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Ancient Civilizations, Epigraphy, Papyrology, Numismatics

De Imperatoribus Romanis: an Online Encyclopedia of Roman Rulers and Their Families: Includes biographical essays on individual emperors, genealogical tables of dynasties, information (including maps) on significant battles, maps of the Empire at different times, virtual catalog of Roman coins, links to other online resources and to primary sources on the Empire.

Eagle: Electronic Archive of Greek and Latin Epigraphy: A comprehensive collection of Greek & Latin inscriptions, searchable by province or region of the Roman Empire (i.e., Judea), modern state, ancient or modern city. For each inscription, it provides text, provenance and literature.

Hanson & Oakman’s “Palestine in the Time of Jesus”: Part of K.C. Hanson’s larger web site. For each chapter of this book they provide online documentary resources in the form of maps, photos, texts and inscriptions. In case of the latter, it is beautifully reproduced with excellent texts, technical details, translations, questions for discussion and bibliographies.
**Inscriptions of Aphrodisias**: Provides an online corpus of the inscriptions found in Aphrodisias (Asia Minor), together with translations and commentary. The site is searchable by several different criteria. A number of the inscriptions are of relevance to the Jewish community in Aphrodisias.

**Inscriptions of Israel / Palestine**: An internet-accessible database of published inscriptions dating between ca. 500BCE and 614CE together with contextual information.

**LacusCurtius**: Many resources on ancient Rome.

**Papyri.info**: Primary focus is on numismatics but also contains information on Parthian art, history, archaeology, and geography (note especially the fascinating maps). It also includes an excellent resource page with links to further information.

**Roman Provincial Coinage Online**: From the self-description: aims “to produce a standard typology of the provincial coinage of the Roman Empire...The database is based on the ten most important and accessible collections in the world and on all published material.” A search under “Palaestina” returned images and full descriptions of 239 coin types.

**Trismegistos**: An interdisciplinary portal of papyrological and epigraphical resources dealing with Egypt and the Nile Valley between roughly 800 BCE and 800 CE. This project brings together a variety of other metadata projects. Its “texts” feature includes papyrological and epigraphical texts in many ancient languages, from many different collections and databases. There are over 121,000 records and it is possible to locate all related texts. A “places” database currently identifies app. 13,800 place names in (and some outside) Egypt. Direct links to all Trismegistos texts from given places are planned. There is also a “people” database with links to texts that mentions specific names. An online bibliography serves to provide full publication information for a given text and to identify texts which were appeared in the same publication.

**Virtual Legion: Exploring the Army of Imperial Rome**: An interactive historical reference source to the legions of Imperial Rome of the 1st century CE. It shows the equipment of Roman legionaries as worn by modern models, order of battle diagrams.

**West Semitic Research Project**: A collection of high-resolution images which includes some Dead Sea Scrolls, the Leningrad Codex of the Hebrew Bible and papyri from Elephantine (Egypt).

**Academic Research Resources**

**Knesset Research and Information Center (English)**: Knesset Research and Information Center has produced more than 6,000 papers, most of which are available in Hebrew; this is the English language section.

**RAMBI**: This is a selective bibliography of academic articles covering all of the fields of Jewish studies as well as the study of Eretz Israel and the State of Israel. RAMBI is based largely on the collections of the National Library. The articles listed in RAMBI are collected from thousands of journals, in print or electronic, from collections of articles and from offprints sent by researchers.

**Dictionaries**

**Brown-Driver-Briggs (BDB) Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament**: BDB is considered the best Hebrew dictionary because it gives definitions, as well as context and categorizes its nuances of meaning.

