This annotated bibliography cites bibliographic essays, annotated bibliographies, periodicals, and professional organizations which are sources of information on Jewish Americans. The publication is intended as a selection tool to help public school and college libraries meet the increased demand for ethnic material. Most items cited were published in the 1970s. While many entries are intended for undergraduates, materials suitable for elementary- and secondary-level students and general adult readers are emphasized.

Part one lists bibliographic essays. Part two cites bibliographies of books, films, filmstrips, pamphlets, articles, and primary sources and includes teachers' study guides, a curriculum guide, and a resource unit. Part three describes directories, journals, and newsletters. Part four deals with professional organizations by describing their objectives, services, and publications. The appendix briefly describes two significant organizations in the field, the Association of Jewish Libraries and the Church and Synagogue Library Association. (Author/EM)
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Within recent years there has been a tremendous growth of ethnic identity among Americans. Jews have been particularly affected by this, due to the Holocaust, Zionism, the creation of Israel, and the Civil Rights Movement. Acquiring a knowledge of one’s personal heritage, as well as that of one’s neighbors, can help promote racial and religious harmony.

The purpose of this publication is to list and critically describe annotated bibliographies and periodicals in print as of June 1975 that delineate the Jewish experience. While many entries are intended for undergraduates, materials suitable for juvenile, adolescent, and general adult readers are emphasized. Librarians utilizing the indicated sources as selection tools to build up their collection will allow Jews and non-Jews to gain a clear understanding of the Jewish tradition.

Part I considers bibliographic essays, Part II deals with bibliographies, Part III describes selected periodicals, and Part IV depicts catalogs of professional organizations. The appendix describes two significant organizations in the field, the Association of Jewish Libraries and the Church and Synagogue Library Association.

Public, school, and college libraries now have the responsibility of meeting the increased demand for ethnic material if they are to serve their patrons successfully. The Social Responsibilities Round Table Task Force on Ethnic Materials Information Exchange is pleased to make this bibliography of Jewish American materials available for the profession.

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I. Bibliographic Essays

The American Jewish Year Book. American Jewish Committee, 1972. 210 p. $5.95; $2.95 pap.


A concise essay offering critical evaluation of titles that deal with general history, antiquity, Jewish relations with Christians and Moslems, economic history, modern European Jewry since 1789, and Israel. The annotations, which are never longer than two sentences, vary in quality. Although the lucid text is suitable for bright adolescents and general readers, in some instances the bibliographic sources are intended for more specialized readers.

A guide to American Jewish history intended for use by social studies teachers and librarians. The colonial era, the Revolution, the building of national identity, westward expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the new immigration, the World Wars, and the current situation are depicted. Each chapter has a narrative, a section for the teacher highlighting dominant themes, discussion questions, and classroom activities. A selective listing of printed and audiovisual materials, with comprehensive and critical annotations, is also included.


More than two-thirds of this two part bibliographic essay is concerned with the Old Testament. Over 100 works are discussed in relation to Judaism under the following headings: "General Old Testament Works," "Bible Series," "Commentaries on Some Individual Old Testament Books," "Old Testament Theology," "Histories of Israel," "Background Materials," and "Dead Sea Scrolls." The entries include authors, titles, publishers and dates. This bibliography is, of course, intended for use in church libraries, and so the material is chosen for an appreciation of the Biblical roots of Christianity. The text is comparative and sometimes critical. For adolescent and general adult readers.


This article includes material published in English or translated within the past twenty years considered in terms of their contribution to the Yiddish language. Although few titles are mentioned, I have not seen superior bibliographies, whether in essay or alphabetical format, describing the subject.


A concise essay that describes publishers' catalogs, bibliographic information, periodical directories, and sources of book review and Israeli government publications. Hebrew and English sources are considered.
The Story of Judaism: Bibliographic Essays. ZIN, 120 E.

The titles and authors of the essays are as follows:
"Judaism in New Testament Times" by Richard Baer;
"Rabbinic Sources" by John T. Townsend;
"Judaism on Christianity: Christianity on Judaism" by Frank Talmage;
"Modern Jewish Thought" by Fritz Rothschild and Seymour Siegel;
"The Contemporary Jewish Community" by Lloyd Gartner; and
"The Holocaust: Anti-Semitism and the Jewish Catastrophe" by Henry Friedlander.

All articles follow the same pattern of separating critical material from bibliographic entries. Most entries provide author, title, publisher, place, and paperback edition. However, only Professor Friedlander adds notes to the entries in the critical texts. This is a scholarly and comprehensive work of use to students, scholars, and librarians.


