A Research Guide to the Judaica & Hebraica Collection
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for
Jewish Studies

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The Library Collections:
*The Perry-Castañeda Library (PCL) Judaica collection also includes a large collection of microfilmed materials which are not addressed in this guide. Other notable collections in the PCL include:

- the Rabbi Abraham I. Schechter collection of 2,000 English, German, and Hebrew titles dating from the 19th century to 1936
- the Rabbi Henry Cohen Collection of early books from Eastern Europe, France, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay and South Africa. It is one of the largest collections of Yiddish materials from non-Eastern European countries in the United States.
- The library's collection of one hundred yizkor books, commemorating the dead and Eastern European communities lost in the Holocaust.

*The Audio Visual section in the Fine Arts Library contains many films and television programs relevant to the topics in this guide. Their holdings can be searched through the library catalog.

Notes on Using this Guide:
*All sources listed under "Reference Sources" can be found in the Reference Room on the second floor of PCL.

*“Other Sources” can be found on the bookshelves on floors 3-6 of PCL.

*All sources listed under periodicals have online access through the library website.

*Topic headings were selected according to degree requirements and course offerings in the Jewish Studies BA program. Resources found under each topic are not exhaustive of the library's holdings, but access points from which to begin your research.

*Database descriptions are taken from the University of Texas Libraries website.

Searching by Subject Heading:
You must use Library of Congress subject headings for any subject search of the catalog in the Perry-Castañeda Library. The subject index is not a keyword or "free text" index.

*Suggestions of subject headings to use are listed under each section in this guide.

A Subject search uses a list of standard words or phrases and every item in the catalog has been assigned a term taken from this list describing the major topics of the work. Using a Subject search, you can retrieve all works in the collection on a particular topic using one term.

*One way to search by subject is to look up a book or journal that fits your research topic in the library catalog to see which subject headings are assigned to it in the catalog. Subject headings in the catalog are links that will take you to all items that fall under the same subject heading.
Subject headings usually consist of a main subject followed by various subdivisions. For example:

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**Topic. General Sources in Jewish Studies** (PCL Reference Room, 2\(^{nd}\) Floor)

DS 102.8 E56 2005.

Covers the humanities, arts, social sciences, sports, and popular culture in entries ranging from 200 to 1,000 words. There are also essays to contextualize the shorter entries and provide overviews to culture.

E 184.35 A44 1999.

Contains nearly 900 entries on all aspects of American-Jewish history and culture, arranged alphabetically within thematic chapters that begin with an overview of the topic and include a bibliography for further reading.


Information on Jews in the United States and worldwide. Includes articles on socio-economic, political, communal, and cultural activities of the past year in the United States, plus information on Jews in other countries. Includes directories of American Jewish organizations and world Jewish population figures.


Covers the period from the tenth century to the present, providing descriptions of medieval Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Aramaic, and Talmudic dictionaries. Biographical information is given about the authors of the works.


Biographical dictionary covering the period of biblical times to the present, includes approximately 1,000 life sketches with citations for further reading.

BM 70 095 2002.

Includes essays on subjects such as biblical studies, rabbinic literature, modern Hebrew literature, Jewish history, Yiddish studies, American Jewish history, Jewish thought, and archaeology. Bibliography and suggested readings.


Provides an account of Judaism, the religion, its history, literature, beliefs, and practices from Israelite times to modern day.


Contains signed scholarly articles pertaining to all aspects of Jewish history and culture. Most are accompanied by bibliographies.

Articles pertain to all aspects of Judaism and its practices, history, terms, and contemporary issues, as well as biographical sketches. Illustrated, with glossary and bibliography.


Alphabetically arranged bibliographic essays on secondary literature on Judaism.
Databases

**America: History and Life** - 1964 - present. (ABC-CLIO) Updated four times a year. Contains citations with abstracts to social science and humanities literature on all aspects of U.S. and Canadian history, culture and current affairs from prehistoric times to the present. Covers books, book reviews, journals and dissertations. Also reviews films and video projects. The database covers history, interdisciplinary studies of historical interest and history-related topics in the social sciences and humanities.

