

## Recommended Judaica Reference Works, 1991–1992

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The purpose of this column is to recommend current Judaica reference sources, both general and specialized. 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.

This column lists selected reference materials, including computer databases, that appeared in 1991 and 1992. Works published in 1990 or earlier that were not reviewed in prior columns are included as well. Entries for databases are preceded by an asterisk (\*).

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

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### Atlases

1. **Beinart, Haim.** *Atlas of Medieval Jewish History.* New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992. 144 p. ISBN 0130506915. \$55.

A comprehensive visual introduction to the history of the Jewish people in the Middle Ages. The atlas consists of more than 100 maps and accompanying text, which give an in-depth review of Jewish history throughout the world from the 5th to the 17th centuries. For students, scholars, and the general reader. Includes bibliography and indexes of maps, subjects, and persons.

2. **Friesel, Evyatar.** *Atlas of Modern Jewish History.* Revised from the Hebrew edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 1990. 159 p. ISBN 0195053931. \$49.95.

Comprehensive view of the Jewish people since the 17th century. Provides detailed coverage of Jewish history, demography, geographic distribution, and intellectual developments from the 17th century to the 1980s. Over 500 maps, diagrams, charts, and illustrations illuminate the ideological, political, economic, and spiritual trends affecting Jews. Includes a bibliography, a general index, and an index of geographical names.

3. **The Illustrated Atlas of Jewish Civilization: 4,000 Years of Jewish History.** Editor: Martin Gilbert. New York: Mac-

millan, 1990. 224 p. ISBN 0025434152. \$35.

Covers every aspect of Jewish life, from Biblical days to Israel after World War II. Emphasizes the historical, religious, and cultural contributions made by Jews. Arranged by broad chapters. Includes maps, colored illustrations, and an index.

### Bible

4. **Powell, Mark Allan.** *The Bible and Modern Literary Criticism: A Critical Assessment and Annotated Bibliography.* New York: Greenwood Press, 1992. 469 p. ISBN 0313275467.

The most comprehensive list ever published of works that draw on modern literary criticism for scholarly study of the Bible. Studies on a particular book of the Bible are listed in the order of the English Bible. Includes indexes of authors, titles, and subjects.

5. **Chamberlin, William J.** *Catalogue of English Bible Translations.* New York: Greenwood Press, 1991. 898 p. ISBN 031328041X.

A classified bibliography of versions and editions, including books, parts, and Old and New Testament Apocrypha and Apocryphal books. Includes bibliography and an index of translators, editors, and translations.

### Bibliographies

6. **The Schocken Guide to Jewish Books: Where to Start Reading About Jewish History, Literature, Culture, and Religion.** Edited by Barry W. Holtz. New York: Schocken Books, 1992. 357 p. ISBN 0805241086. \$25.

Experts introduce books available on Bible, Jewish history, Holocaust, Israel, religious life and customs, mysticism, Hebrew and Yiddish literature, Jewish feminism, and books for Bar/Bat mitzvah age. Includes an author and title index.

## Bibliographies (Personal)

7. **Anckaert, L.; Casper, B.** *Franz Rosenzweig: A Primary and Secondary Bibliography*. Leuven: Bibliotheek van de Faculteit der Godgeleerdheid, 1990. 106 p. ISBN 9073683033.

Divided into two parts. The primary bibliography lists various editions and translations of Rosenzweig's texts. The secondary bibliography consists mainly of studies from German, English, French, American, and Dutch linguistic regions. In addition, there is a selection of Hebrew, Italian, and Polish titles. Titles are listed chronologically. Includes indexes of authors and title key words.

## Biographies

8. **Finkel, Avraham Yaakov.** *The Great Torah Commentators*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1990. 256 p. ISBN 0876688415. \$40.

Provides insight into the Torah process and into the individuals who have performed the vital task of interpreting and explaining Jewish thought and wisdom. The book includes over 100 biographies of the greatest Torah sages and representative selections of their works. Divided into seven categories: Torah; Mishnah; Talmud, Midrash; Halachah; Mussar (Ethics); Chasidism; Philosophy; and Kabbalah. Includes portraits or photographs, facsimiles of pages from the commentaries, a list of additional commentators, and an index of sages and commentators.