**Dicta**: Provides several tools to enhance Hebrew text study including Nakdan, which will add nikudot (vocalization) to any modern, poetic or classical Hebrew text, intuitive search engines for the Bible and Talmud, a rabbinic abbreviation expander, a citation finder, and more.
Ma’agarim: Academy of the Hebrew Language Historical Dictionary. A dictionary and concordance which includes the entire Hebrew lexicon throughout its history; presenting Hebrew words in their morphological, semantical, and contextual development from the first appearance in written texts to the present. Sources include the Dead Sea Scrolls, Inscriptions, Talmud and Midrash, Geonic Literature, Prayer and Piyyut, Karaite Literature, Sciences, Deeds, Colophons, Amulets, etc. Updated on a regular basis.

Directories, Encyclopedias, & Libraries

1906 Jewish Encyclopedia: This website contains the complete contents of the 12-volume Jewish Encyclopedia, which was originally published between 1901-1906. The Jewish Encyclopedia, which recently became part of the public domain, contains over 15,000 fully indexed articles and illustrations. The online version contains the unedited contents of the original encyclopedia. Since the original work was completed over 100 years ago, it does not cover a significant portion of modern Jewish History (e.g., the creation of Israel, the Holocaust, etc.). However, it does contain an incredible amount of information that is remarkably relevant today.

Ancient Judaism Resource Directory: General research on Judaism in Second Temple times, though watch out for a slight Christian slant

Bible History Online: Extensive collection of annotated links to both primary and secondary sources on every imaginable aspect of the Biblical and post-Biblical periods with coverage of related fields, such as Greek and Roman studies.

Cambridge Digital Library of Hebrew Manuscripts: Self-Description: The [Cambridge] University Library holds significant numbers of Bibles and biblical and Talmudic commentaries, along with important halachic, liturgical, poetic, philosophical, kabbalistic and scientific manuscripts. Chief among the treasures are the famous Nash Papyrus, one of the earliest known manuscripts containing the words of the Hebrew Bible and an artifact that continues to excite debate more than a hundred years after its discovery, and the Cambridge Mishnah, one of only three complete manuscript codices of this central text of Jewish law.

Center for Jewish History Digital Collections: The Center Digital Collections catalog provides access to the digital assets of the Center for Jewish History and its five partner organizations, the American Jewish Historical Society, the American Sephardi Federation, the Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, and the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Bibliography of the Hebrew Book: Includes the national bibliography of the Jewish people; and detailed description of all Jewish literature printed in Hebrew characters, for all types and in all languages. The Bibliography includes most of the books, pamphlets and magazines printed in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Judeo-Arabic, and other Jewish languages, found in collections in Israel and abroad, starting from the beginning of Hebrew printing (or so in 1460) through 1960.

Da’at: A wide-ranging source of information on all things Jewish, which includes much material (mostly in Hebrew) on our subject matter and which provides links both primary and (mostly) secondary sources

Digital Yiddish Library: Over 11,000 titles are digitally available in our Steven Spielberg Digital Yiddish Library.

Encyclopedia of Jewish Women: The Encyclopedia features over 1700 biographies, 300 thematic essays, and 1400 photographs and illustrations on a wide range of Jewish women.
Encyclopedia of the Founders and Builders of Israel= Entsiklopedyah le-halutse ha-Yishuv u-vonay: In Hebrew. A project of Touro College Libraries, David Tidhar’s (1897-1970) monumental Encyclopedia is the only biographical source for many of the approximately 6,000 people included. As the first private detective in Israel, Tidhar was ideally suited to compile such a work, to which he dedicated the last decades of his life and has become a classic reference source for researchers, historians, as well as laymen.

Footprints: Jewish Books Through Time and Place: Database that tracks the circulation of printed "Jewish books" (in Hebrew, other Jewish languages, and books in Latin and non-Jewish vernaculars with Judaica contents).

Gnostic Society Library: Extensive set of resources on ancient Gnosticism, including primary and secondary sources. The former includes translations of the Nag Hammadi codices, the Corpus Hermeticum, and Manichaean and Mandaic writings, each of which is provided with an appropriate introduction.