**Arts & Humanities Citation Index** - contains data on items from more than 1,144 journals, including individually selected relevant items from more than 6,800 science and social sciences journals. Also included are references to poems, short stories, plays, music scores, excerpts from books, bibliographies and filmographies, as well as reviews of books, films, music and theatrical performances that are published in the indexed journals.

**ATLA Religion Database** - Updated twice per year. Comprehensive index to religious, theological and related scholarship covering over 1,380 journal titles internationally, as well as 13,000 multi-authored books and reviews. There are a total of over 847,000 citations. Full text is available from more than seventy journals selected by leading religion scholars in the United States. Coverage is comprehensive back to 1949, and includes earlier data for the Methodist Reviews Index.

**Columbia International Affairs Online** – Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) is designed to be a comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. Includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, and proceedings from conferences. Also has some journal abstracts, books, links to related web sites, maps and country data.

**Encyclopaedia Judaica** - 2nd ed. Updated edition of a much lauded work on Judaism. Features more than 21,000 entries on Jewish life, culture, history, and religion, written by Israeli, American and European subject specialists. It covers diverse areas of the Jewish world and civilization, including Jewish history in all eras, culture, holidays, language, scripture, and religious teachings.

**Factiva** - Updated daily. A global information resource, providing full-text access to top national and international newspapers (including full text of the Wall Street Journal), newswires, business journals, market research reports, analysts reports and web sites. Contains over 8000 publications with content from 118 countries in 22 languages. This database is "optimized" for use with the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser and a message to that effect will come up when you access the database using the Netscape browser; however, the database will work with Netscape. This database was formerly called Dow Jones Interactive.

**FRANCIS (International Humanities and Social Sciences)** - 1984 - present. Updated monthly. Covers a wide range of multilingual, multidisciplinary information in the humanities (63%), social sciences (33%),
and economics (3%). Strong in religion, the history of art, and literature (with particular emphasis on current trends in European and world literature).

**Historical Abstracts** - 1969 - present. Updated three - six times a year. Contains citations and abstracts of worldwide literature (excluding the United States and Canada) from approximately 2,100 journals and since 1980, books and dissertations on political, diplomatic, economic, social, cultural and intellectual history and related areas of the social sciences and humanities. Covers history dating from 1450 to the present.

**JSTOR** - Dates of coverage vary. Updated regularly. Offers a high-quality, interdisciplinary archive to support scholarship and teaching. Includes archives of over 1,000 leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as select monographs and other materials valuable for academic work. The entire corpus is full-text searchable, offers search term highlighting, includes high-quality images, and is interlinked by millions of citations and references.

**Lexis Nexis Academic** - Dates of coverage vary. Updated continually. Provides a wide variety of authoritative sources (usually with full text content), including: Full text of more than 350 newspapers from the U.S. and around the world, more than 300 magazines and journals and over 600 newsletters, broadcast transcripts from the major television and radio networks as well as political transcripts covering Congressional committee hearings, press briefings from the State, Justice, and Defense departments, and presidential news conferences. Campus news from nearly 300 individual college/university papers. Wire services, updated several times a day, including respected names such as the Associated Press, Business Wire and PR Newswire.

**MLA International Bibliography** - 1963 - present. Updated ten times per year. Indexes critical materials on literature, criticism, drama, languages, linguistics, and folklore. Provides access to citations from over 3,700 journals, series, books, essay collections, working papers, proceedings, dissertations, and bibliographies. Produced by the Modern Language Association.

**PAIS International** - 1915 - present. Updated monthly. Bibliographic index with abstracts covering the full range of political, social, and public policy issues. Covers selected journal articles, books, statistics, yearbooks, directories, conference proceedings, pamphlets, reports, government documents, and microfiche. More than 1,600 journals and over 8,000 monographs are indexed each year. Includes documents published worldwide in any of six languages: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

**Project Muse** - Updated as issues are published. Provides full text access to over 160 scholarly journals published by more than 20 not-for-profit, scholarly presses including Johns Hopkins. In some cases, provides current issues for titles included in JSTOR.

**ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: Full Text** - 1861 - present. Updated monthly. Contains more than 2 million doctoral dissertations and master's theses. Provides full text for many dissertations and theses,
including most done after 1997. All subject areas are covered. The database includes more than 90 percent of the doctoral dissertations accepted each year in North America with selective coverage for other parts of the world.

**RAMBI** - 1985 – present. Updated regularly. Provides a bibliographic resource in the various fields of Jewish studies and in the study of Eretz Israel. Materials are compiled from thousands of periodicals and from collections of articles (in Hebrew, Yiddish, and European languages) mainly from the holdings of the Jewish National and University Library (JNUL).

**Sociological Abstracts** - 1952 - present. Updated monthly, with approximately 30,000 records added per year. Abstracts and indexes the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. Provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,800+ serials publications, and also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference papers.
**TOPIC. History**

**Suggested Subject Headings:**
- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
- Israel-Antiquities
- Jews-Civilization
- Jews-History
- Jews-History-586 B.C.-70 A.D.
- 1789-1945
- Jews-History-[fill in country]
- Judaism-Relations-Christianty
- Judaism-Relations-Islam

**Call Numbers:**
- DE-DG Classical Antiquities, Greek-Roman history
- D 804 Holocaust
- DS 101-135 Jewish History and Civilization
- DS 112 Middle Ages, Biblical
- DS 113 Renaissance
- DS 115 Historiography
- DS 119 Modern Israel, Arab/Israeli conflict
- DS 122 Jews in the Greco-Roman World
- DS 123 Talmudic Age
- DS 124 Jews and Medieval World
- DS 125 Jews in the Modern Period
- DS 126 Holocaust
- DS 149 Zionism

**Reference Sources:**
  Illustrated, alphabetically arranged encyclopedia containing articles on subject like Christian and Muslim Jewish relations, economy, historical events, Christian and Jewish figures. Suggestions for further reading, glossary, and index.

  Includes bibliographical references and index. Combines essays with encyclopedia entries, offering a comprehensive look at the Holocaust.
Biographical dictionary provides sketches of Jews and non-Jews who have had an impact on Jewish history. Covers the period 135 BCE to the end of the 20th century. Includes a chronology, maps, and glossary.

Defines concepts, religious practices, theological terms, persons, and places from the writings of Judaism, from the Pentateuch's formation to the Babylonian Talmud. Entries offer background on the Bible, the Second Temple period, and rabbinic literature.

**Other Resources (Print):**


Maps trace the history, migrations and life of the Jews from ancient Mesopotamia to the present.

Writings of Josephus, a Jewish witness to the war with Rome and the end of the Second Temple.


One volume reference in five parts: historical overview, Holocaust issues, chronology, encyclopedia of people, places and terms, and resource guide.


Other Resources (Electronic):
   [Electronic Resource].

   [Electronic Resource]

Periodicals:
American Jewish History - focuses on every aspect of the American Jewish experience.

East European Jewish Affairs – an interdisciplinary journal concerning Jews in the former Soviet Union and the countries of East-Central Europe. It considers general, social, economic, political, and cultural developments in the region.

Jewish History

Jewish Quarterly Review - Official publication of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

Jewish Social Studies - publishes theoretical discussion of and scholarly approaches to Jewish history and life.
TOPIC. Religious Texts

Suggested Subject Headings:
Dead Sea Scrolls
Haggadah
Jewish Law
Judaism—Liturgy
Mishnah
Rabbinical Literature
Talmud

Call Numbers:
BM 480-488 Pre-Talmudic Jewish literature
BM 495-532 Rabbinical literature
BM 497-509 Talmudic literature
BM 497 Mishnah
BM 498 Talmud Yerushalmi
BM 499 Talmud Bavli
BM 504 Talmud commentary sets
BM 506 Talmud commentary by tractate
BM 520-523.7 Halacha
BM 525 Cabala
BM 545-582 Principles of Judaism
BM 650-747 Practical Judaism
BM 675 Liturgy
PJ 5201 Aramaic, Talmud dictionaries
PJ 4514 Biblical Hebrew grammar, dictionaries

Reference Sources:
BM 501.15 K6 1981.  
Biographical entries on significant personalities appearing in Talmudic literature.

