stu's a-stu-te sayings.....

Everyday English Words that came from Hebrew

abacus
: from אבק *'avaq* 'dust' (AHD), probably from Greek ἄβαξ *abax* 'slab' (MW)

agora (currency)
: from (AHD) אגורה *agorah* 'small coin' (MW), from Greek agora "an assembly of the People" from ageirein "to assemble

aliyah
: from (AHD) עלייה *'aliyah* 'ascent' (MW)

amen
: from אמן *'amen* (MW) 'certainly', 'verily' (AHD)

babel
: from (AHD, MW) בלל *balal* 'confound' (SC) + in part from Akkadian 𒆍𒀭𒊏 *bāb-ilu* 'gate of god' (MW)

bar mitzvah
: from (AHD) בר מצוה *bar miṣwah* 'son of the commandment' (MW)

bath (volume)
: from בַּת *bath* (MW) '10 gallons liquid measure' (AHD) from Greek βαθύς (*bathus*), "deep",[1]

bat mitzvah
: from (AHD) בת מצוה *bath miṣwah* 'daughter of the commandment' (MW)

behemoth
: from (MW) בהמות *behemoth* 'beasts' (AHD)

bethel
: from (AHD) ביתאל *beth'el* 'house of God' (MW)

bethesda (chapel)
: (OSPD) from (AHD) Greek *Bethesda* 'Bethesda' (WNW), probably from *bayith chesed* 'house of kindness' (SC)

brit
: from (WNW) ברית *b'rith* 'covenant' (MW)

brith milah
: from (WNW) בְּרִית מִילָה *b'rith milah* 'covenant of circumcision' (MW)

brouhaha
: perhaps from *barukh hab-ba* 'blessed be he who comes' (WNW)

challah
: from (AHD) חלה *ḥallah* 'egg-rich yeast-leavened bread' (MW)

chazan
: from חזן *ḥazzan* 'cantor' (MW) + in part from Aramaic, both from Akkadian (AHD)

cherub

from (AHD) כרוב *kerubh* 'celestial hierarchy angel' (MW)

chutzpah
from (AHD) חֻצְפָּה *ḥuṣpah* 'supreme self-confidence' (MW)

cider
from (AHD) שכר *shekhar* 'strong drink' (MW)

dybuk
from דיבוק *dibbuq* 'wandering soul' (AHD, MW)

ganef
from (AHD) גנב *gannabh* 'thief' (MW)

gerah
from (MW) גרה *gerah* 'grain', 'bean' (AHD)

get (divorce document)
from גט *get* 'document of release' (MW)

golem
from גולם *golem* (AHD) 'shapeless mass' (MW)

habdalah
from (AHD) *habhdalah* 'separation' (MW)

haftarah
from (MW, WNW) *patar* 'separate', 'discharge' (AHD)

haggadah
from (AHD, MW) *heged* 'a saying' (WNW)

halacha
from הלכה *halakhah* 'way' (MW)

halutz
from *hlṣ* 'be in the vanguard' (WNW)

hebraize
from (MW) עברי *ʿibhri* (AHD) 'region across [descendant]' (SC)

heder
from חדר *heder* 'room' (MW)

homer (volume)
from (AHD, MW) חמר *hamar* 'surge up', 'swell up' (WNW), Greek ὅμηρος (hómēros), "hostage"

jubilee
from (AHD) יובל *yobhel* 'ram's horn' (MW)

kadish
from (AHD, MW) *qds* 'sanctify' (WNW)

kashrut
from (AHD, MW) כשר *ksr* 'be appropriate' (WNW)

kibutz
from קיבוץ *qibbuṣ* (MW) 'gathering' (AHD)

kidush from (AHD) *qiddush* 'sanctification' (MW)

klezmer
: from (AHD) כלי זמר *k'ley zemer* 'musical instruments' (MW)

knesset
: (OSPD) from *kanas* 'assemble' (AHD, WNW)

kosher
: from (AHD, MW) כשר *ksr* 'be appropriate' (WNW)

leviathan
: from (AHD) לויתן *liwyathan* 'sea monster, whale' (MW)

maftir
: (OSPD) from *maphtir* 'one that dismisses' (NI)

mahzor
: from (AHD) *ḥzr* 'return' (WNW)

manna
: from מן *man* (AHD, MW) (SC)

matzo
: from (AHD) מצה *maṣah* 'unleavened bread' (MW)

maven
: from (AHD) מבין *mebhin* 'one who is experienced' (MW), 'one who understands' (OED)

megilah
: from (MW, WNW) *galal* 'roll' (AHD)

menorah
: from (AHD) מנורה *menorah* 'candlestick' (MW)

meshuga
: from (AHD) משוגע *meshugga* 'crazy' (MW).

mezuzah
: from מְזוּזָה *mezuzah* 'doorpost' (AHD, MW)

midrash
: from (AHD) מדרש *midrash* 'exposition', 'explanation' (MW)

mikvah
: from *miqwah* 'purification bath' (AHD)

minyan
: from מִנְיָן *minyan* 'number', 'count' (MW), from Aramaic (AHD)

mitzvah
: from (AHD) מצוה *miṣwah* 'commandment' (MW)

mohel
: from מוהל *mohel* 'person qualified to perform circumcision' (WNW)

mishpachah
: from *mishpahah* 'family', 'clan' (NI)

moshav
: from (AHD) מוֹשָׁב *moshabh* 'dwelling' (MW)

omer
: from עמר *'omer* (AHD) '1/10 ephah dry capacity' (MW)

pascal
: from 'Pascal' (AHD, MW), from[2] פסח *pesah* 'passover' (AHD, MW, OED)

pharaoh
: from פרעה *par'oh* 'ruler of ancient Egypt', from Egyptian (MW)

rebbe
: from (AHD, WNW) רב *rabh* 'master' (MW)

rebbetzin
: from (WNW) רב *rabh* 'master' (MW)

sabatical
: from (MW) שבת *shabbat* 'day of rest' (AHD)

sabra
: from (AHD) *ṣabar* 'prickly pear' (MW)

schmooze
: from (AHD) שמועות *shemu'oth* 'news', 'rumor' (MW)

seder
: from (AHD) סדר *seder* 'order' (MW)

selah
: from (AHD) סֶלָה *selah* (MW) 'suspension', 'pause' (SC)

seraph
: from (MW) שׂרף *saraph* 'celestial being' (AHD)

shadchan
: (OSPD) from *shiddekh* 'arrange a marriage' (NI)

shalom
: from (AHD) שָׁלוֹם *shalom* 'peace' (MW)

shalom aleichem
: from (AHD) שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם *shalom 'alekhem* 'peace unto you' (MW)

shammes
: from (AHD) שמש *shammash* 'sexton' (MW)

shamus
: perhaps from (AHD) שמש *shammash* 'sexton' (MW)

shekel
: from (MW) שקל *saqal* 'weigh', from Canaanite *tql* (AHD)
: from (AHD) שיבולת *shibboleth* 'stream' (MW), 'ear of grain' (OED)

sycamine
: from (AHD, MW) שִׁקמָה *shiqmah* 'mulberry tree' (OED)

torah
: from תּוֹרָה *tora* 'law', 'instruction' (AHD)