9. **Wigoder, Geoffrey.** *Dictionary of Jewish Biography*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1991. 567 p. ISBN 013210105X. \$55.

Approximately 1,000 biographies of Jews who have left an indelible mark on the Jewish people and on humankind. The dictionary spans 2,000 years of history, covering the Jewish community from Biblical times to the present, excluding living persons. Entries have at least one bibliographic reference. Heavily illustrated with portraits and photographs.

## Children's Literature

10. **Selected Children's Judaica Collection**. New York: Jewish Book Council, 1990. 77 p. \$7.95.

An annotated bibliography of over 700 titles. Includes fiction and nonfiction, in 12 categories ranging from Bible and Exploring Your Jewish Identity to Biography and Growing Up in the Diaspora. Includes author and title indexes.

## Christian-Jewish Relations

11. **In Our Time: The Flowering of Jewish-Catholic Dialogue**. Eugene J. Fisher and Leon Klenicki, editors. With an annotated bibliography by Eugene J. Fisher. New York: Paulist Press, 1990. 161 p. ISBN 080913196X. \$8.95.

A thorough discussion and analysis of the most important statements and guidelines issued by the Vatican on the question of modern dialogue between Christians and Jews. Includes a 54-page annotated bibliography of current materials and resources on Jewish-Christian dialogue, arranged by subject.

## Colleges and Universities

12. **The Hillel Guide to Jewish Life on Campus: A Directory of Resources for Jewish College Students 1991/1992**. Washington, D.C.: B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 1990. 129 p. \$12.95.

A complete guide to Jewish life at 453 institutions of higher learning. Offers information about Jewish campus populations, housing, social and cultural activities, kosher food and religious services, Jewish studies programs, contact persons on each campus, university programs in Israel, national Jewish agencies with programs for college students, and a ten-year Jewish calendar.

## Computer Software/Video and Audio Cassettes

13. **Jewish Computing Catalog**. Boulder, CO: Springwells, 1991. 152 p. ISBN 10519303. \$12.

A guide to Jewish software and other Jewish computing resources for school, home, and office. The *Catalog* contains information about programs from over 25 vendors for the IBM-PC and compatibles, as well as Macintosh and Apple II computers. This updated and expanded edition includes listings for Hebrew fonts, Hebrew/English word processors, Yiddish, Russian, Hebrew calendar programs, Torah texts, Jewish holiday programs, Educational programs, Management programs, and Electronic bulletin boards. The programs are categorized, explained, illustrated, and indexed. (Information from publicity sheet.)

14. **Jewish Video Library** (300 Raritan Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904).

A major collection of over 400 Jewish videos, which can be rented or bought. A printed guide is available, which details each film. (Information from publicity sheet.)

15. **Media Resources**. Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (P.O. Box 17305, Milwaukee, WI 53217), 1987-1990.

A catalog in three volumes, covering computer software, videocassettes, and audiotapes.

16. **The Software Bible: A Guide to Software in Religious Organizations**. Silver Spring, MD: Communal Computing Inc. (P.O. Box 6599, Silver Spring, MD 20916), 1991.

Listing of 500 micro- and minicomputer software products, for use in synagogues, schools, associations, social service institutions, and nonprofit organizations. Contains 15 categories, including Hebrew, Bible studies, administration, yearzeit management, cemetery management, fundraising, library management, religious and educational games, and membership management. (Information from publicity sheet.)

17. **Video Catalog and Addendum**. New York: Board of Jewish Education Media Center, 1992. 122 p.

Annotated catalog of 600 videos, available for rent, on more than 900 subjects relevant to Jewish education.

## Dead Sea Scrolls

18. **Charlesworth, James H.** et al. *Graphic Concordance to the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Tübingen: Mohr; Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1991. 529 p. ISBN 3161457978.

This concordance is designed primarily for Dead Sea Scroll specialists. No other concordance cites most of the documents and fragments that are included in this volume. It is the only concordance available to editions of all Qumran sectarian texts published before 1990. The work is a graphic concordance based on scrolls that the editors claim to have seen on leather, papyrus, or copper. The concordance covers 223 texts and over 3,500 fragments; it contains more than 59,000 individual entries. This tool will assist historians, theologians, and linguistic scholars.