Encompasses all the collections of the Judean Desert texts. The articles describe the scrolls’ discovery,  
their archaeological context, the various fragments and scrolls, and discuss their context. Each article  
includes a bibliography.
Other Sources (Print):
Based on the classic work of William Gesenius, it gives dictionary definitions and relates each word to its Hebrew Bible usage.

Facing pages of Hebrew-Aramaic and English. English page includes translation and notes. Hebrew-Aramaic page has text and various medieval and modern commentaries, including Rashi. Based on the Soncino translation of the Babylonian Talmud.

Standard dictionary of Hebrew and Aramaic terms used in these works from the second century BCE to the eighth century CE.


The original Hebrew-Aramaic text is in the center of each page and alongside it are Steinsaltz’s commentary and translation, a literal translation, and Rashi’s Hebrew commentaries. At the bottom and margins are additions and supplements.

-Q- BM 499.5 E4 1965 B. MEZ.

BM 487 A3 V4 1997B.
Most recent edition of Vermes’ translations of the scrolls.

Other Resources (Electronic):

Periodicals:

**AJS review (Association for Jewish Studies)** - *AJS Review* is a semi-annual journal featuring book reviews and scholarly articles on subjects from rabbinic texts to modern Jewish literature.

**Hebrew Studies** - A journal devoted to the Hebrew language, the Bible and related areas of scholarship.

**The Jewish Bible Quarterly** - Jewish-sponsored periodical devoted to the *Tanakh*. Provides studies on biblical themes.

**Journal of Biblical Literature** – quarterly journal that promotes critical and academic biblical scholarship.
TOPIC. Jewish Literature

Suggested Subject Headings:
American fiction -- Jewish Authors
American literature -- Jewish authors
Authors, Israeli
Hebrew literature
Israeli literature
Jewish authors
Jewish fiction
Jewish literature
Jewish poetry
Jewish theater
Latin American literature -- Jewish authors
Sephardic authors

Call Numbers:
PN 6067 Jewish literature
PN 6231 Jewish humor
PJ 4501-5192 Hebrew language and literature
PJ 5001 – 5060 Hebrew Literature
PJ 5008 History of Jewish literature
PJ 5020-5070 Hebrew literature, poetry, drama
PJ 5050-5055.51 Individual authors and works
PJ 5061-5192 Other languages used by Jews

Reference Sources:
Scholarly reference to Jewish literary writers of the past century, highlighting novelists, poets, and dramatists. Gives an introductory survey to American, British, Hebrew, Holocaust, and Yiddish literature, followed by an A-Z listing of writers.

Dictionary of literary biographies covering notable Jewish-American writers, includes bibliography and index.
Other Sources (Print):


Other Resources (Electronic):


Periodicals:
*AJS review (Association for Jewish Studies)* - *AJS Review* is a semi-annual journal featuring book reviews and scholarly articles on subjects from rabbinic texts to modern Jewish literature.

*Hebrew Studies* - The National Association of Professors of Hebrew publishes this journal on Hebrew language and literature.

*Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History* - a quarterly journal dedicated to the study of Jewish literature, with articles contributed by Israeli and American scholars.

*Studies in American Jewish Literature* - peer reviewed scholarly articles, book reviews, occasional poetry, and short stories dealing with aspects of the Jewish experience in literature.
TOPIC. Jewish Religion & Philosophy

Suggested Subject Headings:

- Cabala
- Conservative Judaism
- Jewish law
- Jewish philosophers
- Judaism -- Works to 1900
- Mysticism -- Judaism
- Philosophy, Jewish
- Orthodox Judaism
- Reconstructionist Judaism
- Reform Judaism

Call Numbers:

- BM Judaism
- BM 150-449 History
- BM 201-449 By region or country
- BM 525 Cabala
- BM 529 Jewish tradition
- BM 545-582 Principles of Judaism
- BM 648 Apologetics
- BM 650-747 Practical Judaism
- BM 660-679 Liturgy and ritual
- BM 690-695 Festivals and fasts
- BM 700-720 Rites and customs
- BM 723-729 Jewish way of life. Personal religion
- BM 730-747 Preaching. Homiletics
- BM 750-755 Biography

Reference Sources:


This annotated bibliography contains about 2,000 books of significance on Jewish thought. Includes works in Hebrew, English, German, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

Includes a description of Orthodoxy’s notable leaders, a bibliography of their writings, sources for further study, an essay on Orthodox rabbinic organizations, and a survey of American Orthodox periodicals.