A bibliographic essay followed by an alphabetical listing of sources that consider forty-three titles in relation to "the extent, range of theme, and quality of works treating Jews in children's fiction" (p.738). In most cases, age levels are indicated. The informative annotations describe both recommended and unsatisfactory titles. The failure to mention illustrations is a serious flaw in a bibliography of children's materials. Some entries are out of print.
II Alphabetical Listings


This work lists under 300 volumes divided under the following headings: Reference Works; Bible and Biblical Literature; Judaism and Christianity; Talmudic Literature; Philosophy and Religion; Languages: Literature: Law and Customs; Prayer; Rituals and Festivals; Hasidism and Mysticism; Jewish History; History: Ancient and Medieval; History: Modern; Nazi Holocaust: Israel and Zionism; The Jews: Their External Relations; The Jews: Their Internal Relations; Biography; and Music and Art.

The entries are arranged by author under each heading and include title, translator (where applicable), publisher, place and date of publication. No prices are listed. The annotations are brief. An asterisk denotes the availability of a paperback edition. A partial listing of public, university, and Jewish sponsored libraries, as well as selected Jewish periodicals and publishers, are provided. A title-author index is included.


Although Zuckroff fails to annotate many entries, this valuable bibliography contains much material not seen elsewhere. The books, journals, and newspapers covered deal with feminist aspects of Israel, history and sociology, Jewish religion and law, and American and Soviet Jewry. Out-of-print titles and paperback editions are not indicated. A revised 1975 edition is available from the Jewish Feminist Organization, 36 W. 37 St., New York, NY 10018, 15p. $1.00.


Brief, one sentence descriptive annotations cover the Bible, theology, philosophy, festivals, history, sociology, biography, literary criticism, fiction, anthologies of prose, poetry, music, art, and reference books. The titles were in print as of 1970, and were available in hard and paperbound editions. Most materials emphasize the universal, rather than the American Jewish experience.
Sources suitable for use by children from nursery school through adolescence are discussed descriptively as well as critically, in one or two sentence annotations. Thirteen topical categories include nursery and easy books, craft and activity books, song books, Bible background, legends and folk tales, the Sabbath and festivals, religious practices and thought, history, Israel, biography, fiction, encyclopedias, collective works, and periodicals. An asterisk precedes especially recommended titles. Full ordering information is provided.


Films depicting the Nazi period, Soviet Jewry, Jewish artists, the Holocaust, and aspects of Jewish History and archeology in ancient Israel are included. The annotations, which range from five to fifty words, summarize plots and describe special features, such as famous directors or unusual precautions in the film's use. Durations, color, black/white, distributors' addresses, and dates of the productions are also stated. The guide also includes suggestions for group showings. For senior high school and above.


One thousand entries are arranged alphabetically within five sections divided according to suitable age levels, from two to thirteen years and up. Fiction, nonfiction, and reference materials are included. The annotations vary in quality from one line to a short paragraph and delineate special qualities of the books, such as illustrations or drawings.


A curriculum guide that includes five sample lessons for the teaching of the Holocaust in junior and senior high school. The concluding chapters present annotations of books and multimedia materials. Fiction, nonfiction, dramatizations, song books, simulations, and filmstrips are included.

Included are over 130 titles dealing with the following topics: history, geography and archeology, Zionism and prestatehood, the modern state, Israel and other nations, Middle East, biography, and books for young people. The range of materials is intended for use by scholars, students and general adult readers, as well as children. Paper editions are indicated. An author-title index is included. This is an excellent, high quality selection tool.


A comprehensive listing of 520 films and filmstrips that are currently available upon request, for rental, or for sale. The excellent annotations include full ordering information, content descriptions, and thorough evaluations of positive as well as negative points. All sources were previewed by the National Council of Jewish Audio-Visual Materials. Board of Review, which comprise teachers, multimedia producers, and group workers. Appropriate age levels are indicated. Supplementary issues appear annually.


This is an annual publication that covers titles in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish. The work contains essays on Jewish literary creativity and bibliographies covering approximately 1,000 books of Jewish interest published in the United States, Israel, and Great Britain during the previous twelve months. The entries include full bibliographic information, excluding prices, with one line critical or descriptive analysis. Annual bibliographies include: "American Jewish Non-Fiction Books," "American Jewish Fiction Books," "Jewish Juvenile Books," "American Hebrew Books," "Yiddish Books," "Anglo-Jewish Books," and "Selected Books of Israel."


"A guide or manual to the range of contemporary Jewish Life" (p.8). Rituals, the home, festivals, and traveling in Israel are among the many topics considered. Four chapters, "The Jewish Press and Periodicals" (p.221). "Creating a
Jewish Library" (p.225), "A Basic English Bibliography" (p.232) and "Children's Books" (p.242) are of special interest to librarians. The annotations vary in quality from one or two words to a sentence. While many sources on the adult list are not annotated, those on the juvenile list are given more detailed descriptions.


A reprinted article from the 1970-71 edition of the Jewish Book Annual (vol. 28) that considers both English and non-English reference materials: General, bibliographies and indexes, encyclopedias, dictionaries, directories, history and biography, literature, the Bible, rabbincs, Hebraic customs and ceremonies, Israel and Zionism, and art and music are considered. The annotations vary in quality and length, from a short phrase to three sentences. Some entries are not annotated for adults and librarians.


