



## 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]

***The Jewish Religion: A Companion.*** Louis Jacobs. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BM 50 .J28 1995]  
[Abridged version, *A Concise Companion to the Jewish Religion*, available online for UofT use:  
<http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

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The print version provides more detailed definitions, and includes some bibliographic references.

## 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.

***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 Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies.*** Edited by Martin Goodman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]  
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BM 70 .O95 2002]

Comprehensive but introductory essays on over thirty topics including the Second Temple Period, Talmud, Holocaust, Hebrew language, Yiddish, mysticism, music, and anti-Semitism. The essays are bibliographical, identifying the most important authors and books in a field.

***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.

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