

Glossary

fatback - The strip of fat from the back of a hog, usually cured by salting and drying, and used for seasoning.

heder, or **cheder** (Hebrew, “room”) - School for teaching the basics of the Hebrew language and Jewish religious observance.

kosher (Yiddish from Hebrew, “*kasher*”) - Ritually fit for use; especially food that conforms to Jewish dietary laws.

Passover (from Hebrew, *Pesah* or *Pesach*) - Festival commemorating the Exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt nearly 3,300 years ago.

Sephardi (Hebrew, “native of Spain”), pl. **Sephardim**, adj. **Sephardic** - Jews of Spanish and Portuguese extraction. Following their expulsion in the late fifteenth century, the Iberian Jews settled around the Mediterranean, the Balkans, western Europe, and later the Americas.

schvartzer (Yiddish, from German, “black”) - (*usually derogatory*) Black person.

shtetl (Yiddish), pl. **shtetlakh** - Small Jewish town or Jewish enclave within town in eastern Europe.

Tagus - A river flowing west across central Spain and Portugal into the Atlantic.