An alphabetical listing of titles within fourteen broad subject categories including Biblical studies, festivals, philosophy, Hasidism, history, the Holocaust, American Jewry, Israel, Biography, Literary criticism, fiction and drama, poetry, music and art, and reference books. The annotations emphasize content. All the titles were in print as of April 1974. The majority of the books are paperbacks, most under five dollars; they are suitable for undergraduates and ambitious adult readers.

"Lest We Forget: Books on the Holocaust," by Sara Farkas.

The article's one sentence annotations consider sources selected according to "content appropriateness for children from fourth grade through high school, and historical authenticity" (p.37). Nazism, underground resistance movements, personal narratives (many of which were written by young people), historical novels, anthologies, and materials depicting postwar life are listed.

This listing includes nearly 900 sources concerned with Jewish history, intergroup relations, intermarriage, identity, the Holocaust, youth, and education. Each section is divided into seven parts that consider the following types of materials: films, filmstrips, books for students, pamphlets and brochures for students, books for teachers, pamphlets and brochures for teachers, charts, pictures, maps and relias.

The brief annotations emphasize content, omit prices, and fail to mention whether films are available on a rental or sales basis. Appropriate grade levels are indicated for those materials intended for student use.


Rabbi Marc H. Tenenbaum states in the introduction that "This . . . listing of films and filmstrips dealing with Jewish religion and ethics, history, world Jewry, and Israel, will (hopefully) provide a fuller understanding of the scope, variety and reality of Jewish experience, past and present" (p.3). The entries include rental and sales prices, issuing agencies, and duration of the materials. Asterisks precede those which are especially recommended for overall quality, and when applicable, the notation "not for children" follows the items discussed.


In Part I, an essay, Friedlander argues that most authors of textbooks, excluding A. J. P. Taylor, have failed to discuss the Holocaust adequately, due to an [unwillingness] to recognize and to acknowledge the fact of genocide" (p.7). He later quotes Golo Mann: "Just as the Army looked the other way and did not want to know about these things, the historian does not like to speak of them" (p.8).

Part II consists of an excellently annotated bibliography that covers reference materials, journals, the roots of Nazi anti-Semitism, the Nazi Regime, interpretations of the catastrophe, ghettos and camps, eyewitness accounts, world reactions, and postwar theological responses. Anti-Semitism and
the Jewish Catastrophe," printed in The Study of Judaism (Anti-Defamation League). The materials are intended for use by serious students. Consult the Selected Bibliography On The Holocaust (Jewish Book Council) for general adult readers, and the Teachers Study Guide: Writings of the Nazi Holocaust (Anti-Defamation League) for high school students.

Twenty-nine titles arranged by author deal with fiction for children that uses religion as a subject. Nine deal with Judaism. The entries include author, title, illustrations, publishers, places and date of publication, number of pages, and grade levels. Descriptive paragraphs follow the entries, all of which are recommended.

A comprehensive guide to methods and materials for the teaching of race and ethnic studies. The sections of study are as follows: I. "Race," II. "Prejudice and Discrimination," III. "The Effects of Prejudice and Discrimination," and IV. "What Can Be Done About Prejudice and Discrimination?" The first three sections are subdivided according to pamphlets for student reading, research for students, in-depth reading for teachers, and audiovisual materials. The brief one or two sentence objective annotations describe the entries, which relate to many ethnic minorities. For secondary school students.

This bibliography includes pamphlets, articles, specialized periodicals, and miscellaneous materials such as tapes, government documents, filmstrips, and films that relate to the plight of Soviet Jewry. The brief annotations focus upon content. Most materials have appeared since 1972.

Primary and secondary sources in the bibliography are described in brief but informative annotations. Hitler and the Third Reich, the "final solution," the fate of European Jews, concentration camps, Christian responses, the Eichmann trial, the failure of rescue, Jews in Eastern Europe, experiences of youth, and fiction are considered. Many titles are available in paperback editions. The listing represents excellent coverage of the subject. For ambitious adolescent and adult readers.
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A listing of books in print as of May 1972. Archeology and geography, history, the Arab-Israeli conflict, government and politics, society and settlement, the economy, education, culture, biography, fiction, and poetry are included. The concise, one sentence descriptions emphasize content. Paper editions are indicated.


Inexpensive paperbacks selected by the Library Committee of the Book Council are listed. Although religion, philosophy, and history are emphasized, fiction, humor, poetry, and anthologies are also described. The brief, one sentence annotations' focus upon content. Rosenberg "hope[s] that this list will serve as a useful introduction to the wealth of printed material available on matters of Jewish interests" (foreword). Suitable for young adults and general readers.


Twentieth-century Jewish contributors to American literature are depicted. In Part I, Zara considers "Writers important to our own time—especially those who though they write in English and are unmistakably American are nonetheless identifiable as Jewish in terms of roots and subject matter" (p.5). Cahan, Roth, Meyer, Bellow, and Halamud are among those he considers.

