**Amulets** – Objects believed to have magical powers of protection or good luck.

**Archaeological** – Related to the study of human history through excavation and analysis of artifacts.

**Babatha** – A Jewish woman from the 2nd century CE known from a cache of personal documents discovered in the Judean Desert.

**Charlatans** – People who falsely claim to have special knowledge or skills; frauds.

**Contemporaneous** – Existing or occurring at the same time.

**Conjecture** – A guess or assumption based on incomplete information.

**Dybbuk** – In Jewish folklore, a malicious spirit of a dead person that possesses the living.

**Entrapping** – Catching or ensnaring someone, often in a deceptive or tricky way.

**Epigraphic** – Related to inscriptions or the study of inscriptions on monuments or artifacts.

**Earthenware** – Ceramic objects made from clay and baked at a relatively low temperature.

**Golem** – A human 'creature' brought into being by ritual means—is a recurring theme in Jewish mysticism and folklore.

**Halachic** – Relating to Halacha, the collective body of Jewish religious laws derived from the Torah.

**Hekhalot/Heichalot Literature –** The name given to a group of texts which constitute the earliest known products of ancient Jewish mysticism.

**Historiola** – A short mythical or magical narrative used in spells or charms to invoke a similar effect.

**Incantation** – A series of words spoken or chanted as a magical spell or charm.

**Lilith** – A mythological figure in Jewish folklore, often portrayed as a demon and considered Adam's first wife in some traditions.

**Lintel** – A long piece of stone or wood at the top of a door or window frame that supports the wall above

**Liturgical** – Relating to formal public worship, especially in religious services.

**Mandaian** – Relating to Mandaeism, a Gnostic religion with roots in the Middle East, especially around the Tigris and Euphrates.

**Melamine** – A synthetic compound used in plastic and industrial materials; not typically related to ancient or historical studies.

**Muzzuzot** – small folded or rolled parchment inscribed with scriptural verses (Deuteronomy 6:4–9, 11:13–21) to remind Jews of their obligations toward God.

**Mishnayot** – Plural of *Mishnah*, referring to sections of early rabbinic teachings forming the core of the Talmud.

**Perishable** – Likely to decay or go bad quickly, especially food or organic material.

**Philology** – The study of literature and of disciplines relevant to literature or to language as used in literature

**Prophylactic** – Intended to prevent disease or misfortune (can also refer to protective objects).

**Provenance** – The origin or history of ownership of an object, especially in archaeology or art.

**Restitution** – The act of restoring or returning something to its rightful owner, or compensating for loss or damage.

**Scribe** – A person who copies out documents, especially in ancient times.

**Wingdings** – A decorative symbol font often used for novelty purposes, not actual letters or readable text.