

ahavah rabah - great love

amen – related to “emunah” meaning faith or trust. A common response to blessings or prayers. Sometimes translated “I believe”. Bruce’s favorite rendering is “Right on!”

the amidah - a central prayer of the service, said while standing. Also known as the shemoneh-esrey. At KHL, when davening (praying) communally, our minhag (custom) is to combine communal chanting with silent, private meditative prayer.

beracha - blessing

betzelem elohim - in the image of God

derash - a commentary on a specific passage or story

gabay - a person who assists with the Torah service

hagigah – our main children’s education program.

- madrichim - leaders/guides, the teachers in our educational programming
- Chalutzim - Pioneers (grades 9-12)
- Magshimim - achievers (grades 6-8)
- Bonim - builders (grades 3-5)
- Zorim - planters (K-2)

kavanah - intention or intentional attitude toward the prayer activity in which one is engaging

ki le'olam chasdo - for God's love is everlasting

misheberach - the One who blessed. Also used to refer to prayers for individuals said during the Torah service (or where the Torah service would be when we don’t do one). Most prominently the misheberach l’cholim, the prayer for the sick.

niggun – a wordless melody

nusach - the melody or melodic mode of the service (or a part of the service) that depends on when the service is being conducted.

(the) Shechinah - a name for God, referring to the aspect of God that "dwells" among Israel and in the world. Often associated with the feminine aspects of Divinity.

tallit - a garment designed to bear tzizit. A tallit gadol is a prayer shawl.

tzitzit - fringes. Refers in particular to the fringes the Torah commands us to wear on the corners of our garments.