

## Recommended Judaica Reference Works, 1984-1985

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This column lists selected current reference materials that appeared in 1984 and 1985. An occasional work from 1983 is included if deemed significant.

**Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts.** Edited by Barry W. Holtz. New York: Summit Books, 1984. 448 p. ISBN 0671454676. \$21.95.

A valuable introduction to the study of traditional Jewish texts: what they are and how to read them. The chapters cover Biblical narrative, Biblical law, Biblical poetry, Talmud, Midrash, medieval Bible commentaries, medieval Jewish philosophy, kabbalistic texts, teachings of the Hasidic masters, prayer and the prayerbook. Each chapter is written by a leading scholar. Of special interest to librarians are the bibliographical essays at the end of each chapter. These additional readings make this work exceptionally suitable for adult education and university courses.

**Baker, Zachary M.** "Bibliography of Eastern European Memorial Books." In *From a Ruined Garden: the Memorial Books of Polish Jewry*. Translated and edited by Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyarin. (New York: Schocken Books, 1983), pp. 223-264. ISBN 0805238670. \$18.95.

A revised and expanded version of the author's "Bibliography of Eastern European Memorial Books," that appeared in the Fall 1977-Winter 1980 issue of *Toledot; the Journal of Jewish Genealogy*. The memorial books are arranged alphabetically by place name, with an indication in parentheses of the countries to which the town belonged between the end of World War I and the outbreak of World War II. Titles are given in transliteration from the Hebrew or Yiddish original. Includes numerous *see* and *see also* references.

**Braham, Randolph L.** *The Hungarian Jewish Catastrophe: a Selected Annotated Bibliography*. 2d ed., rev. and enlarged. New York: Social Science Monographs

and Institute for Holocaust Studies of the City University of New York, 1984. 501 p. ISBN 0880330546. \$40.

A classified, annotated bibliography comprising 2479 books and articles in a variety of languages pertaining to the Holocaust in Hungary. The work is a revised and much expanded version of a bibliography by the same title published in 1962 by the author as part of the *Yad Vashem/YIVO Joint Documentary Projects. Bibliographical Series*. It, like its predecessor, is divided into four major chapters: General reference works, Background of the Holocaust, Holocaust, and Postwar era. Each chapter is further subdivided into smaller units. The work is accompanied by author, name, geographic and subject indexes.

**Foundation Guide for Religious Grant Seekers.** Edited by Francis J. Butler & Catherine E. Farrell. 2d ed. Chico, CA: Scholars Press, 1984. 139p. ISBN 0891307567. \$11.95.

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-making are listed, to help the grant seeker pinpoint the foundation most likely to be interested in his/her proposal.

Includes chapters on sources of information available on foundations; the grant-seeking process; facts about religious philanthropy; building constituency support; foundations with a past interest in funding religious organizations. The last chapter includes a 13-page section on Jewish foundations, arranged by state, giving the name, address, telephone number, contact person, geographic giving pattern, and special interests.

**Grossman, Cheryl S. & Engman, Susy.** *Jewish Literature for Children: a Teaching Guide*. Denver: Alternatives in Religious

Education, 1985. 221 p. ISBN 0867050187. \$19.00; \$15.00 pb.

The above work by two experienced educators, expands on an earlier article by Barbara Leff entitled "Creative Use of the Library," that appeared in *The Jewish Teachers Handbook*, vol. 1 (Denver: Alternatives in Religious Education, 1980), pp. 125-138. This work presents 300 library/book activities that can be integrated into the curriculum. Conversely, these activities, which include drama, art, music, field trips and creative writing, can be used to design a course on a particular theme. Divided into ten chapters (Bible, Ethics, Holidays, Holocaust, Israel, History, Jewish Identity, etc.), each chapter reviews ten books, and describes three graded teaching ideas for each book. Each chapter then annotates additional books for children and adults. Altogether, over 500 books are listed here. An index enables one to find multiple applications for books reviewed. A useful fourteen-page adult reference section, arranged by subject, and containing curriculum-related library/media materials, is included.