19. **Fitzmyer, Joseph A.** *The Dead Sea Scrolls: Major Publications and Tools for Study*. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1990. 246 p.

Chapters cover the following topics: list of sites where the texts have been found; full bibliographical titles of the major publications; bibliographies of the Dead Sea Scrolls; survey articles; lists of materials, concordances, dictionaries, and grammars

for the study of the texts; secondary collections of Qumran texts; translations in modern languages; outlines of the more important, longer Qumran texts; and bibliography of some of the more important works on selected topics of scroll-study. Includes a key to abbreviations used for the Dead Sea Scrolls, and indexes of modern authors, Biblical passages, extra-Biblical passages, and Dead Sea Scrolls according to sigla A and B.

## Directories

20. **World Jewish Directory.** Edited by Edmond Y. Lipsitz. Downsview, Ontario: J.E.S.L. Educational Products, 1991. 2 vols. ISBN 0969126476. \$55.

Up-to-date, comprehensive, worldwide listing of Jewish resource centers. Vol. One includes Boards of Jewish Education, Book Fairs, Colleges, Universities, Yeshivot & Schools of Higher Learning, Holocaust Resource Centers, Libraries, Museums & Art Galleries; Vol. Two includes Federations, Welfare Funds & Community Councils, Foundations & Trusts, Jewish Organizations in the U.S.S.R., Small Diaspora Jewish Communities, Major Jewish Organizations, Population Statistics, Jewish Holidays 1990–1999, Geographic and General Indexes, and Bibliography.

## Dissertations

21. **Jewish Studies: Selected Collection of Doctoral Dissertations and Masters Theses.** Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms International, 1991. 60 p.

Includes 3,169 titles for the years 1943 to 1991, taken from *Dissertations Abstracts International* and *Masters Abstracts International*. Arranged alphabetically by subject, i.e., the discipline of the thesis.

## Education

22. **Directory of Day Schools in the United States and Canada.** Brooklyn, NY: Torah Umesorah Publications, 1993. 52 p. \$10.

An extensive listing, including personnel and other important data on yeshiva day schools and high schools in the U.S.A. and Canada. Includes a list of schools providing special education.

23. **Index to the Melton Journal, Including the Melton Research Center Newsletter.** Fredi Engelberg and Barbara Pomerantz Gewirtz, compilers. New York:

The Melton Research Center for Jewish Education/The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1991. 52 p.

Index to vols. 1–24 (1971–1991) of two journals devoted to issues and themes in Jewish education. Divided into four sections: Author Index to Articles; Subject Index to Articles; Author Index to Book Reviews; Title Index to Book Reviews. Includes a list of special issues and their titles.

## Encyclopedias

24. **Telushkin, Joseph.** *Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History.* New York: Morrow, 1991. 687 p. ISBN 0688085067.

Divided into 15 categories: Bible; Mishna/Talmud; Early Medieval Period; Late Medieval Period; Modern Period; Zionism and Israel; Holocaust; American Jewish Life; Soviet Jewry; Antisemitism; Jewish Texts; Jewish Ethics and Basic Beliefs; Calendar and Holidays; Life Cycle; Synagogue and Prayers. Includes index.

## Films

25. **Jewish Film Directory.** England: Flicks Books, 1992. 298 p. ISBN 0948911727.

This book documents more than 1,200 films of Jewish interest from 32 countries, produced over a period of 85 years. Emphasis is on major films released theatrically, screened at film festivals, or shown on television, which are of interest to film historians, students, writers, and others. Includes indexes of directors, subjects, source material, and country of production, as well as a bibliography.

## Foundations

26. **Foundation Guide for Religious Grant Seekers.** Kerry A. Robinson, editor. 4th ed. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1992. 287 p.

A "practical guide to help religious organizations locate foundations that might likely fund their projects or programs." This is not a comprehensive listing of foundations with detailed information about each. Foundations with a history of religious grant-giving are listed to help the grant-seeker pinpoint the foundation most likely to be interested in his/her proposal. Includes the following chapters: The Grant-Seeking Process; Facts About Religious

Philanthropy; and Building Constituency Support. The section on Jewish foundations, arranged by state, gives the name, address, telephone number, contact person, geographic giving pattern, and special interests.

