

# REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

## Recommended Judaica Reference Works, 1989–1990

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This column lists selected reference materials that appeared in 1989 and 1990. Works from 1987 and 1988 are included if deemed significant. The purpose of this list is to recommend current Judaica reference books basic to research, both general and special. It is intended to serve as a guide to new tools for scholarly research as well as to more popular, but reliable works. The annotations describe the scope and use of each work. Prices are listed when available.

Hebrew reference works are starred, and corresponding Hebrew bibliographic data appears at the end of the list.

*The reference works are classified under the following subject headings:*

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### Bible

1. **The JPS Torah Commentary: The Traditional Hebrew Text with the New JPS Translation.** General editor, Nahum M. Sarna; literary editor, Chaim Potok. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1988—

A modern commentary that incorporates classical Jewish exegesis and modern scholarship. The work includes the Hebrew text of the Bible based on the Leningrad Codex B19A and the new English translation from the JPS *Tanakh*. Each volume contains a general introduction and an additional section devoted to excursions on a variety of themes, e.g., "The Noachide commandments," "Angelology," "The Meaning of the Dietary Laws." Also included are explanatory notes accompanying the text and an extensive reference apparatus. To date the following volumes have been published: *Genesis*, edited by Nahum Sarna; *Leviticus*, edited by Baruch A. Levine; and *Numbers*, edited by Jacob Milgrom.

2. **Mikra: Text, Translation, Reading and Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity.** Editor: Martin Jan Mulder. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1988. 929 p. ISBN 0800606043.

A collection of essays by noted scholars, pertaining to the text of the Hebrew Bible and how it became an authoritative collection of religious writings, the translations of the Bible through the ages, and the interpretation of the Bible in Rabbinic literature. A bibliography follows each article. In addition, the work includes a survey of "Some Printed (Complete) Hebrew Bibles," appended to Chapter 3; a list of scholarly editions of the Aramaic targumim in the selective bibliography of Chapter 7; a cumulative bibliography; and an index of sources.

\*3. **Wachsman, Hayyim.** *Konkordantsyah ha-shelemah veba-peshutah la-TaNaKH.* Jerusalem: Feldheim, 1989. 2 v.

A concordance to the Bible arranged alphabetically by word rather than by root. The citations are to the A. Dotan edition of the Bible (Tel-Aviv: 'Adi, 1973).

### Bibliographies

4. **Griffiths, David B.** *A Critical Bibliography of Writings on Judaism.* Lewiston: Edwin Mellen Press, 1988. 2 v. ISBN 0889462522.

A comprehensive, critically annotated bibliography of books and articles. Included are works in English, modern Hebrew, Yiddish, French, and German. The bibliography includes a listing of resource materials, e.g., bibliographies, surveys, guides to literature, as well as citations on such topics as Jewish history throughout the ages, Zionist thought and history, the Holocaust, and Jewish thought throughout the ages. The bibliography does not include indexes.

5. **The Jewish Book Guide: Your Comprehensive Source for Books of Jewish Interest.** Edited by Wendy B. Schauder. Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1989— \$1.95. ISBN 0876688016.

An annotated bibliography of over 300 current Judaica books, divided into 41 subject categories. Includes author and title indexes. 1989 and 1990 editions issued to date. Available from: Jewish Book Guide, 1207 O'Neill Highway, Dunmore, PA 18540–9947.

### Bibliographies (Personal)

\*6. **Alfasi, Yitshak.** *Kitve Yitshak Refa'el.* Jerusalem: Daat Tora, 1988. 118 p.

A bibliography listing 1,487 books and articles, published from 1937 to date, by the noted Israeli editor, author, and legislator, Yitshak Refa'el. The bibliography is divided into the following five sections: a) Books and pamphlets, b) Editions, c) Studies and documents, 4) Biographies and books, 5) Articles. The citations are arranged chronologically within each section.

## Biographies

7. **Epstein, Lawrence J.** *A Treasury of Jewish Anecdotes*. Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1989. 282 p. ISBN 0876688903. \$25.

