

JUDAICA
Don L. Meredith
Harding School of Theology
2016/17

R.R.296.12/B456. Ben-Eliyahu, Eyal, Yehudah Cohn, and Fergus Millar. *Handbook of Jewish Literature from Late Antiquity, 135-700 CE*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

A bibliographic handbook on the different Jewish texts providing the following information: content, dating, language, printed editions, translations, commentaries, bibliography, electronic resources, and manuscripts. Includes a glossary (xix-xxv).

PER/205/B936e. Chapman, David W., and Andreas J. Köstenberger. "Jewish Intertestamental and Early Rabbinic Literature: An Annotated Bibliographic Research." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 55, no.2 (June 2012): 235-72; no. 3 (September 2012): 457-88.

For each Jewish work includes bibliographies, critical texts, translations, concordances/indexes, lexical or grammatical aides, introductions, and commentaries. Covers Septuagint, Targumim, Apocrypha, Jewish Pseudepigrapha, Dead Sea Scrolls, Individual authors (Philo, Josephus, and others), Rabbinic literature (Talmud, Mishnah, Tosefta, Extra-canonical Tractates, Midrash, and other early works from the Rabbinic period).

*R.R.296.123/M678d. Danby, Herbert, trans. *Mishnah*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1933.

Body of traditional laws codified by Judah the Patriarch at the beginning of third century. Date usually assigned for the completion is A.D. 220. Six orders or sedarim. Each order divided into treatises or tractates. Jacob Neusner has completed (1988) a new translation (R.R.296.123/M678n), which is as close to a literal translation as possible.

R.R.296.12/T151e. Epstein, Isidore, ed. *The Babylonian Talmud*. 35v. London: Soncino, 1935-48.

The Babylonian Talmud dates from the early 6th century and is the most frequently cited of the two versions of the *Talmud*. The *Mishnah* and *Gemara* (discussion of the rabbinic scholars on the *Mishnah*) constitute the *Talmud*. Arrangement is according to the tractates of the *Mishnah*. This Soncino Talmud can be purchased on CD-ROM. PDF's of all tractates are available at <http://www.halakhah.com>.

R.R.296.12505/T151n. Neusner, Jacob. *The Babylonian Talmud: A Translation and Commentary*. 22v. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2005.

A reprint of Neusner's "American Translation" published 1984-96 (296.12505/T151n). The Mishnah passages are in bold print and the translation from Aramaic is in italics. The accompanying CD-ROM contains the full text of all 37 tractates plus introductions and commentary in searchable PDF format.

R.R.296.124/T151n. Neusner, Jacob. *The Talmud of the Land of Israel: A Preliminary Translation and Explanation*. 35v. Chicago Studies in the History of Judaism. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982-1994.

A translation of the Jerusalem or Palestinian Talmud, which was probably completed about A.D. 400. Vol. 35 contains an introduction to the nature and taxonomy of the Jerusalem Talmud.

Strack cautions that as a rule one should cite, "R. So and So says" rather than "The Talmud teaches."

R.R.296.14/M629f. Freedman, Harry, and Maurice Simon, eds. *Midrash Rabbah*. 10v. London: Soncino Press, 1939.

Consists of ten separate books, covering each of the five books of Moses, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther. When the Midrash is of a legal nature, it is known as halakah. When the Midrash is of a non-legal nature, with emphasis on moral lessons and ethical teachings, it is known as hagadah. Jacob Neusner began an English translation in 1985; volumes on Genesis, Leviticus, Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, and Lamentations have been published.

296.1206/E36. Eisenberg, Ronald L. *What the Rabbis Said: 250 Topics from the Talmud*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2010.

“Summarizes the major rabbinic thoughts relating to more than 250 topics” arranged under 17 headings. Includes a bibliography and glossary.

*296.1/O94. Feldman, Louis H., James L. Kugel, and Lawrence H. Schiffman, eds. *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture*. 3v. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2013.