## Genealogy/Names

27. **The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy.** Vol. I: *Sources in the United States and Canada.* Edited by Arthur Kurzweil and Miriam Weiner. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1991. 226 p. ISBN 0876688350. \$30.

Presents genealogical resources in the United States and Canada, and guidance on how to gain access to the information located in them. Divided into three chapters. Chapter 1, Immigration and Naturalization, includes articles on naturalization records, federal court records, and passenger records as sources for genealogical research. Chapters 2 and 3 cover the United States and Canada, with a guide to institutional resources arranged by city.

The encyclopedia has 14 appendixes, among them: Jewish Genealogical Societies Throughout the World; Directory of Jewish Historical Societies; Listing of Town Plans in the U.S.S.R. and Poland; Genealogical Resources in the New York Area; and French, German, Hungarian, and Polish Records at the Genealogical Society of Utah. Indexed.

28. **Guggenheimer, Heinrich W.; Guggenheimer, Eva H.** *Jewish Family Names and Their Origins: An Etymological Dictionary.* Hoboken, NJ: Ktav, 1992. 882 p. ISBN 0881252972. \$95.

The most complete guide to Jewish family names of all groups—Ashkenazic, Sephardic, Oriental, and modern Israeli—with over 65,000 names in English, Hebrew, Arabic, Farsi, German, Polish, Czech, Rumanian, and Turkish. The introduction discusses Jewish proper names, surnames, and modification of names. Includes a list of abbreviations, primarily of languages and books of the Bible, and a bibliography.

29. **Rosenstein, Neil.** *The Unbroken Chain: Biographical Sketches and Genealogy of Illustrious Jewish Families from the 15th–20th Century.* Rev. ed. New York: CIS Publishers, 1990. 2 vols. ISBN 096105784X.

A biographical genealogy of a great rabbinic dynasty and its descendants, from the 16th century up to modern times. Includes genealogical charts and a name index.

## Genizah

\*30. **Classified List of Genizah Fragments in the Adler Collection.** Jerusalem: Saul Lieberman Institute of Talmudic Research of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1989. \$200.

Computer database containing a classified list of genizah fragments. The software allows search by title, author, and subject. (Information from publicity sheet.)

## Hasidism

31. **Finkel, Avraham Yaakov.** *The Great Chasidic Masters.* Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1992. 245 p. ISBN 0876685955.

Short biographies of 50 leading personalities of the world of *Hasidut* from its beginning to the present, with selections from their sayings. Includes chapters on the great Hasidic dynasties and the great Hasidic rebbes and their disciples. With glossary, notes, and indexes of Biblical verses, cities, and names.

## Hebrew Books—Bibliography

32. **The Bibliography of the Hebrew Book 1473–1960.** Jerusalem: EPI and the Institute for Hebrew Bibliography; Alexandria, VA: Chadwyck-Healey (distributors), 1992—

A bibliography of all Hebrew-language books printed from 1473 to 1960. Arranged alphabetically by author, with a biography giving each author's name in Hebrew and Latin characters, followed by a list of author's works arranged in alphabetical order. Available on CD-ROM or in eight printed volumes. (Information from publicity sheet.)

## History

33. **Bourquin, David Ray.** *First Century Palestinian Judaism: A Bibliography of Works in English.* San Bernardino, CA: The Borgo Press, 1990. 109 p. ISBN 0893704733.

An introduction to sources for the study of first-century Palestinian Judaism, limited to books and periodical articles in English. The bibliography is arranged alphabetically by author. Includes indexes of books (arranged by title), periodicals, and journal articles.

34. **Oral History of Contemporary Jewry: An Annotated Catalogue.** New York: Garland Publishing, 1990. 245 p.

