
קבוץ	kibbutz	Communal settlement in Israel
קדוּשׁ	Kiddush*	Blessing over wine; "sanctification"

פָפָּה	kippah*	(Yiddish: <i>Yarmulke</i>) ritually-worn head covering
פָּתָּה	kitah	Classroom
קֿדָשׁ	kodesh*	Holy; sacred
פֿל הַכָּבוֹד	kol hakavod	Good job; "all the respect to you"
בָּל נִדְרֵי	Kol Nidre	Prayer recited at evening service of <i>Yom Kippur</i> ; "all vows"
פוס קדוש	kos kiddush*	Cup of wine over which the <i>Kiddush</i> blessing is recited
קוּמְזִיץ	kumzitz	(Yiddish) The "event" of people enjoying a campfire; "come sit"
לְהַדְלִיק גַר	l'hadlik ner*	"To light candles"
לְתַיִּים	l' <u>h</u> ayim	Cheers; "to life"
לְהִתְרַאוֹת	l'hitra-ot	Bye; see you later
לְשָׁנָה טוֹבָה	l'shanah tovah	Happy new year; "to a good year"
לַבְּרִיאוּת	lab'ri-ut	Bless you; after a sneeze: "to health"
לַייג בָּעוֹמֶר	Lag Ba'omer	33 rd day of the Omer
לָשׁוֹן הָרַע	lashon hara	Gossip; "evil tongue"
לָבָּו	lavan*	White

לוּלָב	lulav*	A "bouquet" of palm, myrtle, willow branches, plus an <i>etrog</i>
מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל	M'dinat Yisra-el*	State of Israel
מְדוּרָה	m'durah	Campfire
מְגָלֶה	m′gillah*	Book in scroll form
מְגִילַת אֶסְתֵּר	M'gillat Esther	The scroll (book) of Esther
מְתִיצָה	m' <u>h</u> itzah	Partition; division for separation between men and women, usually during prayer
מְזוּזָה	m'zuzzah	Scroll placed on door frame with words from the Torah inside
מַעֲרִיב	Ma'ariv	Evening service
מַדְרִידְ	madri <u>kh</u> *	Guide; used as: teen assistant (male)
מַדְרִיכָה	madri <u>kh</u> ah*	Guide; used as: teen assistant (female)
מַדְרִיכִים	madri <u>kh</u> im*	Guides; used as: teen assistants (male or mixed gender)
מַדְרִיכוֹת	madri <u>kh</u> ot*	Guides; used as: teen assistants (female)
מַפְטִיר	maftir	Concluding section of Torah reading; last Torah reader

מַחְזוֹר	ma <u>h</u> zor*	High Holiday prayerbook
מַלְכָּה	malkah*	Queen
מַרְתֶּשְׁנָן	Mar- <u>H</u> eshvan	"Bitter <u>H</u> eshvan," labeled as such due to the month's lack of holidays
מָרוֹר	maror*	Bitter herb
מַשְׁגִיחַ	mashgi-a <u>h</u>	One who oversees kashrut status of kitchen
מָתַן תּוֹרָה	matan Torah	Giving of the Torah
מַצָּה	matzah*	Unleavened bread
מַזָּל טוֹב	mazal tov	Congratulations; "good fortune"
מֶלֶדְ	mele <u>kh</u> *	King
בֶּענְטְשׁ	mensch	(Yiddish) A good person
מִי שֶׁבַּרַדְּ	Mi Shebera <u>kh</u>	Blessing for those in need of healing; "One who blesses"
מִדוֹת	middot	Values; virtues
מִנְהַג הַמָּקוֹם	minhag hamakom	"Custom of the place"
מִנְחָה	Min <u>h</u> ah	Afternoon service
בִּנְיָן	minyan	Prayer group of at least 10 people
מִשְׁלוֹחַ מָנוֹת	mishloa <u>h</u> manot*	Purim baskets; gifts for friends and family

מִשְׁנָה	Mishnah	Rabbinic writings of Jewish Oral Law; first part of <i>Talmud</i>
מְצְרַיִם	Mitzrayim	Egypt
מְצְוָה	mitzvah	Commandment
מְזְרָתִי	Mizra <u>h</u> i	From Middle Eastern Jewish descent
מוֹעֲדִים לְשִׂמְחָה	mo-adim l'sim <u>h</u> ah	Happy Holiday; said as a greeting during the middle days of <i>Sukkot</i> ; "seasons of joy"
מוֹהֵל	mohel	One who performs ritual circumcision
מוֹרָה	morah*	Teacher (female)
מוֹרֶה	moreh*	Teacher (male)
מוֹרִים	morim*	Teachers (male or mixed gender)
מוֹרוֹת	morot*	Teachers (female)
מוּסָף	Mussaf	Additional service on Shabbat, holidays, Rosh <u>H</u> odesh (the beginning of a Hebrew month)
נְסִיעָה טוֹבָה	n'siyah tovah	"Have a good trip"
נְבִיאִים	N'vi'im	Prophets (section of the Bible)
נֵר תָּמִיד	ner tamid*	Eternal light
נֵר	ner*	Candle