A collection of texts written by Jews between 538 BCE and 200 CE. Includes selections from the Septuagint, the Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha, Philo, Josephus, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. “Each text. . . is preceded by a brief introduction that gives a summary of its contents, a history of its composition and transmission, its significance for Jewish (and sometimes Christian) history and biblical interpretation, and guide to reading that highlights specific issues for understanding the text.” Most include suggested readings. In the comments the 71 contributors “have intentionally sought to trace heretofore neglected connections to other Jewish writings, from the Hebrew Bible itself to the vast body of Rabbinic writings contained in Mishnah, Talmud, and midrashic anthologies.” Most translations have been adapted from published translations, but some are new translations. Vol. 3 contains a subject index.

R.R.296.03/J59. *Jewish Encyclopedia*. 12v. New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1901-06.

Signed articles by over 400 contributors covering the areas in the subtitle: "A Descriptive Record of the History, Religion, Literature, and Customs of the Jewish People from the Earliest Times to the Present Day." Bibliographies with each article. The old standard work still useful for historical and biographical information. Full text available on the Internet at <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com>.

*R.R.296.03/E56/2007. Skolnik, Fred, ed. *Encyclopaedia Judaica*. 2nd ed. 22v. Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2007.

“A comprehensive examination of all aspects of Jewish life, history and culture.” Revised about ½ of the over 25,000 signed entries from the 1st ed. and added 2,650 new ones. Provides expanded coverage of biblical studies, the Holocaust, and women’s studies. Contains cross-references and bibliographies, with a preference for English language sources. List of abbreviations is in the front of v. 1 and the back of v. 2-21. Vol. 22 is a thematic outline and index.

R.R. 296.03/O98/2011. Berlin, Adele, ed. *Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion*. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

“Focuses on Jewish religious terminology, texts, figures, institutions, concepts, beliefs, and practices.” Contains over 2,500 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 178 contributors. Revised at least half of the articles in the previous edition and revised bibliographies in about 75% of the entries. Deleted some articles from the previous edition. Some articles were rewritten to such an extent as to be new entries; three types of new entries were also added: biographical entries for individuals who died since the previous edition in 1997 (no biographies of living people are included), those that reflect recent developments in religious thought and practice, and brief entries on topics omitted from the previous edition. Consolidated some articles with overlapping information, increased the number of cross-references, and added an index. The headings for several entries have been changed to a more conventional English spelling.

R.R.296.0901/E26. Collins, John J., and Daniel C. Harlow, eds. *The Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.

Treats Judaism from the late 4th century B. C. to the early 2nd century A.D. “The first part (1-290) contains 13 major essays that attempt to synthesize major aspects of Judaism in this period.” The second part contains 520 entries (with bibliographies) by 266 scholars. Includes cross-references, a topical list of entries, and a chronology.

R.R.296.03/D554. Neusner, Jacob, and William Scott Green. *Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period: 450 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.* 2v. New York: Macmillan Library Reference, 1996.

Contains concise definitions of people, places, concepts, religious rites and theological categories found in the biblical and rabbinic literature of this period.

R.R.296.03/E56n/2005. Neusner, Jacob, Alan J. Avery-Peck, and William Scott Green, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Judaism*. 2nd ed. 4v. Leiden: Brill, 2005.

Contains over 225 long, signed essays with bibliographies that “provide systematic coverage of all aspects of Judaism: the religion and its history, literature, beliefs past and present, observances, practices, worldviews, and its place in the context of society and culture from ancient Israelite times to our day.” Includes 52 previously unpublished entries and updated bibliographies for all entries in the 1st ed., including those in the supplement volumes. Vol. 4 contains an extensive index.

R.R.296.03/S689/2006. Solomon, Norman. *Historical Dictionary of Judaism*. 2nd ed. Historical Dictionaries of Religions, Philosophies, and Movements, 69. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2006.

Looks at Judaism as a religion and focuses “on the spiritual life and creativity of Jews from the rabbinic period to the present day.” Includes articles on personalities and movements. Contains numerous cross-references and a classified bibliography (475-535).