A collection of anecdotes about prominent and interesting Jewish personalities, from Biblical times to the present. Alphabetically arranged by personality, the book includes sources, references, and a detailed subject index, allowing the reader to search for an anecdote on a specific topic.

8. **Zubatsky, David S.** *Jewish Autobiographies and Biographies: an International Bibliography of Books and Dissertations in English*. New York: Garland, 1989. 370 p. ISBN 0824056434. \$47.

A comprehensive list of both biographies and autobiographies in English by and/or about Jews. Includes books, dissertations, and selected theses. Arranged alphabetically by biographee. Includes subject index.

## Colleges and Universities

9. **Goldberg, Lee; Goldberg, Lana.** *The Jewish Student's Guide to American Colleges*. New York: Shapolsky Publishers, 1989. 221 p. ISBN 0933503326. \$14.50.

Designed for college-bound Jewish students and their parents, the guide provides detailed information about factors vital in choosing a school. Entries for 93 general colleges and residential universities in the U.S. and Canada are alphabetically arranged. Schools described all have a sizable Jewish enrollment. The religious, social, and cultural activities on campus are given for each school. The guide includes additional organizations and resources, as well as information on colleges in Israel.

10. **Jewish Life on Campus: A Directory of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and other Jewish Campus Agencies.** Editor: Ruth Fredman Cernea. Washington, DC: The Foundations, 1988. 122 p. ISBN 0960305874. \$12.95.

This latest edition provides information on Jewish enrollment, Jewish studies, facilities for kosher meals, off-campus and Jewish residential housing, and related data for over 300 campuses in the United States and overseas (including Israel) that are serviced by Hillel. The directory includes national Jewish agencies that provide services for campuses and a 10-year Jewish calendar.

## Ethics

11. **Silverman, William B.** *The Sages Speak: Rabbinic Wisdom and Jewish Values*. Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1989. 280 p. ISBN 0876688296. \$25.

A sourcebook of stories, parables, legends, and aphorisms illustrating Jewish values, culled from the Midrash, Talmud, and Hasidism. Entries are arranged under the following subjects: God, Man, Prayer, Holiness, Justice, Faith, Eternal life, World to come, and Hope. Includes name and subject indexes.

12. **Where Heaven and Earth Touch: An Anthology of Midrash and Halachah.** Compiled and translated by Danny Siegel. Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1989. 332 p. ISBN 0876688644. \$25.

This book presents over 500 selections from Talmudic/Rabbinic literature. The passages dealing with Jewish values can be used in classrooms, for a speech or Dvar Torah. The material is divided into 36 broad subject categories. Includes sources and an index.

## Genealogy

13. **Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area.** Edited by Estelle M. Guzik. New York: Jewish Genealogical Society, 1989. 404 p. ISBN 0962186309. \$27.95.

An updated and much expanded edition of the one which appeared in 1985. This comprehensive guide to 104 research facilities (twice the number covered in the first edition) in and around New York includes archives, libraries, and government agencies. Each entry has complete information on director's name, address, hours, resources, and finding aids. Includes name, place, and subject indexes. Among the appendices is a revised and expanded "Bibliography of Eastern European Memorial Books," compiled by Zachary M. Baker, and including library locations. The bibliography previously appeared in *From a Ruined Garden* (edited by Jack Kugelmass; Schocken, 1983), and originally in the journal *Toledot*.

## Genizah

14. **Published Material from the Cambridge Genizah Collections: a Bibliography, 1896–1980.** Edited by Stefan C. Reif. Cambridge: Published for Cambridge University Library by Cambridge University Press, 1988. 608 p.

A bibliography of published works on Genizah fragments housed at the Cambridge University Library. The volume is divided into three sections: a) materials arranged in order of classmark, b) material arranged alphabetically by author, c) list of works cited, incorporating a short-title index.

## History

15. **Kantor, Mattis.** *The Jewish Time Line Encyclopedia*. Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1989. 362 p. ISBN 0876689020. \$50.

A chronological digest of over 5700 years of Jewish history from the Biblical age to the present. Three different time lines are given: the first presents a broad, skeletal overview; the second indicates the major names and places; and the third, which makes up the body of the book, is more detailed. The encyclopedia includes charts, as well as an index of names and places.