נֵרוֹת	nerot*	Candles
נֵס גָּדוֹל הָיָה פֹּה	nes gadol hayah poh	A great miracle happened here (said by those in Israel)
נֵס גָּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁם	nes gadol hayah sham	A great miracle happened there (said by those outside of Israel)
עֹמֶר	Omer	Period of counting seven weeks between Pesa <u>h</u> and Shavu'ot
אוֹרְתִים	or <u>h</u> im*	Guests
אָזְנֵי הָמָן	oznei haman* [First syllable is "oh"]	(Yiddish: Hamentashen) triangular pastries; "Haman's ears"
אָרָי	p′ri*	Fruit
קַרָשָׁה	parashah	Portion of Torah
פָּרָשַׁת הַשָּׁבוּעַ	parashat hashavu-a	Torah portion of the week
פַרנֶוה	parve	(Yiddish) Neutral; neither meat nor dairy
פֿֿסַת	Pesa <u>h</u>	Passover
פִּרקֵי אָבוֹת	Pirkei Avot	Text about relationships and ethics; "Ethics of Our Sages"
פּוּרִים	Purim	Holiday of "lots"
רְפּוּאָה שְׁלֵימָה	r'fu-ah sh'leimah	Feel better; "a full recovery"
רַצַשָּׁן	ra'ashan*	(Yiddish: <i>grogger</i>) noisemaker

רַב	Rav	Rabbi
ראשׁ הַשָּׁנָה	Rosh Hashanah	New Year; "head of the year"
ראשׁ חֹדֶש	Rosh <u>H</u> odesh	New Month, considered a minor holiday; "head of the month"
קפָרִים	s'farim*	Books
סְפִירַת הָעֹמֶר	s'firat ha'omer	Counting the <i>Omer</i>
קְכָדְ	s' <u>kh</u> a <u>kh</u> *	Covering on the roof of a sukkah
סְלִיחָה	s'li <u>h</u> ah	Excuse me
סְלִיחוֹת	S'li <u>h</u> ot	Service preceding Rosh Hashanah; "forgiveness"
קבִיבוֹן	s'vivon*	(Yiddish: <i>Dreidel</i>) spinning top
סֶדֶר	seder*	"Order"; ritual meal (a <i>Tu Bish'vat</i> or <i>Pesa<u>h</u> seder</i>)
סֶבֶּר	sefer*	Book
סְפָרַדִּי	S'faradi	From Spanish or North African Jewish descent
שָׁהֶחֱיָנוּ	Sh'he <u>h</u> eyanu	Blessing of praise for first times and joyous occasions
שְׁלִיחַת צִבּוּר	sh'li <u>h</u> at tzibur	Prayer leader (female)
שְׁלוֹשִׁים	sh'loshim	Thirty days following a death

שְׁמוֹת	Sh'mot	Exodus; "names"
שַׁבָּת	Shabbat	Sabbath; day of rest
שַׁבָּת שָׁלוֹם	Shabbat Shalom	'A good <i>Shabbat'</i>
שַׁחֲרִית	Sha <u>h</u> arit	Morning service
שְׁלִיחַ צִבּוּר	shali-a <u>h</u> tzibur	Prayer leader (male)
שָׁלוֹם	shalom	Hello; farewell; "peace"
שַׁבְּשׁ	shamash*	Helper (candle)
שָׁנָה	shanah	Year
שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה	shanah tovah u'm'tukah	"a good and sweet year"
שָׁבוּעַ טוֹב	Shavu-a tov	'A good week'
שָׁבוּעוֹת	Shavu'ot	Feast of Weeks
שְׁעוּר	shi-ur	Lesson
שָׁבְעָה	shivah	Week of mourning following a death
שְׁלוֹם בַּיִת	sh'lom bayit	Peace of the home
שׁוֹאָה	Sho-ah	Holocaust
שׁוֹפָר	shofar*	Ram's horn
סְדּוּר	siddur*	Prayerbook