Part II, a "Teachers Study Guide" by Hersand, includes topics for discussion, and is followed by a bibliography emphasizing anthologies and literary criticism for use by both instructors and students. Although Silver failed to annotate the printed sources and recordings noted in Part III, a "Model Instructional Unit," the multimedia materials are of significance. Suitable for high school students.


This study guide is a three-part pamphlet. Part I, a lecture by Pavel, entitled "Writings of the Nazi Holocaust,"
surveys fiction and nonfiction dealing with Jewish and non-Jewish experiences. The editors fail to provide full bibliographic information.

Part II, a study guide by Hersand, consists of classroom activities and discussion topics, in addition to a "bibliography for teachers and students" which presents concise descriptions of content. Part III, a "Model Instructional Unit" prepared by Silver, includes a bibliography and a list of films and filmstrips.


This bibliography is a listing of materials depicting modern Jewish high school, college, and graduate students in terms of characteristics, identity problems, alienation, and religious attitudes. The thoroughly annotated entries emphasize statistical data found in the sources, and state the author's conclusions.


This bibliography "attempts to draw attention to the rich historical and cultural experiences of the Jewish group and to important aspects of its contributions to world history" (p.v). While general history, biography, the arts, sports, and fiction are considered, Hebraic life styles (such as Biblical traditions and ethics), and the Holocaust are emphasized. The three or four sentence annotations focus upon content. Many titles are intended for use by instructors, in addition to advanced students. Two complementary pamphlets are also available from the Council: The American Jewish Experience ($5.00) and Jews in Israel and Other Lands Abroad ($5.00).


The selections in this bibliography "include fiction and nonfiction, historical texts and documents, biographies and autobiographies, and literary works, both classic and modern, as well as a separately listed group of basic reference works" (introduction).

Section I considers materials for younger readers, and is followed by items for teenagers and adults. The entries, which include full bibliographic information, pricing and, when applicable, paperback notations, are briefly annotated in one sentence, contextual descriptions.
III Periodicals

DIRECTORIES

The American Jewish Year Book. American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56 St., New York, NY 10022, vol. 1, 1899... annual (Cosponsored by the Jewish Publication Society, 222 N. 15 St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.)

A regular feature lists the newspapers and journals published within each state. Although it is comprehensive, the editors omit annotations.


This directory is called "the first comprehensive annotated guide to the current ethnic press in the United States." (p.1). Included are publications of forty-three groups whose materials appear in their native languages. Black, Irish, and American Indian sources are excluded, since they appear only in English.

The Jewish section, encompassing thirty-nine pages, covers Hebrew and Hebrew-English, Yiddish and Yiddish-English, and English publications in separate alphabetical listings. Newspapers, many local in nature, rather than magazines are emphasized. Titles, addresses, dates of original publications, editors, circulation figures, and frequency are provided. The informative annotations range from one to four or five sentences. An excellent selection tool.


An alphabetical listing of fifty-eight periodicals that are suitable for general adult, student, adolescent, or juvenile readers. Titles, dates, sponsors' addresses, and prices are included. The annotations, which focus upon content, vary in quality from one to four line phrases, and are not as complete as those in the Encyclopedic Directory. Although many entries overlap, both sources should be used in conjunction. A first rate selection tool.
JOURNALS

American Jewish Archives. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220, 1948 (Semiannually) Free.

The scholarly articles are "devoted to the preservation and study of American Jewish historical records" (title page). Although the contributors omit bibliographies, extensive notes are included. The book reviews, which are quite informative, emphasize content. However, the most recent publications are not always described; the April 1973 edition failed to consider those that had appeared since 1970. A special section, "Selected Acquisitions," fails to include readily available materials. For students and avid adult readers.

American Jewish Historical Quarterly. American Jewish Historical Society, 2 Thornton Rd., Waltham, MA 02154, 1893 (Quarterly). $15.00/year.

This quarterly attempts to further "the collection, preservation, exhibition, publication and popularization of material of every kind having reference to the settlement, history, and life of Jews on the American continent" (verso of cover). An irregular feature, "Judaica Americana," lists materials that have appeared since 1960, and have been acquired by the society's library. The sources pertain to general works, as well as biography, cultural life, education, relations with non-Jews, sociology, synagogue history, and Zionism. Books, articles, and pamphlets are included. The annotations are generally poor, one line statements emphasizing content. Although the critical book reviews are quite thorough, the editors fail to include many recent publications; the majority of books reviewed in the September 1974 issue were published in 1972. For adults and librarians.

The American Zionist. Zionist Organization of America, 4 E. 34 St., New York, NY 10016, 1921 (Monthly, except July and August, and combined issue in March-April). $5.00/year.

This journal includes signed essays by international figures that deal with historical and present-day aspects of Israel and Zionism. The articles, both fiction and nonfiction, range from two to four pages. While some issues contain detailed book reviews (usually one per month), others will feature bibliographic essays devoted to specific topics (generally three books). The "Update" section mentions approximately six titles, very briefly. However, "Gleanings From the Israeli Press" fails to consider materials easily available in the United States. For general readers.