16. **Medieval Jewish Civilization: A Multi-Disciplinary Curriculum, Bibliographies, and Selected Syllabi.** Editor: Ivan G. Marcus. New York: Markus Wiener Publishing, 1988. 279 p. ISBN 0910129835. \$14.50.

"A multi-disciplinary resource curriculum for the use of college teachers who offer courses in various aspects of medieval Jewish civilization, or who wish to incorporate one or more units about the Jews into courses in medieval civilization, including the history of medieval art."

## History—Poland

17. **Guide to the Sources for the History of the Jews in Poland in the Central Archives.** Compiled by A. Teller. Jerusalem: The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People, 1988. 100 p.

A geographically arranged guide to archival materials, original and photocopied, that are housed in the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People. Only communities that were part of Poland in the inter-war period are covered.

## History—United States

18. **Korros, Alexandra S.; Sarna, Jonathan D.** *American Synagogue History: A Bibliography and State-of-the-Field Survey*. New York: M. Wiener, 1989. 285 p. ISBN 0910129908. \$29.95.

This guide lists over 1,100 American synagogue histories. The work has four

sections: a comprehensive bibliography of American synagogues and community histories arranged by state; a select bibliography of secondary sources; community histories that include information on various synagogues; a bibliography of American synagogue architecture. Includes an index of authors.

## Holocaust

19. **Encyclopedia of the Holocaust.** Editor-in-chief: Israel Gutman. New York: Macmillan, 1990. 4 v. ISBN 0028960904.

A four-volume encyclopedia containing almost one thousand brief articles by noted scholars pertaining to the manifold aspects of the Holocaust, its antecedents, and its postwar consequences. Each article is accompanied by a short bibliography. Related articles are linked by cross references. The volumes include many black-and-white photographs, illustrations, and maps. Indexed.

20. **Gilbert, Martin.** *Atlas of the Holocaust.* Rev. ed. New York: Pergamon Press, 1988. 256 p. ISBN 0080367615. \$17.95.

This new edition contains over 300 maps drawn by Martin Gilbert, each fully annotated and based on documentary evidence. Presented in chronological order, the maps provide a comprehensive record of the Holocaust. The *Atlas* also documents 200 acts of resistance and revolt, Jewish partisan activities, and avenues of escape and rescue. Includes a bibliography and an index.

21. **Ringelheim, Joan; Katz, Esther.** *A Catalogue of Audio and Video Collections of Holocaust Testimony.* New York: Institute for Research in History (1133 Broadway, Suite 923, New York, NY 10010), 1986. 238 leaves. ISBN 0913865044. \$35.

Arranged alphabetically by state, this directory lists Holocaust centers that contain oral and video histories of Holocaust survivors. Each entry includes: name of center, address, telephone number, affiliation, contact person, and access policies, followed by a description of the collection and additional comments. Eleven appendices enable the user to identify repositories of interviews with particular groups of survivors.

## Israel

22. **The Israel Business Directory.** Jerusalem: Jerusalem Marketing Group (P.O.B. 23859, Jerusalem), 1989. 47 p. \$5.95.

This directory lists associations and organizations, business research libraries, leading service companies, leading industrial companies, and government contacts (national and local, plus foreign embassies). Each entry provides names and addresses, as well as telefacsimile and phone numbers. The directory includes an English-Hebrew business dictionary and key economic statistics.

23. **Kaufmann, Shoshana.** *American Immigrants in Israel: A Selected, Annotated Bibliography, 1948–85.* New York: American Jewish Committee, 1987. 68 p. ISBN 0874950902. \$7.50.

A selection of nearly 300 books, pamphlets, dissertations, and articles dealing with the experiences of Americans who have immigrated to Israel. Entries include publications on the history of American aliyah, various categories of immigrants, difficulties of adjustment to Israeli society, and ongoing efforts to increase American aliyah.

## Judaism

24. **Bulka, Reuven P.** *What You Thought You Knew About Judaism: 341 Misconceptions About Jewish Life.* Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1989. 436 p. ISBN 0876688679. \$30.