סְדּוּרָים	siddurim*	Prayerbooks
סְבְּרָיָּה	sifriyah	Library
שִׁמְחָה	sim <u>h</u> ah*	Happiness
שִּׁמְחַת בַּת	Sim <u>h</u> at bat	Girl's naming ceremony; "celebration of the daughter"
שִּׁמְחַת תּוֹרָה	Sim <u>h</u> at Torah	Holiday for restarting Torah reading cycle; "joy of Torah"
סַבְּנָנִיּה	sufganiyah*	Donut
סֻכָּה	sukkah*	Hut; temporary dwelling
סְכּוֹת	Sukkot	Festival of Booths
ּתְפָּלִין	t'fillin*	Phylacteries; the small black boxes worn on a person's head and arm during weekday morning services
ּתְפִילָה	t'fillah	Prayer; services; worship
רְּשׁוּבָה	t'shuvah*	Repentance
תַּעֲנִיוֹת	Ta'aniyot	Fast days
תַּכְלִית	ta <u>kh</u> les (note the pronunciation difference from the Hebrew)	(Yiddish) Details; essence; bottom line
טַלִּית	tallit*	Prayer shawl

תַּלְמוּד	Talmud	Rabbinic books of legal codes, stories, debates, made of <i>Mishnah</i> and <i>Gemara</i>
תנייך	Ta n a <u>kh</u>	Hebrew Bible – T orah, N 'vi'im, K 'tuvim
הַפּוּתַ	tapu-a <u>h</u> *	Apple
עפּוּטִים	tapu <u>h</u> im*	Apples
תַּשְׁלִידְּ	Tashli <u>kh</u>	Throwing away of sins
תִּיקוּן עוֹלָם	tikkun olam	Repairing the world
תִּשְׁעָה בְּאָב	Tisha B'Av	9th of Av
הּוֹדָה	todah	Thank you
הּוֹרָה	Torah*	Law/teaching, Five Books of Moses in scroll form
טוֹב	tov*	Good
אָרַײף	treif	(Yiddish) Not kosher
ט״וּ בִּשְׂבָט	Tu Bish'vat	15 th (day) of (the Hebrew month) <i>Sh'vat</i>
צְדָקָה	tz'dakah*	Charitable giving
נָבָא	tzavah	Army
צֶדֶק	tzedek	Justice

צִיצִית	tzitzit*	Fringes with knots tied onto <i>tallit</i>
צוֹם	tzom*	Fast (not eating or drinking)
צוֹם קַל	tzom* kal	"An easy fast"
אָשְׁפִּיזִין	Ushpizin	(Aramaic) Guests; ancestors who are metaphorically welcomed into a sukkah
וַיִּקְרָא	Vayikra	Leviticus; "and he called"
יְרוּשָׁלַיִם	Y'rushalayim*	Jerusalem
יָד	yad*	Torah pointer; "hand"
יָמִים נוֹרָאִים	Yamim nora-im	High holy days
יָבתַ	yare-a <u>h</u>	Moon
יאָרצײַט	Yartzeit	(Yiddish) Year-anniversary of a death
יִישַׁר כֹּתֶדְּ	yashar ko <u>h</u> e <u>kh</u> colloquially pronounced: yasher ko- <u>h</u> e <u>kh</u>	Statement made to a female in response to something done well, especially after a Torah reading or d'var Torah; "May your strength be made straight"

יִישַׁר כֹּחֲדְּ	yishar ko- <u>h'kh</u> a colloquially pronounced: yasher ko-a <u>h</u>	Statement made to a male in response to something done well, especially after a Torah reading or d'var Torah; "May your strength be made straight"
יִּשְׂרָאֵל	Yisra-el*	Israel
ילָפִי	yofi*	Beautiful; nice
יוֹם הַשׁוֹאָה	Yom Hasho-ah	Holocaust Memorial Day
יוֹם הָעַצְמָאוּת	Yom Ha'atzma-ut	Independence Day
יוֹם תַּזִּכֶּרוֹן	Yom Hazikaron	Memorial Day (for Israel's fallen soldiers)
יוֹם הוּלֶדֶת שָׂמֵחַ	yom huledet same-a <u>h</u>	Happy birthday
יוֹם כָּפוּר	Yom Kippur	"Day of Atonement"
זְרוֹעַ	z'ro-ah*	Shank bone
זַּכָּרוֹן	zikaron	Memory
זְכְרוֹנָה לִבְרָכָה	zi <u>kh</u> ronah livra <u>kh</u> ah	"May her memory be a blessing"
זְכְרוֹנוֹ לִבְרָכָה	zi <u>kh</u> rono livra <u>kh</u> ah	"May his memory be a blessing"