This catalog contains descriptions of taped interviews housed at the Oral History Division of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University. Various aspects of 20th-century Jewry are described in over 900 annotated entries. Jewish communal life and institutions in Latin America, South America and Moslem countries, are among the topics. Interviews covering the Holocaust, World War II resistance, and rescue discuss the organization of refugees' escape and immigration to Palestine from Latvia, Germany, Austria, Rumania, and North Africa. The role of American youth movements and Yiddish cultural activities are explored in other oral history projects. Includes subject and interviewee indexes.

## History—Europe

35. **Baker, Zachary M.** *Bibliography of Eastern European Memorial (Yizkor) Books.* Edited by Steven W. Siegel. New York: Jewish Genealogical Society, 1992. 51 p.

This edition of the bibliography supersedes the version included as Appendix A of *Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area*, edited by Estelle M. Guzik, published by the Jewish Genealogical Society in 1989. The memorial books are arranged alphabetically by place name, with an indication in parentheses of the countries to which each town belonged before World War I. There are numerous *see* and *see-also* references to aid the user in finding the correct spelling of the place name. Titles are given in transliteration from the Hebrew or Yiddish original. Includes call numbers for six Judaica libraries in New York.

36. **Mokotoff, Gary; Sack, Sallyann Amdur.** *Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust.* Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, 1991. 514 p. ISBN 0962637319. \$74.

Identifies more than 21,000 towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust. An additional 15,000 cross references help the reader find a town by its Yiddish name or by its name under a previous political system. A special "soundex" index lists all town names by their pronunciation, rather than by their official spelling. This gazetteer gives latitude, longitude, distance from a major city, Jewish population before the Holocaust,

and a list of sources of additional information about the town. Countries covered include Austria, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, and Yugoslavia.

## History—India

37. **Katz, Nathan.** "An Annotated Bibliography About Indian Jewry," in *Kol Bina*, vol. 8, no. 1 (June 1991), pp. 6–33 (Congregation Bina, 600 West End Ave., Suite 1-C, New York, NY 10024).

Organized by community: Indian Jewry in General, The Cochin Jews, The Bene Israel, Mughal Jews, The Baghdadi Jews, and Ashkenazim in India. Each section is subdivided by: primary sources, accounts of Jewish travelers, works of modern scholarship, documentary films, and sources with incidental reference to Indian Jewry.

## History—Lithuania

38. **Schoenburg, Nancy; Schoenburg, Stuart.** *Lithuanian Jewish Communities.* New York: Garland Publishing, 1991. 513 p. ISBN 0824046986. \$60.

This volume provides the first reference source in English covering towns in Lithuania that had Jewish communities; it is based on the best Hebrew source available, *Yahadut Lita* (Tel-Aviv: Am Hasefer, 1959–1984. 4 vols.).

Chapter I presents an overview of the history of Lithuanian Jewry; chapter II provides articles on individual towns and villages, arranged alphabetically by the Yiddish name in transliteration. Three appendixes provide lists of: towns with alternative spellings, Lithuanian Jews, and further sources for the study of Lithuanian Jewish genealogy. Includes maps.

## History—Russia

39. **Luckert, Yelena.** *Soviet Jewish History, 1917–1991: An Annotated Bibliography.* New York: Garland Publishing, 1992. 271 p. ISBN 0824025830. \$30.

Annotated bibliography of Soviet Jewish history, from the Bolshevik revolution to the disintegration of the Soviet Union. Divided into categories covering every aspect of the 80-year long saga of the Jews in this region: historical, literary, political, military, intellectual, cultural, and religious. Materials listed were published in ten countries

and in ten different languages. All editions are not cited; if a publication is available in English, only that edition is cited. Includes author and title indexes.

## History—United States

40. **Jewish-American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia.** Edited by Jack Fischel and Sanford Pinsker. New York: Garland Publishing, 1992. 800 p. ISBN 0824066227. \$95.

A one-volume reference work presenting a panorama of the Jewish experience in America: religious institutions, communal organizations, secular activities, cultural contributions, and noted individuals. It provides not only factual information, but also offers commentary and analysis. Each entry contains an up-to-date bibliography. Includes an extensive name/subject index.

## Holocaust

41. **Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies.** *Guide to Yale University Library Holocaust Video Testimonies.* New York: Garland Publishing, 1990. 130 p. ISBN 0824060431. \$23.