Explodes the myths and misconceptions about Judaism that circulate widely among Jews and non-Jews. The author has gathered and debunked over 300 commonly held misconceptions, arranged into six broad categories. The book includes sources, a glossary, a bibliography, and an index.

25. **The Encyclopedia of Judaism.** Editor, Geoffrey Wigoder. New York: Macmillan, 1989. 768 p. ISBN 0026284103. \$67.50.

This one-volume encyclopedia confines itself to Jewish religious life and development. Its biographical entries concentrate on outstanding individuals who have contributed to the development of Judaism. Entries vary in length. Unique among one-volume Jewish encyclopedias is the detailed subject index with "see" and "see also" references.

A similar work is the *Encyclopedia of the Jewish Religion* (edited by R.J. Zwi Werblowsky), published originally in 1966 and reissued in 1986 (Adama Books), which has mainly short entries.

26. **Glustrom, Simon.** *The Language of Judaism.* Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1988. 433 p. ISBN 0876688741. \$35.

A basic vocabulary of 186 Hebrew words and phrases that are unique and central to Judaism. Each term is given in Hebrew, transliteration, and English translation, and the deeper meaning and significance of the concept are discussed. The terms are grouped into 15 categories. The work concludes with a 16-page subject index.

27. **Neuwirth, Yehoshua Y.** *Shemirath Shabbath: A Guide to the Practical Observance of the Sabbath.* Jerusalem: Feldheim, 1984–1989. 2 vols. ISBN 0873062981. \$33.95.

Volume 2 includes a comprehensive index of 57 pages, covering both volumes. See *JL*, vol. 3, no. 1–2 (1986–87), p. 111, for a review of the first volume.

## Judeo-Romance Linguistics

28. **Wexler, Paul.** *Judeo-Romance Linguistics: A Bibliography.* New York: Garland Publishing, 1989. 174 p. ISBN 0824054319. \$25.

A topically arranged, comprehensive bibliography, which lists 1,638 books and articles published through 1987. The work cites materials pertaining to comparative Judeo-Romance linguistics, as well as publications relating to the following languages: a) Judeo-Latin, b) Judeo-Italo-Romance, c) Judeo-Gallo-Romance, d) Judeo-Ibero-Romance, e) Judeo-Rhaeto-Romance. An "Index of Authors and Anonymous Articles" is included.

## Legends

29. **Frankel, Ellen.** *The Classic Tales: 4000 Years of Jewish Lore.* Northvale, NJ: J. Aronson, 1989. 659 p. ISBN 0876689047. \$40.

A collection of 300 Jewish stories arranged chronologically from biblical to modern times, representing the entire range of Jewish folk imagination. There are six indexes: Holidays, Torah readings, Character types, Symbols, Topics, and General index of names and places. The book also includes a list of sources and a glossary.

## Manuscripts

30. *Collective Catalogue of Hebrew Manuscripts: From the Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts . . . of The Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem.* Paris: Chadwyck-Healey France, 1989. 830 microfiche. ISBN 2869760213.

A union catalog of virtually all Hebrew manuscript holdings in the world, from some 700 collections. The catalog is arranged in the following manner: 1) Author and name file, 2) Subject file, 3) Non-Hebrew language file, 4) Illuminated manuscript file, 5) Geographic index file, 6) Title file, 7) Library catalogue file, 8) Catalogue file update, 9) Dictionary file, 10) Inventory file. A user's guide is available.

## Media

31. *American-Jewish Media Directory.* Editor, Ray Kestenbaum. Rego Park, NY: R.K. Associates (Box 18, Rego Park, NY 11374), 1989. 204 p. \$50.

This directory gives complete editorial and advertising information on over 450 Jewish publications and over 200 radio, broadcast, and cable TV programs in the U.S. and Canada. It includes information on Jewish news services, the U.S. Jewish press (with a special section on the Jewish press of metropolitan New York, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC); the Jewish student press, and national U.S. Jewish publications.