**Other Sources (Print):**


Other Resources (Electronic):


Periodicals:
*Journal of Jewish Thought & Philosophy* - provides an international forum for Jewish thought, philosophy, and intellectual history.


*The Reconstructionist* – a journal on the development of Reconstructionist ideas, practices, and institutions, by addressing religious, political, social and moral issues of contemporary Jewish life. Each issue presents perspectives on a chosen theme.

*Reform Judaism* - This quarterly journal covers Jewish history, ethics, movements, traditions, texts, and theology from a Reform perspective.

*Tradition* - articles, essays, reviews, and surveys of recent literature concerning Orthodox Judaism.
TOPIC. Modern Israel

Subject Headings:
- Arab-Israeli Conflict
- British Palestine
- Israel--Arab War 1948-1949
- Israel--Arab War 1967
- Israel--History
- Israel--Politics and Government
- Israel--Social Conditions
- Jewish-Arab Relations
- Jewish Nationalism
- Jews--Palestine
- Palestine--Emigration and Immigration
- Palestine--History 1917-1948
- Palestine--Politics and Government 1917-1948
- Zionism

Call Numbers:
- DS 101-151 Israel (Palestine). The Jews
- DS 109-109.94 Jerusalem
- DS 111-111.9 Antiquities
- DS 113.2-113.8 Ethnography. Tribes of Israel
- DS 114-128.2 History
- Z 3476 Israel Bibliographies

Reference Sources:
Handbook covering the Arab-Israeli conflict, including a list of acronyms and abbreviations, chronology, and an introduction to historical context. Alphabetical entries cover people, places, and events, political parties, and organizations. Bibliography with introductory notes.

Details aspects of contemporary Israeli politics. It provides comprehensive information about diplomatic and political personalities, institutions, organizations, events, concepts, and documents that are pertinent to political life in Israel.


Other Sources (Print):


Other Resources (Electronic):

Periodicals:
Haaretz – Israel’s oldest daily newspaper
Israel Affairs – covers Israeli history, politics, literature, art, strategic affairs, economics, the Arab–Israeli conflict and Israel–diaspora relations.
Israel Studies - a semi-annual journal featuring scholarly articles on Israeli history, politics, society, and culture, as well as essays and reviews of recent research.

Midstream - opinion magazine covering contemporary Jewish life and culture, with special emphasis on the State of Israel and Zionism.
TOPIC. Hebrew Language

Suggested Subject Headings:
Hebrew language
Yiddish language

Call Numbers:
PJ 4563-4569 Hebrew grammar
PJ 4833 Hebrew-English dictionaries
PJ 5117 Yiddish language, grammar
PJ 4501-5192 Hebrew
PJ 4560-69 Hebrew grammar
PJ 4543-4937 Hebrew Language (Biblical and modern)
PJ 5061-5192 Other languages used by Jews
PJ 5111-5192 Yiddish

Reference Sources:
An authoritative, comprehensive English-Hebrew, Hebrew-English dictionary. Verbs are entered under their root. Cross-references direct the user to the root. Nouns include the plural and construct form. Abbreviations listed as words according to their spelling

Trilingual dictionary. Complements Uriel Weinreich’s Yiddish dictionary.

Classic bilingual dictionary, including grammatical and verb form information.

An up-to-date tool for use by Hebrew students, with attention to language used by the media and in politics.

Other Sources (Print):
Source for the study of ancient and modern Hebrew by the father of modern Hebrew. Arranged in the manner of modern dictionaries, and not by word roots as other Hebrew dictionaries.


Describes language as actually used, includes foreign loan words.


Other Resources (Electronic):