



## HINDU GLOSSARY



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| <b>Arti</b>           | The daily worship ceremony at the Mandir starts with the blowing of a conch shell and uses a ghee lamp.               |
| <b>Brahman</b>        | The supreme God to Hindus, "the Absolute".  |
| <b>Diwali</b>         | The Festival of light, held in autumn, which marks the Hindu New Year.  |
| <b>Holi</b>           | The festival of colour to celebrate good triumphing over evil.  |
| <b>Puja tray</b>      | Tray that includes prashad, candle, Kum Kum powder and Murti use to pray at home.                                     |
| <b>Ganesh</b>         | God seen as a man with an elephant's head.  |
| <b>Karma</b>          | The idea that all actions have consequences which affect how people will be reborn (reincarnated) in their next life. |
| <b>Mandir</b>         | The sacred building where Hindus worship.   |
| <b>Moksha</b>         | A Hindu's ultimate goal, to become one with God.  |
| <b>Murtis</b>         | Statutes or pictures depicting Hindu Gods.  |
| <b>Pandit</b>         | A Hindu priest.   |
| <b>Kum Kum powder</b> | Worshippers mark their heads (Tilak) and Gods on shrines with this powder   |
| <b>Prashad</b>        | Food that has been offered to God and shared with everyone visiting the Mandir, usually sweets, nuts or fruit.        |
| <b>Puja</b>           | The Hindu act of worship.   |
| <b>Sari</b>           | A long straight piece of cloth worn by some Hindu women.  |
| <b>Vedas</b>          | The earliest sacred books of the Hindus, a collection of hymns and poems.   |
| <b>Vishnu</b>         | God seen as a man who helps when things go wrong.   |
| <b>Gandhi</b>         | A famous Hindu who protested peacefully for India's independence.   |



## ISLAM GLOSSARY



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| <b>Allah</b>           | The Arabic word for God.  |
| <b>Muslim</b>          | A person who follows Islam  |
| <b>Mohammed (PBUH)</b> | The prophet (hadith) who spread the word of God.  |
| <b>Eid al-Fitr</b>     | The festival which marks the end of Ramadan.  |
| <b>Five Pillars</b>    | <p>The five acts of worship for followers of Islam.</p> <p><b>Shahadah:</b> declaration of faith &amp; there is one true God- Allah.</p> <p><b>Salah:</b> prayer perform 5 times a day</p> <p><b>Zakat:</b> giving a fixed proportion to Muslim charity (Sadaqah when Muslims give to non-Muslims). They must earn over the Nisab (amount of money needed before Muslim can give to charity).</p> <p><b>Saum:</b> fasting during the month of Ramadan</p> <p><b>Hajj:</b> pilgrimage to Mecca</p> |
| <b>Imam</b>            | A teacher and religious leader in the Muslim faith.   |
| <b>Ka'ba</b>           | The first place built for the worship of Allah. All Muslims face it when they pray.   |
| <b>Makkah or Mecca</b> | The most holy city for Muslims, the place where the Ka'ba is found. Makkah is in modern-day Saudi Arabia.   |
| <b>Minaret</b>         | The tall tower in a mosque.   |
| <b>Mosque</b>          | The Muslim place of worship.  |
| <b>Qur'an</b>          | The holy book of Islam written in Arabic.   |
| <b>Ramadan</b>         | The ninth month in the Islamic calendar, when Muslims fast during daylight hours.   |



## JEWISH GLOSSARY



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| <b>Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvah</b> | The name of the ceremonies used to mark Jewish adulthood for boy and girls.   |
| <b>Berachot</b>                | Short prayers or blessings to mark every occasion.  |
| <b>Challot</b>                 | Special loaves of bread served during Shabbat.  |
| <b>Chuppah</b>                 | A wedding canopy which symbolises the couple's new home.  |
| <b>Hannakuah</b>               | A festival to commemorate the end of a battle and the dedication when the temple was repaired and the lamps were lit.   |
| <b>Pesach (Passover)</b>       | When God delivered the Israelites (Jewish slaves) from slavery in Egypt. During the 10 plagues, their first born children were 'passovered' and spared death. |
| <b>Havdalah</b>                | The ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat.   |
| <b>Hebrew</b>                  | The language of Jewish writings and prayers. Modern Hebrew is the official language of Israel.  |
| <b>Kibbutz</b>                 | A communal settlement in Israel, typically a farm.  |
| <b>Kosher</b>                  | Food that has been prepared according to Jewish rules.  |
| <b>Magen David</b>             | The six-pointed star is a modern, universal Jewish symbol.  |
| <b>Menorah</b>                 | Found in synagogues, this candelabrum with seven candle holders is one of the oldest symbols of Judaism.  |
| <b>Mezuzah</b>                 | A little case containing a tiny scroll with writing from the Torah.   |
| <b>Orthodox Jews</b>           | Jews who still follow the religion's traditional laws and customs.  |
| <b>Rabbi</b>                   | A Jewish teacher and preacher.  |
| <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>           | The Jewish New Year festival.   |
| <b>Shabbat</b>                 | The Jewish day of rest.   |
| <b>Synagogue</b>               | A building where Jews go to worship.  |
| <b>Torah</b>                   | The most holy Jewish book.  |



## HUMANISM GLOSSARY



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| <b>Humanist</b>   | Belief that you can live a good and fulfilling life without God. |
| <b>Atheist</b>    | Don't believe in God.  |
| <b>Agnostic</b>   | Neither believes or disbelieves in God.                          |
| <b>Theist</b>     | Believes in God.   |
| <b>Philosophy</b> | A way of thinking.   |
| <b>Ethics</b>     | Seeking to do good, avoiding doing harm.                         |
| <b>Morality</b>   | The difference between right and wrong, good and bad.            |