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The chop

Before watching

Discuss in class:

- What is a chop? What are the different meanings of the word? What does this title imply do you think? Based on the title of the movie, what do you think it will be about?

While watching

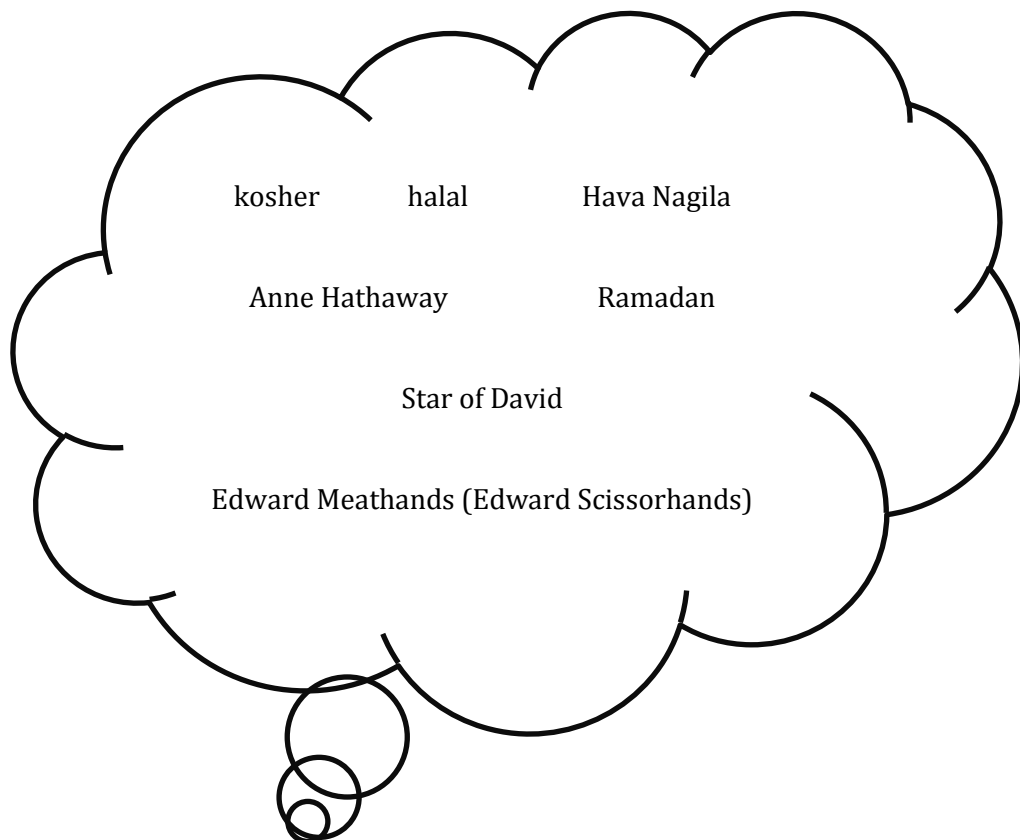
- Listen to the accents of the people speaking in the movie and to the places mentioned in it and see if you can guess in which country it takes place. If you want an extra challenge – write down words or expressions that could be “tells” as of which English accent is used in the movie.

After watching

Discuss in groups of 4-5:

- Why do you think Yossi’s boss dislikes that he gives away free fish balls to his customers and throws the meat the way he does? Why do you think Yossi does it?
- Mendel is working in the store alongside Yossi. He is younger, of school age. How common do you think it is with school kids helping out in family businesses? Do you think it is more common in other countries than in Sweden? Do you think it is more common in certain regions? Or in some social groups? Explain your thoughts to your friends.
- How come you think Yossi decides to apply for a job in a halal butchery? What risks would there be in doing such a thing? How common do you think it is that people work with something they don’t have a proper training for? Why do you think Yossi pretends to be a muslim when doing so? Why do you think he pretends to be someone other than himself?
- Yossi decides to leave his necklace with a star of David underneath his clothes. Why do you think he does that? Why doesn’t he take it off, you think?

- What different examples can you think of from the movie where Yossi makes mistakes regarding Islam or what he thinks is religiously appropriate according to Islam?
- Why do you think Yossi's co-workers decide to mess with him?
- What do you think is the moral lesson of the movie? Do you think there is one?
- Below, you will find some different words/people/references from the movie. Choose one or two each, do some quick research about it and tell the others in your group what you found about it.



- Choose the statement/-s you think is/are more fitting to describe the movie and present some arguments to why you think so;
 - This is a movie...
 - ... about butchery
 - ... about religion
 - ... about clothing
 - ... about food
 - ... about unemployment
 - ... about friendship
 - ... about finding yourself
 - ... giving away fishballs

Continue the work:

- What is klezmer music? What does it sound like? Who plays it and when? Can you think of any other movies you've seen with klezmer music? If not, see if you can find some examples!



Vocabulary :

(British English)

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| • butchery | - <i>slakteri</i> |
| • a fiver | - <i>en femma</i> |
| • wages | - <i>lön</i> |
| • label | - <i>etikett</i> |
| • to bargain | - <i>förhandla/pruta</i> |
| • fired | - <i>sparkad/uppsagd</i> |
| • family business | - <i>familjeföretag</i> |
| • cleaver | - <i>hackkniv/köttyxa</i> |
| • knife sharpener | - <i>knivslip</i> |
| • tenderizer | - <i>köttklubba</i> |
| • airiness | - <i>luftighet</i> |
| • to fast | - <i>att fasta</i> |
| • carcass | - <i>kadaver</i> |
| • pay rise | - <i>löneförhöjning</i> |
| • chicken drumsticks | - <i>kycklingklubbor</i> |
| • humble abode | - <i>enkla boning</i> |
| • purchase | - <i>köp</i> |