

**Kerem School**  
**Jewish Literacy Programme**  
**Year 6 ~ Week 9**

~ Part One: Vocabulary Study

English Translation	חומש Words
gate	שַׁעַר
oil	שֶׁמֶן
law	חֹק
because, from among	מִתּוֹךְ
sin	חַטָּא
work	מְלָאכָה

English Translation / Explanation

G.K. Words

**שְׁבֻתוֹת (1)**

<p>The portion of the Torah dealing with the half shekel contribution. <b>It is read on the Shabbat before the 1st of Adar, or on the 1st itself if it is a Shabbat.</b></p> <p>At first, the half shekel was for a census (count) of the people. In later years the money collected was used to maintain the בית המקדש and buy the public sacrifices.</p>	<p>פְּרֻשֵׁת שְׁקָלִים</p>
<p><b>This is read on the Shabbat before Purim.</b> It is the portion that refers to the obligation to remember and destroy the memory of Amalek. It is read before Purim because Haman was descended from Amalek.</p>	<p>פְּרֻשֵׁת זְכוֹר</p>
<p><b>This is read on the Shabbat after Purim.</b> Pesach is now approaching, so we read about the פְּרַח אֲדוּמָה in order to remind people that they must be קָרְבָּן פֶּסַח for bringing the טְהוֹר.</p>	<p>פְּרֻשֵׁת פְּרַח</p>
<p><b>This is read on the Shabbat before the 1st of Nissan, or on the 1st of Nissan itself if that is a Shabbat.</b></p> <p>It is the portion containing the command that נִסָּן is the first of the months. The מִצְוָה to sanctify חֹדֶשׁ ראשׁ הַחֹדֶשׁ was the first מִצְוָה given to the Jewish People as a nation.</p>	<p>פְּרֻשֵׁת הַחֹדֶשׁ</p>