**Heskes, Irene.** *The Resource Book of Jewish Music; a Bibliographical and Topical Guide to Book and Journal Literature and Program Material*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1985. 302 p. ISBN 0313232512. \$35.00.

An annotated, classified bibliography of published English textual resources whose purpose it is "to provide a bibliographical tool for the examination of Jewish music . . . intended to serve reference needs of musicians, scholars and the general public." The annotations include information regarding the subject covered by the cited source, the range of content, and manner of treatment. They are not critical, but rather are designed to aid the user to assess the source's value as a reference tool. Chapters are devoted to: Reference works; Books; Articles; Jewish music periodicals; Instruc-

tion and performance resources on Jewish music; Jewish music collections; Dance with Jewish music. The bibliography is enhanced by the inclusion of a Glossary of Judaica and author and subject indexes.

[See review by Chana Mlotek in the *APPROBATIONS* section of this issue—Eds.]

**The Holocaust: an Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide.** Edited by David M. Szonyi. New York: National Jewish Resource Center/KTAV, 1985. 396 p. ISBN 0881250570 \$29.50; ISBN 0881250589 \$16.95 pb.

A comprehensive, up-to-date, classified bibliography of English-language material pertaining to all aspects of the Holocaust. Includes annotated lists of non-fiction, fiction, and books for younger readers, a filmography, a guide to musical resources, a listing of mobile and traveling exhibits, a list of Holocaust memorials in the U.S. and Canada, a list of survivors' groups, examples of Yom Ha-Shoah and Day of Remembrance services, a guide to doing oral history, sample Holocaust curricula, and information on obtaining speakers and funding. This work does not supersede, but updates, such works as Jacob Robinson's earlier comprehensive compilation of English language non-fiction and fiction resources entitled *The Holocaust and After* (Jerusalem: Israel Universities Press, 1973. 353 p.). An author, title and subject index would have enhanced the value of this work.

For those seeking less comprehensive bibliographies, the following are recommended: St. Louis Center for Holocaust Studies. *Audio-visual Resources for Teaching the Holocaust*. (St. Louis, 1980-1983. 39 p.); Judith H. Muffs. *The Holocaust in Books and Films; a Select, Annotated List*. (New York: Center for Studies on the Holocaust, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1982. 67 p.); Sharon Joseph. *The Holocaust; an Annotated Bibliography*. (Montreal: Canadian Jewish Congress, 1980. 35 p.).

**Jewish Education Directory; Schools and Agencies in the United States and Canada.** 7th ed. New York: Jewish Education Service of North America, 1984. 50 p. \$8.50.

Information on national Jewish educational agencies, local central agencies, accredited teacher-training schools, and Jewish schools. Includes a list of public high schools in the United States that offer Hebrew. Gives names, addresses, and telephone numbers. The previous edition appeared in 1978.

**Jewish Education Service of North America. Materials Resource Guide For Jewish Education: 1984 Update.** Developed by the Dept. of Pedagogic Services, JESNA. Miami: Central Agency for Jewish Education (4200 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33137), 1984. 200 p. \$8.00.

The basic guide, first published in 1980, is a comprehensive, annotated bibliography of books, audio-visual materials, and periodicals—covering the full spectrum of Judaica. Divided into eleven broad categories, with each further broken down by age level and user type.

This *Update* (the first was published in 1982) includes author/title indexes to all three volumes.

**Jewish Life on Campus: a Directory of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and Other Jewish Campus Agencies.** Washington, D.C.: B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 1985. 96 p. \$9.95.

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 that are serviced by Hillel. Includes a list of national Jewish agencies providing services for campuses and a 10-year Jewish calendar. Information for each campus includes names of professional staff, address, and phone number.

**Laska, Vera. Nazism, Resistance and Holocaust in World War II; a Bibliography.** Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press, 1985. 183 p. ISBN 0810817713. \$15.00.