Publishes scholarly articles dealing with philosophy, theology, history, literary criticism, and poetry from the Reform viewpoint. The book reviews are detailed analyses of about three pages. Each issue, however, considers a very limited number of publications. Suitable for use by informed adults and students.

Chutzpah. Chutzpah Collective, P. O. Box 60142, Chicago, IL 60660, 1972 (Semiannual). $1.25/4 issues (libraries and institutions $3.00/4 issues).

Depicts national and world problems affecting Jews from a radical and socialist perspective. The topics such as political reform, continued American aid to Israel, the status of Jewish women, and the recognition of a Palestinian State on the West Bank are of current importance. The articles, while not of great literary quality, are informative and provocative. Book reviews are included.


Included in this journal are articles of interest to Jews and non-Jews on a variety of topics, such as economics, anti-Semitism, political developments, literature, and education. Notable personalities (such as Walter Laqueur and Daniel P. Moynihan) contribute the well-written essays. The descriptive and critical book reviews, approximately six in each issue, are quite lengthy. Other features include letters, movies, and fiction. For adults.


Most articles emphasize current topics; however, biblical and historical themes occasionally are included. The essays and speeches suitable for use by general readers are by noted personalities. The informative book reviews, approximately four or five in each issue, run three-quarters of a page. For adult readers.

Conservative Judaism. The Rabbinical Assembly and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027, 1955 (Quarterly). $5.00/year.
Featured are scholarly articles by rabbis and educators that focus upon Judaic philosophy and theology, as well as topics of current interest from the conservative view. The "Open Forum," a regular feature, presents differing opinions on specified questions. The book reviews within each issue vary in number: the Spring 1974 publication included four, while the Winter 1974 issue had eight. Thorough critical descriptions are generally a page in length; and supplementary reviews, "Books In Brief," are mentioned in a paragraph. For informed adult readers and students.

Davka. Hillel Foundation, University of California at Los Angeles, 900 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024, 1971 (Quarterly). $3.00/year.

Most articles in this journal deal with topics of timely and historical importance; fiction and poetry are also included. Each issue is devoted to a specified topic (i.e., "Creativity Within Tradition," Spring 1974; "Jewish Radicalism's Greatest Hits," Winter 1974). The editors fail to include book reviews. For undergraduates and adult readers.

Hebrew Book Review. Institute for the Translation of Hebrew Literature, 3 Modigliani St., Tel Aviv, Israel, 1965 (Quarterly). $5.00/year. (American address: Xerox University Microfilms, 300 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48106).

This journal reprints and translates selected excerpts from recent Hebrew poetry, drama, and fiction. The very informative book reviews, which describe the literature critically and descriptively, range in length from four to five pages.

Israel Book World. Israel Book and Printing Center, 47 Nahlat Benjamin St., P. O. Box 29732, Tel Aviv, Israel, 1970 (Quarterly).

Comparable to the American Publishers Weekly. This journal features reviews as well as the most recent publishing news. Best seller lists are arranged according to fiction, nonfiction, children and youth, and poetry. Although the titles are usually translated, most books are not available in English. For use by avid adult readers and librarians.

The Israel Digest. World Zionist Organization, 515 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022, 1957 (Biweekly). $5.00/year.

A concise newsletter that recapitulates recent Middle Eastern and world events affecting Israel. It will appear in a magazine format in the near future. For adolescent and general adult readers.
Israel Horizons. 150 Fifth Ave., Suite 700, New York, NY 10011, 1952 (Bimonthly). $5.00/year.

This journal is devoted to the advancement and achievements of the progressive forces in Israel, and especially the kibbutz movement, and to the rights of Jewish people everywhere (title page). Most articles depict kibbutz life in relation to other societies, and analyze recent political developments. Books are only occasionally reviewed. For young adult and general adult readers.

Israel Magazine. Spotlight Publication, LTD. 38 Monnaie St., Tel Aviv, Israel, 1967 (Monthly). $15.00/year.


Describes all aspects of Israeli life, such as youth, art, tourism, religion, politics, immigration, and recreation, in popularly written articles. Black and white and color photographs are included. The editors fail to include reviews on a regular basis. For young adults and general readers.

Jewish Bookland. Jewish Book Council, 15 E. 26 St., New York, NY 10010, 1945 (Seven issues per year). $2.00/year.

Included are descriptive and critical reviews of recent publications relating to all aspects of Judaic life and culture. The articles, which range from a paragraph to half a page, are written by distinguished professors. The annotations appearing in this brief newsletter are much more informative than those seen in Judaica Book News. Features include "Paperbound Reprints." Special issues of periodicals and annuals are mentioned. For librarians.


A lucid, popularly written periodical that covers historical and current issues, such as American Jewry, anti-Semitism, and Israel. Special features include news briefs, letters, and reprints from other journals. The activist liberal editorials attempt to promote better intergroup relations through rational interpretation of national and world affairs. Each issue contains a detailed and critical book review. Suitable for adolescent and general adult readers.