This register provides brief summaries of some 250 videotape testimonies of Holocaust survivors and witnesses that are stored in the Fortunoff Video Archive. The register itself is in English, even though some of the testimonies are not. The summaries are indexed by geographic area and subject, as well as by the names of witnesses and historical figures.

## Israel

42. **Alsberg, P. A.** *The Israel State Archives.* Jerusalem: Israel Archives Association, in cooperation with the Israel State Archives, 1991. 106 p.

The first volume of a series of guides to comprise all historical archives, documentation centers, and manuscript collections in Israel. This volume includes records of the government under Turkish rule; Palestine government under the British Mandate; the State of Israel and its institutions; non-governmental records, private papers, and collections. Includes index.

43. **Doing Business in Israel.** Jerusalem: Somekh Chaikin, 1991. 250 p.

This guide has been prepared by accountants, for the assistance of those interested

in doing business in Israel, and to answer some of the important general questions that may arise. Sections include: Investment Climate, Doing Business, Audit and Accounting, and Taxation.

44. **Reich, Bernard.** *Historical Dictionary of Israel.* Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1992. 351 p. ISBN 081082535X.

A succinct, yet comprehensive reference to persons, places, and events that are central for an understanding of Israel. Includes a 62-page bibliography of basic books, arranged in nine categories.

45. **Strengthening Democracy: A Guide to the Issues, Grantees, and Programs of the New Israel Fund.** New York: New Israel Fund, 1991. 109 p. \$7.50.

This handbook describes over 100 Israeli volunteer organizations and their efforts to foster religious pluralism and tolerance, protect civil and human rights, improve the status of women, bridge social and economic gaps, and further Jewish-Arab co-existence.

## Jewish Law

46. **Platnick, Abraham Joseph.** *Jewish Law—Index to Code.* Miami, FL: A. J. Platnick, 1989. 246 p. ISBN 096263610X.

A detailed subject index to the *Code of Jewish Law (Kitsur shulhan 'arukh)*, by Solomon Ganzfried, with English translation by Hyman Goldin.

## Judaism

47. **Cahn-Lipman, David E.** *The Book of Jewish Knowledge: Basic Facts About Judaism.* Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1991. 457 p. ISBN 0876685750. \$30.

The purpose of this book is to help the reader become familiar with common Jewish names, objects, rituals, events, and concepts. These basics of Judaism will provide the beginner with the vocabulary and knowledge necessary for further Jewish learning. Includes the following chapters: Holidays, Tanakh, Ritual Objects, Dress, Prayer, History, Jewish Texts, Israel, and Jewish Thought and Values. Indexed.

48. **Starkey, Edward D.** *Judaism and Christianity: A Guide to the Reference Literature.* Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1991. 256 p. ISBN 0872875334. \$42.

The aim of this selective bibliography is to identify, describe, evaluate, and compare

those works having the most value as scholarly reference tools. Approximately 800 titles on Christianity and its denominations, Judaism, and the Scriptures are reviewed. Part 1 deals with the reference literature of Judaism and Christianity. Part 2 covers the reference literature on the Bibles of Judaism and Christianity. Coverage is limited to works in English published from 1970 through 1988, although older, "classic" titles are included. With author/title and subject indexes.

## Legends

49. **The Book of Legends: Sefer ha-Aggadah: Legends from the Talmud and Midrash.** Edited by Hayim Nahman Bialik and Yehoshua Hana Ravnitzky; translated by William G. Braude. New York: Schocken Books, 1992. 895 p. ISBN 0805241132. \$75.

The wealth of Talmudic and Midrashic legend and lore, arranged topically, is now available for the first time in English translation. This massive compendium appeared first in modern Hebrew in 1908. This classic anthology of aggadic literature deals with the non-legal matters of rabbinic texts, such as ethics, medicine, mysticism, superstition, history, comments on the Bible, popular folklore, the rabbis' lives and beliefs—all set forth in parables, homilies, legends, quotations, and sayings. Indexed.

50. **Unterman, Alan.** *Dictionary of Jewish Lore and Legend.* London: Thames and Hudson, 1991. 216 p. ISBN 0500110220.

