

Glossary of Yiddish Terms

Yiddish	English	
<i>Bubbe</i>	grandmother	
<i>chupa</i>	canopy	
<i>chutzpah</i>	gall	
<i>daven</i>	pray	
<i>dybbuk</i>	ghost	
<i>Hashem</i>	God	
<i>L'chaim</i>	a toast "to life"	
<i>Hora</i>	celebratory dance	
<i>macher</i>	important person	
<i>Mazel Tov</i>	congratulations	
<i>meshuga</i>	crazy	
<i>mezuzah</i>	sacred door ornament	
<i>plotz</i>	faint	
<i>pupikel</i>	belly button	
<i>schpilkis</i>	nerves	
<i>Sheina kindela</i>	dear one	
<i>tsorus</i>	problems	
<i>vey ismere</i>	Oh woe!	
<i>Yeshiva</i>	religious school	
<i>Zadie</i>	grandfather	