Jewish Digest. P. O. Box 57, Heathcote Station, Scarsdale, NY 10583, 1955 (Monthly). $8.50/year. (Subscription Office: 1363 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06605.

Material from forty-one international periodicals and books are condensed and reprinted. Each issue contains approximately twenty articles that depict all aspects of Hebraic life and history. Book reviews are not included. Suitable for students and...
informed readers are advised to consult the original sources, since the excerpts are quite superficial. Suitable for use by young adults and general readers.


Publishes scholarly articles that pertain to Jewish education in the United States and abroad. Recent topics considered include the treatment of Jesus in Judaic textbooks, family backgrounds of students, and attitudes of young adults toward education. Bibliographies often follow the essays. Both adult and juvenile materials are reviewed descriptively and critically. For Hebraic educators, interested parents, and librarians.


Modern historical and current issues relating to Israel, Zionism, and American Jewry are depicted. The semischolarly articles represent Labor Zionist Viewpoints. Poetry, fiction, and lengthy book reviews are included, but not on a regular basis. For adults and students.


Scholarly essays pertinent to sociological aspects of world Jewry, such as identity and demography, are included among other topics in this journal. Educational and political institutions are occasionally discussed. The thorough book reviews are both descriptive and as critical. For students.

**Jewish Life.** Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, 64 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011, 1946 (Quarterly). $5.00/2 years.

Orthodox views on Biblical, legal, and current political and community issues are expounded. The articles deal with deep philosophical questions in a clear, lucid manner. The book reviews cover similar topics. For general adult and adolescent readers.

Publishes articles of general interest that deal with current aspects of Jewish day school education, such as reading problems, fund raising, and family background. Special features include "Parent-Teacher Thoughts," "On Psychological Issues," "Health Column," and "PTA News." Book reviews emphasize English and Hebrew materials relating to rabbinics. Unlike The Synagogue School (see below), it fails to include sample lesson plans or materials for juveniles. For parents and educators.


Includes articles dealing with current topics, theology, literary criticism, fiction, art and music. The "Books and Writers" section emphasizes British publications in detailed reviews, depicting each work descriptively and critically. Suitable for informed adults and students.

The Jewish Quarterly Review. Dropsie College of Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Broad and York Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19132, 1880 (Quarterly). $10.00/year.

Scholarly articles describing Jewish literature, poetry, philosophy and history are included in this journal. Book reviews are not included. A special feature, "Books Received," lists complete bibliographic information, prices and paper editions, when applicable. The editors, however, fail to annotate the materials. Suitable for use by advanced students and well informed adults who have a knowledge of Hebrew.


Despite misleading titles, most articles generally deal with nineteenth and twentieth century historical issues, rather than the Social Sciences as an interdisciplinary field. The scholarly essays, all by leading personalities, are accompanied by extensive notes. The book reviews, which range from one to two pages, are both descriptive and critical. For informed adults and students.

Includes brief, clearly written and illustrated articles pertaining to topics of current interest, fiction, and Judaic ritual and holidays from the Orthodox viewpoint. The objective of the publisher is to aid Jewish youth in differentiating between "good and evil . . . the holy and profane . . . [and] right and wrong . . . (Mar. 1972, p.2). Book reviews are included. For juvenile readers.


Regular sections in this journal include "New and Forthcoming Books," listing fiction and nonfiction, paperbacks and items for young readers. The brief annotations focus upon content. Authors, titles, publishers, and prices are given. Suitable age levels are indicated for those books intended for use by children and adolescents. The editors will occasionally include bibliographic essays dealing with selected topics in feature articles, such as "Our Hope For The Future: Good Reading For Young People" (Spring/Summer 1971), and "Jewish Art and Jewish Art Books" (Fall/Winter 1972). For librarians. (Readers must remember that this is commercially, rather than professionally, sponsored.)

Judaism. American Jewish Congress. 15 E. 84 St., New York, NY 10028, 1962 (Quarterly) $8.00/year.

A nonpartisan journal that is "dedicated to the creative discussion and exposition of the religious, moral, and philosophical concepts of Judaism, and their relevance to the problems of modern society. Through an exploration of the meaning and needs of the Jewish experience, it hopes to widen the channels of communication between Jews and to affirm verity and vitality to the world at large" (verso of cover). The scholarly articles are written by rabbis and other professionals; the thorough book reviews are both descriptive and critical. For informed adults and student.


Each issue of this journal is devoted to specified topics on religion, culture, or issues of current importance. The lucid articles, all written by leading scholars and authors, are accompanied by illustrations, charts, and, when necessary, glossaries. Book reviews are not included. A first rate journal for late juvenile and young adult readers.

A Zionist sponsored publication that attempts to "offer critical interpretation of the past, searching examination of the present, and afford a medium for considered and independent opinion, and for creative cultural expression" (verso of cover). Features include nonfiction, fiction, theater, movies and television and lengthy book reviews. The thorough articles, written by noted authors and professors, are suitable for use by general adult readers and students.