R.R.398.2089/E56. Patai, Raphael, and Haya Bar-Itzhak, eds. *Encyclopedia of Jewish Folklore and Traditions*. 2v. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 2013.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 100 contributors on audio-oral, visual, and cognitive folklore. Among the areas covered are folk narratives, narrative genres, Jewish folk music & folksong, folk dance, material culture & folk art, folk beliefs & customs, characters, places where Jews lived, Jewish texts, Jewish writers & poets, important historical periods, and Jewish communities. Vol. 2 contains an index and the following appendices: the Hebrew Bible, Rabbinic Literature, Medieval compilations, and Anthologies of Jewish folklore.

R.R.296.15503/E56. Schiffman, Lawrence H., and James C. VanderKam, eds. *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls*. 2v. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Contains 450 signed articles by over 100 contributors on places and archaeological sites; material remains; written materials and scrolls; related ancient scripts; history; beliefs, institutions & practices; personalities; and scroll research. Cross-references and bibliographies at the end of each article. Index in vol. 2.

INDEX.016.296/I38. *Index to Jewish Periodicals*. 1963- .

Author and subject index to selected American and Anglo-Jewish journals of general and scholarly interest. All indexing from 1988 to present is available online through EBSCOhost.

296/H354. *Hebrew Union College Annual. Analytical Subject Index*, v. 1-37, 1924-1966.

Also indexed in the ATLA Religion Database with full text available for all years.

Tanna (pl. Tannaim): Sages whose opinions form the Mishnah.

Targum: Aramaic translation of the O.T. Frequently amounted to an expanded paraphrase. Martin McNamara edited a 22 vol. English translation under the title *The Aramaic Bible* (221.52/B582ar).

Amora (pl. Amoraim): Sages whose discussion of the Mishnah constitute the Gemara of the Talmud.

Sofer (pl. Soferim or Sopherim): Sages; all post-biblical legal authorities. May also refer to writer of Torah scrolls.

R.R.296/C178. Davies, W. D., and Louis Finkelstein, eds. *Cambridge History of Judaism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984- .

Deals with formative period from Babylonian exile to the codification of the Mishnah. Each chapter written by a specialist, with full bibliographies at the end of each volume. Vol. I: Introduction; The Persian Period. Vol. 2: The Hellenistic Age. Vol. 3: The Early Roman Period. Vol. 4: The Late Roman-Rabbinic Period.

A parallel Hebrew and English (Jewish Publication Society, 1917) O.T. is available at the Mechon Mamre website (<http://www.mechon-mamre.org>).

JUDAICA PERIODICALS

Jewish Quarterly Review. 1910-

Published quarterly by the University of Pennsylvania. Covers the broad range of Jewish studies, including occasional articles in biblical studies. Encourages “scholarship in a wide range of fields and time periods; ancient stands alongside the modern, the historical alongside the literary, the textual alongside the contextual.” An older series was published 1889-1908 with cumulative index to these 20 volumes. A cumulative index to the first 20 volumes (1910-30) of the new series has also been published. Includes book reviews and review essays. Table of contents from winter 2005 to date available at website:

<http://jqr.pennpress.org/tables-of-contents/> Indexed in ATLA Religion Database from 1948 on without full text. Library has a complete print run (PER/205/J556).

Journal of Ancient Judaism. 2010-

Published 3 times a year. “Addresses all issues of Jewish literature, culture, religion, and history from the Babylonian exile until the Babylonian Talmud. As a cross disciplinary journal it is of interest for all those concerned with Biblical, Jewish, religious, cultural and historical studies.” Reviews about 200 books each year. “The most important books (one or two per year) [are] discussed in extensive review articles.”

Table of contents available at website: http://www.v-r.de/en/magazine-0-0/journal_of_ancient_judaism-500060/. Indexed in *Index to Jewish Periodicals*. Library has print of all issues except vol. 1 #1 and 2 #3 (PER/296.0901/J86)

Journal of Jewish Studies. 1948-

Published twice a year by the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. Publishes scholarly articles on “Jewish history, literature and religion from Biblical times to the present day.” Includes book reviews. Table of contents of all volumes on website: <http://www.jjs-online.net/archives/contents>. Indexed in ATLA Religion Database from 1948 on without full text. Library has a complete print run (PER/296/J86).