## Medicine

\*32. **Steinberg, Avraham.** *Entsiklopedyah hilkhaitit refu'it.* Jerusalem: Makhon Shlesinger, 1988—

An encyclopedia that includes articles on the following broad topics: a) Halakhic topics that are of concern to the doctor and/or patient, e.g., laws of mourning, Sabbath; b) Topics that have halakhic and ethical implications, e.g., suicide, contraception; c) General topics that are related to medicine, halakhah, and ethics, e.g., freedom of choice, visiting the sick, life and death; d) Medical problems that have halakhic implications, e.g., paternity, infertility; e) Halakhic topics that are related to the various parts of the body. The work also includes illustrations, an index of sources, and a bibliography. To date, vol. 1, covering *av-hanakah* (paternity-nursing), has been published.

## Museums—Israel

33. **Rosovsky, Nitza; Ungerleider-Mayeron, Joy.** *The Museums of Israel.* New York: Abrams, 1989. 256 p. ISBN 0810915375. \$13.

Information is provided for 120 large and small museums, many of which are not frequented even by Israelis and are unknown to visitors. Each entry gives hours, telephone number, admission fee, and special strengths of the museum. More than a guide, the book encompasses the history of the country and recent archaeological discoveries. This handy, pocket-size, soft-cover book is beautifully illustrated in color, and is divided into eight geographic regions, with maps for each area. The directory includes a chronology, as well as indexes of names, subjects, and locations.

## Philo

34. **Radice, Roberto; Runia, David T.** *Philo of Alexandria: An Annotated Bibliography, 1937–1986.* Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1988. 469 p. ISBN 0920623X.

An annotated bibliography of the scholarly literature pertaining to the life, writings, and thought of Philo of Alexandria. The present edition is an English translation and revision of Radice's earlier work entitled *Filone di Alessandria: bibliografia generale, 1937–1982.* The bibliography is divided into the following three parts: a) Bibliographies, editions, fragments, translations, anthologies, commentaries, indices and lexica, etc.; b) Critical studies pertaining to Philo and related studies; c) Indexes of authors, reviewers, Biblical passages, Philonic passages, subjects, and Greek terms.

## Printing—History

35. **Hill, Brad Sabin.** *Hebraica (Saec. X ad saec. XVI): Manuscripts and Early Printed Books from the Library of the Valmadonna Trust.* London: Valmadonna Trust, 1989. 1 v. (unpaged).

A richly illustrated descriptive catalog of the exhibition held at the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York. The exhibit traced the history and art of the Hebrew book from the Middle Ages to the end of the 16th century. The catalog is preceded by an introductory essay by Brad Sabin Hill. Appended to the catalog are a series of indexes (authors, titles, printers, censors, formats) and a bibliography of literature in English on the subject of Hebrew manuscripts, Hebrew incunables, and Hebrew books in the 16th century.

## Rabbis

36. *Early Acharonim: Biographical Sketches of the Prominent Early Rabbinic Sages and Leaders from the Fifteenth–Seventeenth Centuries.* Compiled and edited by Hersh Goldwurm. Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications, 1989. 252 p. ISBN 0899064884. \$15.95.

A continuation of *The Rishonim* (see following entry), with biographical sketches of 300 great sages and leaders from the 15th to the 17th centuries, covering Turkey, Greece, Palestine, Italy, Poland, Lithuania, Austria, Germany, Bohemia, and Moravia. Includes a Hebrew title index, and a name index arranged by first name. As the entries are arranged chronologically, users must consult the name index for the location of a given biographical entry.

37. *The Rishonim: Biographical Sketches of the Prominent Early Rabbinic Sages and Leaders from the Tenth–Fifteenth Centuries.* Based on research by Shmuel Teich; edited by Hersh Goldwurm. Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications, 1982. 224 p. ISBN 0899064523. \$15.95.

Biographical sketches of some 300 10th to 15th-century rabbinic sages and leaders from the Mediterranean countries and Western Europe. The book includes a historical introduction, maps and charts, a Hebrew title index, an index of Hebrew-English geographical names, and an index of personal names arranged alphabetically by first name. As the entries are arranged chronologically, users must consult the name index to locate a given biographical sketch. This work is continued by *Early Acharonim* (see preceding entry).

## Hebrew Bibliographic Data

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32 אנציקלופדיה הלכתית רפואית כרך  
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