DICTIONARIES

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


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.


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.
[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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**

[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.

[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.


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


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

**BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

[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.
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.