Included are articles depicting current political, cultural and social issues that affect American and world Jewry. Essays relating to the Hebraic tradition appear occasionally. A regular section, "Of Books," generally concentrates on one author. "It's Happening in B'nai B'rith," "News, Views, Reviews," and "Family and Friends"—which characterize personal experiences of human interest—also appear regularly. The essays, which are of general interest, are suitable for use by adults and adolescents.


A concise newsletter that describes recent developments and activities related to the plight of Soviet Jewry. The regular feature, "POC (Prisoner of Conscience) Materials Available," lists books, pamphlets, directories, and posters that are generally priced at one dollar or less. For general readers and young adults.


Publishes reviews of print and nonprint materials intended for use by children and teen-agers. The annotations vary in quality ranging from concise descriptions that emphasize content through in-depth critical statements. Sample articles that recently appeared include "Resources for Teaching Soviet Jewry" (Spring 1974) and "Recommended Films and Filmstrips on Israel" (Winter 1973).
Popular but thorough articles pertaining to Israel, relationships among Jewish communities, and activities in the United States and abroad affecting Jewish life and culture are included in this journal. Poems are regular features. The descriptive and critical book reviews are generally less than two pages, while the "Browsing" section includes shorter recapitulations, that are still quite informative. For adults.

Religion, poetry, history, Israel and international Judaic affairs are considered from the Reconstructionist viewpoint in this journal. Editorials evaluating recent political happenings are included. Most issues review a book descriptively and critically. For general readers.

This journal is "concerned with the entire range of knowledge directly or indirectly relevant to an understanding of the position of Jews in the U.S.S.R. and the Communist-governed countries of Eastern Europe, including historical and contextual aspects" (verso of cover). Unlike the Outlook (see above), journal includes scholarly articles that are usually supplemented by extensive notes. A special "Documents" feature focuses upon the World War II era. Book reviews are lengthy and detailed, and the "Books Received" section includes informative paragraph annotations. All sources, however, are not written in English. For informed adults, librarians, and students.

Includes an article dealing with all aspects of Judaic elementary and secondary education in day religious schools. Sample lesson plans, surveys depicting the success of various programs, individualized instruction, and the training of paraprofessionals are among the topics discussed. The bibliographies and references that accompany many essays are suitable for use by teachers, parents, or children, depending upon the nature of the topic. Book reviews are not included. For teachers, librarians, and parents.

Rabbinics, theology, and current issues interpreted through Orthodox Talmudic thought are featured in this journal. Special features include "From The Pages of Tradition," which explains and reprints primary source material, and "Survey of Recent Halakhic Periodical Literature" which describes the articles in lengthy bibliographic essays. The detailed book reviews consider materials contextually, as well as critically. For informed adults, students, and rabbis.

United Synagogue Review. United Synagogue of America, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027, 1943 (Quarterly). $1.00/Year.

Items of religious and political importance to American and Israeli Jewry are depicted in lucid articles which reflect the Conservative viewpoint. Most contributors are leading rabbis and professionals. Does not include book reviews. For general readers.

World Over. Board of Jewish Education, 426 W. 58 St., New York, NY 10019, 1940 (Biweekly, except mid May-mid October). $3.50/Year.

A concise magazine that considers Judaic history and culture, in addition to issues of timely importance. Features include descriptions of famed landmarks, news headlines, an art section, puzzles, and "Highlights of History"—a comic strip series. Special issues, devoted to particular topics, appear irregularly (i.e., "The World of Hasidism," March 23, 1973). Book reviews are not included; black and white illustrations are featured. For juvenile readers.


Sponsored by the Hadassah Zionist Youth Commission, this journal contains fictitious and factual articles relating to topics of traditional, as well as current, interest. Two special columns, "In the Jewish News," which recapitulates international events, and "Book Nook," which descriptively reviews recent publications, do not appear on a regular basis. A games and puzzles section that emphasizes Israeli and Biblical themes is always included. The editors will occasionally publish special issues devoted to specific topics, such as Israeli pioneers (January 1974). Black and white illustrations are included. For juvenile readers.
IV Professional Associations

American Association of Jewish Education, 114 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

Prints a brief leaflet that describes nine publications emphasizing classroom and teacher uses.

American Jewish Committee, Institute of Human Relations, 165 E. 56 Street, New York, NY 10022.

Attempts to protect civil and religious rights of all men throughout the world. Its latest catalog of publications considers prejudice, law enforcement, intergroup relations, church and state, equality of housing, education, social welfare, and the American and world Jewish situation. Although some publications are full length studies, most are pamphlets and reprints of addresses and articles ranging in cost from ten to fifty cents. The annotations are brief one or two sentence accounts. Fails to include many juvenile materials.

American Jewish Congress, 15 E. 84 St., New York, NY 10028.

