**Novel Terms:** Throughout *Night*, Wiesel uses vocabulary and terminology that relates to aspects of the Jewish religion or culture, or the time period—Holocaust. This glossary lists many such words; use it to help clarify your understanding as we read the text.

1. **Hasidic:** A sect founded in Poland in 1700s focused on mysticism, prayer, ritual strictness, religious zeal and joy.
2. **Moishe the Beadle:** A beadle helps organize a religious prayer service.
3. **Synagogue:** Jewish house of worship; similar to a church.
4. **Temple:** Synagogue; Jewish house of worship.
5. **Kabbalah:** Study of Jewish mysticism and spirituality.
6. **Maimonides:** Spanish philosopher and Jewish Scholar in the Middle Ages; established Jewish law in the Talmud.
7. **Zohar:** The foundational book of Jewish mysticism in Kabbalah.
8. **Talmud:** Ancient rabbinic writings on Jewish law and tradition.
9. **Zionism:** Political and cultural movement calling for the return of the Jewish people to their Biblical home (Israel).
10. **Passover:** Jewish holiday that commemorates the Jew’s liberation from slavery in Egypt.
11. **Pentecost:** Jewish holiday of Shavuot; commemorates the anniversary of the day God gave the Torah (the law of God as revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew scriptures) to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai.
12. **Gestapo:** Secret State Police in Germany; used brutal methods to investigate Nazi enemies.
13. **Phylacteries:** Small leather wrappings that contain texts from the Hebrew Scriptures and are worn by Jewish men during morning prayer services.
14. **Rabbi:** Leader of a Jewish congregation; similar to the role of a priest or minister.
15. **SS:** Schutzstaffel (Protection Squad); Hitler’s personal guard.
16. **Auschwitz; Birkenau:** Largest concentration camp consisting of both labor and extermination camps; located in Poland.
17. **Kaddish:** The central prayer in the Jewish prayer service.
18. **Rosh Hashanah:** The Jewish new year.
19. **Noah:** Hebrew patriarch who saved himself, his family, and animals by building an ark in which they survived 40 days and 40 nights of rain and flooding.
20. **Sodom:** An ancient city that was destroyed by God for the wickedness of its inhabitants.
21. **Yom Kippur:** Jewish Day of Atonement; the holiest of Jewish holidays. Observers traditionally fast and confess.
22. **Aden:** A former Middle Eastern British colony, now part of Yemen.
23. **Buchenwald:** Concentration camp in North Central Germany.