A partially annotated, classified bibliography of books pertaining to the Holocaust. The work is divided into the following sections: 1. Jews and anti-Semitism. 2. Nazism. 3. Resistance. 4. Resistance—Women. 5. Jewish resistance. 6. Holocaust. 7. Holocaust women. 8. Women in hiding. 9. Pre-1945 knowledge of the Holocaust. 10. War crimes. 11. Art and photographs. 12. Philosophy and interpretation. 13. Literature. The work is indexed by author.

**Mahler, Gregory S. A Bibliography of Israeli Politics.** Boulder, Co.: Westview Press, 1985. 133 p. ISBN 0813370426. \$18.95.

A listing of 1419 books and articles in English pertaining to various aspects of Israeli political life. A keyword index is provided.

**Martyrdom and Resistance Index, and Accompanying Microfiche to Martyrdom and Resistance, Volumes 1-10, 1974-1984.** New York: American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates, and Nazi

Victims (505 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10017), 1985. \$42.00.

*Martyrdom and Resistance*, a bi-monthly periodical, is a valuable resource for students and researchers of the Holocaust. The index, compiled by editor Harvey Rosenfeld, is in book form (76 p.) There are over 3000 entries, divided into four sections: subjects (51 categories); book review index; poetry index; and cinema index. The printed index is available together with microfiche of volumes 1-10, 1974-1984, of the journal.

**Posner, Marcia W. Juvenile Judaica: The Jewish Values Book-Finder.** New York: Association of Jewish Libraries, 1985. 97 p. \$15.90; \$10.90 for AJL members.

Alphabetically arranged by author, JJ gives the predominant subjects and themes and a concise critical annotation for each book, in addition to bibliographical information and age level. A title index is included, but the heart of this work is the detailed subject index, which lists some 350 topics, making it an invaluable guide to the contents of the books. Comes in a loose-leaf format for insertion into a binder. It is to be updated by annual supplements, with cumulations every five years. *Juvenile Judaica* serves as a supplement to Enid Davis' *A Comprehensive Guide to Children's Literature With a Jewish Theme* (New York: Schocken, 1981. 177 p. \$18.95). Both Davis' and Posner's works will be useful to libraries in developing a collection, and for integrating children's literature into the curriculum. (See also above review of Grossman.)

**Proceedings of the World Congress of Jewish Studies Index: First (1947)—Eighth (1981).** Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, 1985. 119 p. \$10.00.

The publications of the Congress proceedings, and the collection of articles based on papers delivered at the Congresses, comprise 34 volumes. We now have an index to these volumes containing papers on research and new discoveries in all fields of Jewish Studies. The detailed subject divisions essentially follow the classification scheme of the *Index of Articles on Jewish Studies* (RaMBI).

Each entry includes author's name, title of paper, Congress no., volume no., and pages. The subject index contains names of persons, places, and books, and complements the classification scheme as outlined in the table of contents.

This bibliographic aid for scholars is an invaluable guide to the proceedings of the Congress, which has become the central event in the world of Jewish Studies.

**Sperber, David.** *A Dictionary of Greek and Latin Terms in Rabbinic Literature.* Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, 1984. 230 p. ISBN 9652260509. \$32.50.

A specialized dictionary consisting of almost 200 Greek and Latin legal terms in Rabbinic literature. The author provides the user with the following types of information for each term: definition in English; illustrative texts in translation; parallels; related references; variant readings; comparative material from Hellenistic, Roman and juristic papyrological sources; and full bibliographic references. The work includes a Greek and Latin index. Rabbinic scholars, philologists and students of ancient law will find this dictionary helpful.

**Wallach, Jehuda L.** *Israeli Military History: a Guide to Sources.* New York: Garland, 1984. 291 p. ISBN 0824090616. \$40.50.

A bibliography of books published largely in the 20th century, in Hebrew or Western languages, pertaining to the military history of the Jewish people from antiquity to the present. Each chapter includes an essay on the historical period under discussion, as well as a description of the major sources in the accompanying detailed bibliography. Relevant archives, libraries, and museums in Israel, as well as selected journals, are listed in an appendix. The work is indexed by author.