Prints pamphlets, books, studies, surveys, reports, brochures, and magazines that pertain to church and state; civil liberties, civil rights, community interrelations, international issues, Jewish cultural affairs, and overseas travel. While most titles are priced under one dollar, many are available without charge.


Established fifty years ago, the league attempts to combat discrimination against minorities and fight totalitarianism, while promoting better intergroup relations. B'nai B'rith publications deal with anti-Semitism, civil rights, education, totalitarianism, Jews and Judaism, race relations, and prejudice. Books and pamphlets are considered under most topics. A separate section is devoted to sources for juveniles. The informative annotations emphasize content. A second catalog contains detailed descriptions of audiovisual materials. Both listings are supplemented by updated brochures.

A communal organization that aids 800 local areas in mobilizing support for the United Jewish Appeal and in providing cultural, welfare and educational programs. Its publications deal with community planning, Jewish education, leadership, development, Judaic identification, Soviet Jewry, and public welfare. While materials are available in reasonable quantities without charge to member agencies, other bodies and individuals are generally charged fifty cents per title. Sources suitable for use by children are excluded. Omits annotations.

Jewish Book Council, 15 E. 26 St., New York, NY 10010.

Attempts to promote the reading of Judaic related materials at all age levels. Its list of publications, a one sheet flyer, contains very brief annotations that focus upon content. The sources include manuals for administering reading programs, posters, dramas, and booklists—many of which are included in Section II. Most prices range under fifty cents.

Jewish National Fund, 42 E. 69 St., New York, NY 10021.

Sponsors pamphlets, books, periodicals, biographical materials, maps, and posters pertaining to Israel, Zionism, and festivals. While some entries are not annotated, the descriptions of others vary in quality. The pamphlets cost under a dollar, and most books are priced below ten dollars. Especially rich in juvenile materials.

Jewish Publication Society of America, 1528 Walnut St., Suite 800, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Publishes a large range of English materials that deal with the Bible, history, current affairs, biography, anthropology, art, and fiction. Juvenile titles and paperbacks are included. The very informative annotations describe recent and previous publications. Special membership offers are available.

National Academy for Adult Jewish Studies, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010.

Issues a catalog of kinescopes that focus upon Jewish life and spiritual values. The films were originally produced cooperatively by the National Broadcasting Company and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for use on the Eternal Light television series. The annotations emphasize content, and range between three and four sentences. A supplementary section explains how to use kinescopes. Updated brochures are available upon request.
National Conference of Christians and Jews, 43 W. 57 St.
New York, NY 10019.
Reprints articles, books, and pamphlets designed to
enhance intergroup relations, radio and stage scripts,
church and state, equal employment opportunities, interethnic
and religious issues, education, and integration are considered.
Most items are priced under one dollar.

Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 638 Fifth Ave., New
York, NY 10021.
Sponsors a wide variety of titles that reflect Reformed
viewpoints for use by children, adolescents, general readers,
college students, teachers, and synagogue administrators. Hebrew
materials, history, the Bible, music, poetry, and ceremonial
pamphlets are included. Recent publications are described in
detailed paragraphs, while previous ones are briefly considered
in one sentence annotations. Prices vary from one or two to
ten dollars. The Education Materials Subscription Plan offers
discounts up to 33 1/3 percent.

United Synagogue of America, 218 E. 70 St., New York, NY 10021.
Publishes materials for juveniles through adults that deal
with child rearing, prayers, biography, Israel, American Jewry,
history, rituals, and synagogue administration. A limited number
of Hebrew materials, transparencies, periodicals, and films are
included in its catalog. The very information annotations tend
to emphasize content. Most items listed are reasonably priced.

World Zionist Organization--American Section, 515 Park Ave.,
New York, NY 10022.
Sponsors books, periodicals, pamphlets, pictorial materials
filmstrips, records, and tapes in both English and elementary and
advanced Hebrew. The publications deal with Zionism, Israel,
Judaic culture, Torah, and Talmudic studies. Most annotations
vary in quality.
Appendix: Library Related Associations

APPENDIX -- LIBRARY RELATED ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Jewish Libraries, 2 Thorton Rd., Waltham, MA 02851

Created in 1966 "to promote librarianship and improve library services and professional standards in all Jewish libraries; to serve as a center of dissemination service in the fields of Judaica and Judaic collections; to encourage the establishment of Jewish libraries and Jewish centers; to promote publications of literature which will be of assistance to Jewish librarianship." The A.J.L. Bulletin appears irregularly. The organization also distributes a kit to help create new libraries.

Church and Synagogue Library Association, P.O. Box 530, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

Attempts "to encourage and aid the development of improved library services for local congregations; to bring together the many persons and groups involved in this movement and to obtain proper recognition of the importance and significance of church and synagogue libraries." 2

Its publications include Church and Synagogue Libraries, a bimonthly, in addition to guidebooks and directories. The organization also supports conferences and workshops and provides individualized and group assistance.


2. Ibid, p. 249