



## DICTIONARIES

These works provide brief definitions of various English, Hebrew, and Yiddish words which appear frequently in works about Judaism.

***Key Words in Judaism.*** Ron Greaves. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2006.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 50 .G43 2006]

***The JPS Dictionary of Jewish Words.*** Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2001.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 50 .E47 2001]

***A Concise Companion to the Jewish Religion.*** Louis Jacobs. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

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## ENCYCLOPEDIC WORKS

These works provide longer, sometimes essay-length articles. Some include bibliographical references for further reading.

***Encyclopedia Judaica.***  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

The standard multi-volume English-language encyclopedia of Jewish studies. Includes articles on all aspects of Judaism throughout the world.

***The Encyclopedia of Judaism.*** 2nd edition. Edited by Jacob Neusner, Alan J. Avery-Peck, and William Scott Green. Boston: Brill, 2005. 4 volumes.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 50 .E63 2005]

This encyclopedia is specifically about the *religious* aspects of Judaism; it does not include articles on non-religious historical or cultural aspects. Each of the 230 articles is an in-depth essay on a particular topic.

***The New Encyclopedia of Judaism.*** Edited by Geoffrey Wigoder. Washington Square, NY: New York University Press, 2002.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 50 .E63 2002]

A one-volume reference work about all aspects of Judaism but with much shorter articles than those in the *Encyclopedia Judaica*. No bibliographic references.

***The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion.*** 2nd edition. Editor-in-chief: Adele Berlin. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 50 .O94 2011]

The scope of this work is Jewish *religion*. It includes a much larger number of articles than Neusner's *Encyclopedia of Judaism* – but the articles are much shorter. Includes some bibliographical references.

***The Jewish Encyclopedia.*** Edited by Cyrus Adler. New York: Funk and Wagnalls, 1901-1906. 12 volumes.  
[Available online: <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com>]

Although this work is now over one hundred years old, many of the articles are still useful. It should, however, be used with caution.

***Medieval Jewish Civilization: An Encyclopedia.*** Edited by Norman Roth. New York: Routledge, 2003.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DS 124 .M386 2003]

156 essay-length articles on people, places, and events. Includes many articles on Christian-Jewish and Muslim-Jewish relations.

***A Dictionary of Jewish-Christian Relations.*** Edited by Edward Kessler and Neil Wenborn. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 535 .D487 2005]

Over 700 brief articles on events, institutions, movements, people, places, and publications. No bibliographical references.

***Encyclopedia of Modern Jewish Culture.*** Edited by Glenda Abramson. New York: Routledge, 2005.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

Biographical articles about Jewish writers, artists, and musicians. Only volume 2 (M-Z) available.

***Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia.*** Edited by Paula E. Hyman and Dalia Ofer.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

Biographical articles about Jewish women from biblical times to the present.

## OTHER USEFUL WORKS

***JPS Guide, Jewish Traditions.*** Ronald L. Eisenberg. New York: Jewish Publication Society, 2008.  
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BM 50 .E49 2008]

Chapters on Jewish traditions and customs to do with life-cycle events, the Sabbath, festivals, the synagogue, and prayer.

***The Timetables of Jewish History.*** Edited by Judah Gribetz. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DS 114 .G68 1993]

A year-by-year chronological listing of events in Jewish history.

***A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People.*** Edited by Eli Barnavi. London: Kuperard, 1998.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DS 117 .J8513 1998]

Jewish history set forth in almost a thousand detailed maps, as well as illustrations and chronological tables.

## BIBLIOGRAPHIES

***Reader's Guide to Judaism.*** Edited by Michael Terry. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2000.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 50 .R43 2000]

Bibliographic essays on over 400 topics. Each essay cites several major books, journal articles, or essays on the topic, and then proceeds to evaluate those resources.

## FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES

### ***Index to Jewish Periodicals.***

[Available online (1988 – present) for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

Indexes over 160 English-language Jewish journals. Some links to full-text articles.

### ***RAMBI - The Index of Articles on Jewish Studies.***

[Available online (1966 – present): <http://jnul.huji.ac.il/rambi/>.

Click on “Rambi Web”.]

Selectively indexes articles about Jewish studies from thousands of journals in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, and other European languages. Some links to full-text articles.

### ***ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials.***

[Available online (1949 – present) for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

Indexes articles on all aspects of the major world religions including Judaism. Includes many articles on Judaism published in non-Jewish journals. Some links to full-text articles.

### ***Old Testament Abstracts.***

[Available online (1979 – present) for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

The major English-language index to journal articles and books on the Hebrew Bible (called the Old Testament by Christians). Includes paragraph-length summaries of journal articles and books with some links to full-text articles.

Our guide to the Jewish faith provides a fantastic overview and answers key religious questions.Â  Want to learn the basics about Judaism? Welcome to our quick intro to the religion of the Jews! In it we'll look at the history of Judaism, beliefs and some of their important holy days. Remember, 'Judaism' is the name of the religion. It's followers or adherents are the Jewish people. Judaism is based on the principles contained in the Hebrew Bible, the Tanakh, which are expanded and explained in the Talmud. In 2007, the world Jewish population was of 13.2 million, 41 percent of which reside in Israel, whilst the remaining is spread around the world (the diaspora). Let's learn more. What are the Origins of Judaism? Converting to Judaism is not a simplistic or quick process as it is generally not encouraged as we don't see it as necessary for others to become Jewish to be righteous. So before even starting on the process I would advise you being able to artic...Â  A Synagogue in your physical reach, a Rabbi, strong & powerful intentions, connections and understanding of Judaism, and a personally heavily scrutinized decision to convert. Learn the policies of your local synagogue regarding conversions, understand what the synagogue is about. If you are unclear about anything at all, research it - study books, watch interviews, documentaries, lectures, podcasts etc. about it from the variety of Jewish perspectives. Judaism is an ethnic religion comprising the collective religious, cultural, and legal tradition and civilization of the Jewish people. Judaism is considered by religious Jews to be the expression of the covenant that God established with the Children of Israel. It encompasses a wide body of texts, practices, theological positions, and forms of organization. The Torah is part of the larger text known as the Tanakh or the Hebrew Bible, and supplemental oral tradition represented by later texts such as...