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**Judaica Reference Book Nominated**  
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*American Libraries* might have been accompanied by corresponding Freimann numbers and more usefully placed with each text as opposed to constituting a separate index. Nonetheless, Gershon Cohen has done a commendable job in the preparation of this catalog, and Yeshiva University can be proud of its fine incunabula holdings. [See related cover story by Menahem Schmelzer in this issue.—Eds.]

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**Books Nominated (continued)**

**de Lange, Nicholas.** *Atlas of the Jewish World.* New York: Facts on File, 1984.

This beautifully illustrated work, intended to chronicle the history of the Jewish people, is divided into three sections. The first, dealing with the historical background of the Jewish people, is highlighted by maps depicting the distribution of Jewish population. The second focuses on the cultural heritage of the Jews throughout the ages and around the world. The final section is devoted to the Jewish world today, providing a survey of world Jewry by regions and countries.

Appended reference materials include a gazetteer, glossary, bibliography and index. While this lovely book will find its rightful place on most Judaica library shelves, its value is primarily pictorial. Textually, most of the information is cursory at best, and can be found in many other sources.

**Zubatsky, David; Berent, Irwin.** *Jewish Genealogy: A Sourcebook of Family Histories and Genealogies.* New York: Garland, 1984.

The authors attempt to provide a comprehensive bibliography of "published and unpublished Jewish genealogies, family histories and individual family names." Similar in format to Dan Rottenberg's *Finding Our Fathers* (New York: Random, 1977), this book has been researched more extensively and refers readers to archives as well as articles and monographs.

The body of the work is arranged alphabetically by family name. Entries in the bibliography are cross-referenced. Annotations and/or biographical descriptions are provided to aid the user in identifying the cited family. Locations of cited materials are given, except for journal articles. Coverage is world-wide. The work is enhanced by the authors' use of the genealogical entries in the "Judaica Americana" section of the journal *American Jewish History*, with citations of family histories and their location in the American Jewish Historical Society.

Only a limited number of foreign and domestic repositories were surveyed, and the authors do not provide a clear statement of scope, leaving doubt as to the comprehensiveness of the work. Inconsistent transliterations are an additional weakness of the book.

Nevertheless, until something better replaces it, this will prove a standard bibliographic tool for the genealogical researcher.

**Feldman (continued from p. 73)**

capital city to Moses out of her love for him; how Cleopatra attempted to seduce the infamous Herod; how a certain Mary devoured her own child during the siege of Jerusalem by the Romans; and, of course, how 960 religious fanatics committed mutual suicide rather than surrender to the Romans at Masada, the original Jonestown. Moreover, Josephus is by far our most important source for our knowledge of that strange, monastic-like sect, so reminiscent of the later Christians, known as the Essenes, who refused to marry to protect themselves against women's wantonness, as Josephus puts it, being persuaded that no woman ever keeps her pledge to one man. He is, in short, one of the most unlovable of men, except that at least three women did marry him.

I shall close with the anecdote which I cite in my introduction from Cicero (*Pro Archia* 10.25), about the worthless poet who had composed an epigram about the Roman dictator Sulla, and who was rewarded by him with a gift of property from proscribed persons, on the condition that he should not write anything thereafter. On the basis of my critical evaluation of the scholarship in the field, perhaps I shall be forgiven for expressing the hope—or prayer—that one of the wealthier and more merciful foundations will establish a fund to give grants on similar conditions, or, at the very least, on the condition that scholars will read what has been written in their field before they embark with pen in hand.

**Reference Books in Jewish Studies from Garland**

- \* *Jewish Genealogy: a Sourcebook of Family Histories and Genealogies*, by Davis S. Zubatsky and Irwin M. Berent. 452 pp. \$33.
- \* *Jewish Mysticism: An Annotated Bibliography*, by Sheila A. Spector. 426 pp. \$50.
- \* *Josephus: a Supplementary Bibliography*, by Louis H. Feldman. 712 pp. \$90.