A dictionary of legends, folklore, and superstitions, culled from the aggadic corpus. The aim of this work is to present a fuller picture of the legendary side of Judaism. Material has been drawn mostly from written sources. Midrashic, Talmudic, Zoharic, Kabbalistic, Hasidic, halakhic, and magical texts have been used, as well as localized folklore from the Ashkenazic and Sephardic cultures.

## Literature

51. **Cronin, Gloria L.; Hall, Blaine H.; Lamb, Connie.** *Jewish-American Fiction Writers: An Annotated Bibliography.* New York: Garland Publishing, 1991. 1233 p. ISBN 082401619X. \$167.

Contains listings of both primary and secondary sources on 62 American-Jewish fiction writers for whom no individual bibliography exists. It covers fiction writers from the late 19th century to contemporary post-modernists. Includes reviews, articles,

chapters from books, interviews, biographical sources, bibliographies, and dissertations. Winner of the AJL Bibliography Award.

52. **Twentieth-Century American-Jewish Fiction Writers.** Edited by Daniel Walden. Detroit: Gale Research, 1984. 367 p. (Dictionary of Literary Biography, vol. 28.) ISBN 0810317060.

Essays on 51 authors whose novels and short stories deal with or emanate from their American-Jewish experience. The work is arranged alphabetically by author and is not indexed.

### Manuscripts

53. **A Guide to the Hebrew Manuscript Collection of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.** Edited by Jay Rovner. New York: JTSA, 1991. 5 vols.

Numbering over 10,000 items, this guide has been compiled to provide, in a brief format, the following basic data: author, title or description of contents, date, script type, place, and foliation. Vol. 5 includes author, place, date, and topic indexes.

All areas of Jewish civilization are represented: Bible and commentaries, history, homiletics, kabbalah, literature and liturgy, philosophy and polemics, philology, science and medicine, and rabbinics—including codes and responsa, talmudic and midrashic texts and their commentaries.

### Museums

54. **Frazier, Nancy.** *Jewish Museums of North America: A Guide to Collections, Artifacts, and Memorabilia.* New York: Wiley, 1992. 242 p. ISBN 0471542024. \$12.95.

A guide to Jewish art, artifacts and memorabilia in North America. Provides detailed descriptions and background on over 100 museums and collections, both major and remote. Includes artifacts and treasures found in little-known locations; historical societies that have Judaica on exhibit, and libraries that contain extensive or unusual Judaica, mount exhibits, or contribute to exhibits of Jewish content. Arranged by state, with glossary, bibliography, and index.

### Printing—History

55. **Heller, Marvin J.** *Printing the Talmud: A History of the Earliest Printed Editions of*

*the Talmud.* Brooklyn, NY: Im Hasefer (1188 E. 18th St., Brooklyn, NY 112300), 1992. 447 p. ISBN 0962644501.

Intended as an overview of, and introduction to, the history of the printing of the Talmud for the English reader. Limited to a description of the early printings of the Talmud, beginning with the Spanish and Italian presses in the 15th and 16th centuries and concluding with the Polish presses in the mid-17th century. Includes bibliographical footnotes, plates, a list of editions of the Babylonian Talmud until 1880, a bibliography, and an index. This work fills a gap in the area of Hebrew printing and bibliography, especially for the English reader.

56. **Rosenfeld, Moshe.** *Hebrew Printing From its Beginning Until 1948: A Gazetteer of Printing, the First Books and Their Dates with Photographed Title-Pages and Bibliographical Notes.* Jerusalem: M. Rosenfeld, 1992. 530 p.

A comprehensive record of all locations in the world where Hebrew books or books containing Hebrew letters have been published. Arranged by countries or continents. Contains about 1,000 reproductions of rare frontispieces of the first books. Includes Hebrew- and Latin-alphabet indexes of places.

### Rabbinic Literature

\*57. **CD-ROM Judaic Classics Library.** Chicago, IL: Davka Corporation (7074 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60645).

