

Judaica Resources in English

Getting Started

Encyclopedia Judaica

📖 Ref DS102.8 .E496; 📀 also on CD-ROM

Comprehensive work with extensive essays. The index is in Volume I.

Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion

📖 Ref Desk BM50 .O94 1997

Brief essays and extensive bibliographies.

Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts

📖 Ref BM496.5 .B33 1984; also on Level 1

Good introduction to texts and how to read them. Also includes discussion of Kabbalah.

Encyclopedia of Biblical Personalities

📖 Ref BS570 .C4813 1994

Brief biographies and stories about people found in the Bible, Rabbinic writings, and midrashim.

Texts on CD-ROM

Soncino Classics Collection 📀 CD-ROM

English and Hebrew language editions of the Tanakh, Talmud, Midrash Rabbah, Zohar, and various other texts.

Bar Ilan Responsa 📀 CD-ROM

A searchable database of texts in Hebrew only.

Tanakh: The Hebrew Bible

JPS Hebrew-English Tanakh : The Traditional Hebrew Text and the New JPS Translation

📖 BS895 .J4 1999, Reference and Level 1

Tanakh = The Holy Scriptures : The New JPS Translation According to the Traditional Hebrew Text.

📖 BS895 .J4 1985, Reference and Level 1

Hebrew Bible in English. Table of weekly Torah readings in the front, including Haftorah reading.

For other editions:

Do a TITLE search on GRACE using the search term Bible. O.T. or Bible. O.T. Hebrew. For Torah portion only you may enter Bible. O.T. Pentateuch or Bible O.T. Pentateuch Hebrew. Many Jewish editions contain both Hebrew and English. A *tikun* edition is at 📖 GTU Microfiche ATLA 1992-0336.

Mishnah

The Mishnah. Danby, H.

📖 BM505.A3 D3, Reference and Level 1

Standard work, but older translation.

The Mishnah : a New Translation. Neusner, J.

📖 BM497.5.E5 N48 1988, Ref. and Level 1.

Talmud (Talmud Balvi)

Soncino Talmud 📖 Reference BM499.5 .E5 1965

Hebrew-English edition of the Talmud. Includes a subject index.

The Talmud: the Steinsaltz Edition

📖 Reference BM499.5 .E4 1989

Incomplete; still being published. English and Hebrew, with commentary by Rabbi Steinsaltz, and including Rashi in Hebrew.

The Talmud. In English: 📖 BM500 .E57 on Level 1. See also the Scholar's Press edition by searching by TITLE for Talmud. English. 1984.

In Hebrew: 📖 BM499 1960 on Level 1 in SIZE 2. (Note: Also at UCB Main at the same call number.) An older Hebrew edition is in Size 2 at call number BM499 1966. Hebrew editions of individual tractates may also be found in the collection by searching by TITLE = Talmud. [Tractate].

The Talmud of Babylonia : An Academic Commentary.

Neusner, J. 📖 BM504 .N44 1994, Level 1.

Midrashim

Midrash is a genre of writing and is a subset of aggadah (legends). There is no exhaustive or definitive collection, and modern midrash are still being written. A "list" of Midrash may be found in the *Encyclopedia Judaica*.

The Midrash Rabbah 📖 Ref BM517.R3 A3 1939

Anthology of midrash on the Torah.


The Legends of the Jews. 📖 BM530 .G512 (Ref. & Level 1)


Anthologizes classic stories into a single narrative.


Sefer Ha-agadah = The Book of Legends.

📖 BM516 .B52 E5 1992

Codes and Guides to Practice

Mishnah Berurah : The Classic Commentary to Shulchan Aruch Orach Chayim...  BM520.88 .I87 1980
Only covers a portion of Shulhan aruh.


Code of Jewish Law: (Kitzur Shulhan Aruh) A Compilation of Jewish Laws and Customs.
 Reference BM560 .G322 1961.
Abbreviated Shulhan Aruh.

A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice.
 Reference BM700 .K54 1979


Jewish Living: A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice
 Reference BM197 .W37 2001

Prayer Books


Conservative


Siddur Sim shalom : A Prayerbook for Shabbat, Festivals, and Weekdays.  Reference BM674.32 .H37 1985
In Hebrew and English

Reform

Sha 'are tefilah = Gates of Prayer : the New Union Prayerbook : Weekdays, Sabbaths, and Festivals, Services and Prayers for Synagogue and Home.
 Reference BM674.34 .S83 1975

Orthodox

Daily Prayer Book . ha-Sidur ha-shalem.
 Reference BM674.243 .B47 1949



The Complete ArtScroll Siddur : Weekday, Sabbath, Festival.
 Reference BM674.27 .S34 1985
In contemporary English.

Internet resources

See the library web pages at
<http://library.gtu.edu/links/judaica.html>.

Journal Articles



In most cases, finding journal articles will be a two-step process: first finding the citation and then going to the journal to find the article. Please refer to our information sheet, *Journals and Indexes*, for more help. Indexes which may be of particular help in identifying journal articles include:

  *ATLA Religion Database (ATLA RDB)*



- link to web version at <http://library.gtu.edu/databases.html>
- print version of *Religion Index One* in Reference Collection Z7753 .A513

  *Religious and Theological Abstracts (RTA)*

- link to web version at <http://library.gtu.edu/databases.html>
- print version in Reference BR 1 .R286

  *Index of Articles on Jewish Studies (RAMBI)*

- link to web version at <http://library.gtu.edu/databases.html>
- print version in Reference DS 101 .R47

  *Index to Jewish Periodicals*

- print version in Reference DS 101 .I53
- CD-ROM version on Info Commons

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700-750	Practical Judaism
750-755	Biography

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