Watch for These:

- \* *Encyclopedia of Jewish American History and Culture*, edited by Sanford Pinsker and Jack Fischel.
- \* *Bibliography of Antisemitism, 1984-85*, edited by Sue Fox, for the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism.

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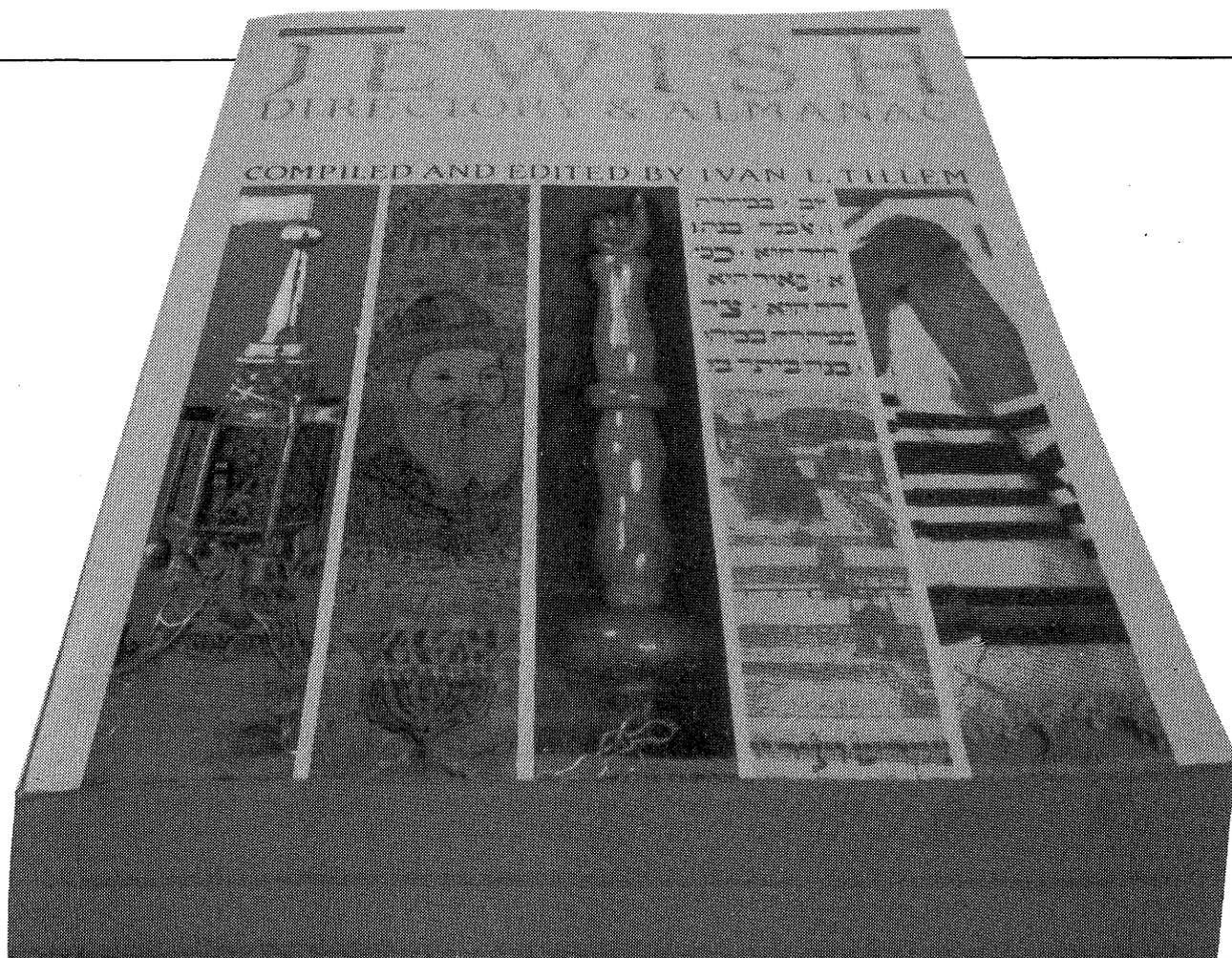
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