Available on a single compact disc to be used with the IBM-PC and compatibles; includes the complete Hebrew text of the Bible, Babylonian Talmud, Maimonides' *Mishneh Torah*, the Aggadic Midrashim, and Rashi's commentary on the Pentateuch and Talmud. A second edition includes all of the above, plus Talmud Yerushalmi; Zohar; Torah commentaries by the Ramban (Nahmanides), Or Ha-Hayim, Baal Haturim, Onkelos; and *sifre musar*, including *Sha'are teshuvah*, *Orhot tsadikim*, and *Mesilat yesharim.* (Information from publicity sheet.)

58. **Frank, Yitzhak.** *The Practical Talmud Dictionary.* Jerusalem: Ariel Institute/Feldheim, 1991. 303 p. ISBN 0873065883. \$17.95.

Over 3,500 definitions of words and abbreviations, with illustrations. Focusing upon the Babylonian Talmud exclusively, this work is primarily an Aramaic dictionary

(vocalized), with translations in both Hebrew and English. Besides the Aramaic entries, this learning dictionary contains more than 500 entries of words and expressions in Mishnaic Hebrew.

\*59. **Global Jewish Database.** Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University (U.S.A.: Ofner Inc., 1 Executive Dr., Fort Lee, NJ 07024).

Two versions are available on CD-ROM, with an advanced retrieval program that runs on a PC. One contains the following books: Tanakh, Midrash, Babylonian Talmud with Rashi's commentary, Talmud Yerushalmi, and Rambam. The second version contains all of the above, plus 253 books of responsa, covering a period of over 1,000 years. (Information from publicity sheet.)

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The aim of this database is "the input of all manuscripts of the Babylonian Talmud, as well as all early printed editions, into computer format." Database distribution is by means of a hard disk or diskette.

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This computerized database provides references to any passage of the Mishnah, Tosefta, Babylonian and Yerushalmi Talmuds and Midrashim, from the literature of the Geonim and Rishonim, modern scholarship of the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as internal cross-references within rabbinic literature. At present, over 300 works have been indexed and input into the *Index*. Available on hard disk by subscription. (Information from publicity sheet.)

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An authoritative introduction in English to all aspects of Talmudic literature. This edition is a new revision of the text and includes updated bibliographies. There are three indexes: subjects, passages, and names.

63. **Torah Microfiche Library.** Arverne, NY: Rudman Foundation (POB 576, Arverne, NY 11692).

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Software program, using hypertext, includes the Pentateuch with Hebrew and English concordances; Rashi's commentary; Babylonian Talmud, with online, instant English translation dictionary.

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65. **Bibliography of Resettlement Resource Materials.** Edited by Deborah Bernick and Madeleine Tress. New York: Council of Jewish Federations, 1991. 1 vol. (unpaged).

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Biographical sketches of eminent rabbis and representative selections of their responsa. The samples of responsa literature cover the Geonic Period (589–1038), the Rishonim (post-Babylonian sages, 1038–1492), the Early Aḥaronim (1492–1648), and the Later Aḥaronim (1649 to the present). The selections of responsa were chosen because they echo Jewish life of the periods in which they were written. Includes a list of additional prominent halakhic authorities as well as a subject index and an index of authors and personalities.

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Includes all Conservative responsa and practical halakhic studies written by Conservative rabbis and laymen between 1917 and 1990. Also includes responsa of the Rabbinical Assembly in Israel, in addition to those that appeared in periodicals. Arranged by topic and subtopic.

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A guide to resources and references for educators and lay readers. Includes over 740 entries divided as follows: Part 1: The Sephardic Experience, divided by geographic origin; Part 2: Annotated Bibliography, including articles, books, classroom materials, and literature; Part 3: Media Selections; Part 4: Resources—people, places, experiences; Part 5: Author index.

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The compilers have defined symbols loosely, including not only ceremonial objects and images, but also personalities, places, concepts, motifs, and events that have come to represent central Jewish ideas. Most entries trace a symbol's history from its ancient roots to its modern expression. There are 266 alphabetically arranged entries, many of them illustrated. Includes glossary, sources, index, and

three appendixes: symbols listed under generic categories, symbols listed under abstract concepts, and a timeline of Jewish history.

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71. **Gruber, Ruth Ellen.** *Jewish Heritage Travel: A Guide to Central and Eastern Europe.* New York: Wiley, 1992. 305 p. ISBN 0471546127. \$14.95.

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