

## Jewish Vocabulary Words from *Night*

- **Synagogue:** A Jewish house of worship, often having places for religious instruction.
- **Rabbi:** Title of a Jewish scholar or teacher who is often the chief religious official of a synagogue.
- **Torah:** The primary source in the Jewish religion is the Hebrew Bible, consisting of 24 books divided into three sections. The Torah includes the first five books of the bible.
- **Talmud:** Next in importance to the Hebrew Bible, a collection of teachings of early rabbis from the fifth and sixth centuries.
- **Rosh Hashanah:** Marks the new year of the Jewish calendar. (September)
- **Yom Kippur:** The holiest day of the Jewish calendar. This is considered to be the day in which every individual is judged by God. Yom Kippur is also known as the Day of Atonement. (September)
- **Passover:** An eight-day festival commemorating the freeing of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. (April/March)
- **Kaddish:** Jewish prayer of mourning said for the dead.
- **Job:** A biblical figure who has come to symbolize suffering.

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- **prostrate:** to cast (oneself) face down on the ground in humility, submission, or adoration
- **reprieve:** a temporary relief from evil or punishment
- **rations:** a fixed allowance of provisions or food
- **dysentery:** an infectious disease marked by inflammation and ulceration of the lower part of the bowels, with diarrhea that becomes mucous and hemorrhagic
- **quarantine:** a period of isolation or detention, especially of people arriving from abroad, to prevent the spread of disease
- **apathy:** absence of suppression of passion, emotion, or excitement
- **pious:** having or showing a dutiful spirit of reverence for God or an earnest wish to fulfill religious obligations
- **morale:** emotional or mental conditions with respect to cheerfulness, confidence, zeal, etc. especially in the face of opposition, hardship, etc.
- **infernal:** extremely troublesome, annoying, etc.; outrageous
- **oppressive:** causing discomfort by being excessive, intense, elaborate