Historical Jewish Press: Searchable full-text issues of worldwide Jewish newspapers in almost all languages, spanning well over a century.

The Jewish History Resource Center Project of the Dinur Center for Research in Jewish History: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem maintains a resource page that includes specific materials about various aspects of Jewish history research, including: Listings of Directories, Area Studies, Institutions, Academic programs, Libraries, Archives, and Museums, digitized texts, journals, publishers, bibliographies, maps, timelines.

Index Theologicus: From the self-description: "informs with reliable and comprehensive information about published literature from journals and Festschriften in Theology and Religious studies from the entire world. It uses as its base the literature which the Tübingen University Library acquires within the scope of its special collection in Theology and General and Comparative Religious Studies." You may search by author, title, subject or source of the work and also by Biblical book, chapter and verse.

Internet Ancient History Sourcebook: Hellenistic World: Gives access to primary sources and websites for subjects like literature, philosophy, and religion. It is part of a larger project.

Internet Resources for the Study of Judaism and Christianity: This page lists a number of sites on the Internet that are useful for the study of Judaism and Christianity.

Iranian Studies at Harvard University: Includes scholarly introductions to a variety of Iranian languages and also Zoroastrianism and Manicheism by Prof. Oktor Skjaervo.

Israel History Online Archive: Provides online access to over a million historic photographs, manuscripts, documents, recordings and videos that tell the story of the State of Israel.

J-Press: This site contains a collection of Jewish newspapers published in various countries, languages, and time periods.

Jewish Digital Library: Directory to Jewish Digitized Collections

Jewish Women’s Archive: The Jewish Women’s Archive is a national organization dedicated to collecting and promoting the extraordinary stories of Jewish women. JWA explores the past as a framework for understanding the issues important to women today; inspires young people with remarkable role models; and uses Jewish women’s stories to excite people to see themselves as agents of change.

Jewish Virtual Library: Good for a broad overview of: Jewish and Israeli history, politics and culture, with biographies, statistics, articles and documents on topics from anti-Semitism to Zionism.

Judaic Scholar Digital Reference Library: The Judaic Digital Library is a collection of Judaica titles designed for educators, clergy, and students of Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies. Prepared in
Secure Searchable Image Format, it allows its publisher, Varda Books, to deliver authoritative electronic editions of previously published by other publishers, typographically complex books, with advanced online functionality for computer-assisted reading and research.

**KIRKE – Katalog der Internetressourcen fur die Klassische Philologie:** An enormous site with links to journals, resources on ancient authors, history, philology, epigraphy, Papyrology, religions, philosophy, numismatics, archaeology, bibliographies, mail-lists and blogs.

**Ladino at UW:** The Stroum Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Washington worked tremendously to revive the study of Ladino language and culture.

**Michael Marlowe’s Bible Research:** Provides detailed information on the history of the canon, texts and versions of the Bible with relevant bibliographies. Particularly noteworthy: a web directory of Biblical studies, including links to primary and secondary sources on ancient Judaism.

**Resources in Yiddish Studies:** Guide to Yiddish language sources

**Sacred texts online:** Largest freely available archive of online books about religion, mythology, folklore and the esoteric on the Internet.

**The Seleukid Empire: an online Sourcebook for the History, Numismatics, Epigraphy, Art and Archaeology of the Seleukid Empire:** Contains information on the history of the Empire by ruler, on cities and regions, images of the rulers, useful links to primary and secondary sources on the Empire and its main cities and a historical and numismatic bibliography (which is now slightly out of date.

**Sefhardic Studies Digital Library and Museum:** Based out of the University of Washington’s Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, the Sephardic Studies Digital Library and Museum is part of an initiative to preserve Sephardi culture (and the Ladino language). The SSDLM has digitized many privately held items in Ladino or dealing with Ladino language and culture.

**Education, Jewish**

**ERIC:** Self-Description: ERIC is an online library of education research and information, sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education.

**Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools:** Includes journal, knowledge center, data analysis, networking – for educational professionals and lay leaders.

**The Jewish Education Project:** Amid the unprecedented transition to distance learning made by thousands of schools, congregations and adult-education programs, The Jewish Education Project (TJEP) launched a hub of resources, an EdTech help desk, virtual educator coaching and webinars accessible to anyone. (www.jns.org)

**Unpacked:** Remote Jewish learning classes for educators; they have a selection of tools and resources to digitally students digitally.

**E-Texts (Ancient, Biblical, Rabbinic)**

**AlHaTorah** allows you to look up a Rashi and instantly compare him with his sources in both Midreshei Halakhah and Midreshei Aggadah, Or select a verse in the Bible and immediately see, as part of a Mikraot Gedolot, the interpretations of Midreshei Halakhah and Midrash Rabbah, along with all of the regular commentaries on the page.

**Bar Ilan Responsa Database:** Tanakh, Mishna, Talmud, Midrash, codes, Zohar, commentaries, geonic texts, philosophy, mussar, responsa, Encyclopedia Talmudit, author biographies, halakhic topics index and more; all texts in Hebrew/Aramaic, with sophisticated searching and linking capabilities.
Access: Log in to JTS Library at http://connect.jtsa.edu. Then log in with a personal registration (set it up the first time you use the database: https://www.responsa.co.il/default.aspx?action=toggleLogin )

**Mechon Mamre:** Tanah with JPS translation, Mishneh Torah, Mishna, Tosefta, Yerushalmi, Bavli, and encyclopedia, and a search engine.

**Mercava** is a site that offers a comprehensive digital library of Judaic texts featuring translations, links to related sources, maps and videos. Most of it is free.

**Otzar HaHochma:** *Otzar HaHochma* is the most comprehensive Judaica site of Jewish and Israeli books.


**Sefaria:** Living library of Jewish texts (Biblical, apocryphal, rabbinic, liturgical, halakhic, mussar, Chasidic, kabbalistic, modern and more), and their interconnections, in Hebrew and in translation. Notable is the inclusion of Steinsaltz’s modern Hebrew and English translations of the Talmud. Crowd sourced topical source sheets make this site a practical resource for educators, since it includes texts, source sheets on topics, and other related research; Find commentaries, connections and translations across our free, ever-growing library of texts. Its digital programming allows for unique visualizations and interfaces that demonstrate, among other things, the interconnections between texts. Updates daily.

**History, American Jewish**

**American Jewish Archives:** Established in 1947, the American Jewish Archives collects, preserves, and makes available for research, materials on the history of Jews and Jewish communities in the Western Hemisphere, including data of a political, economic, social, cultural, and religious nature.

**American Jewish Historical Society:** Established in 1892, the mission of the American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS) is to foster awareness and appreciation of American Jewish heritage and to serve as a national scholarly resource for research through the collection, preservation and dissemination of materials relating to American Jewish history. The AJHS illuminates American Jewish history through its many archival treasures, scholarship, exhibitions, and public programs. Among the treasures of this heritage are the handwritten original of Emma Lazarus’ The New Colossus, which graces the Statue of Liberty; records of the nation’s leading Jewish communal organizations, and important collections in the fields of education, philanthropy, science, sports, business, and the arts.

**Diaries of Mordecai Kaplan:** A project from the Jewish Theological Seminary Library, these diaries, written between 1913 and 1972 by the founder of the Reconstructionist movement in Judaism, include draft essays, lectures, and letters, as well as detailed accounts of meetings and events and other matters. Collection also includes miscellaneous letters, 1910, 1955, 1957; and program for celebration of Kaplan’s 70th birthday.

**Joint Distribution Committee Archives:** The vast digital collection contains searchable text collections from 1914-1932, a detailed interactive timeline, historically-themed exhibitions, over 45,000 photographs, findings aids, educational resources, relevant archives news and more.

**Kaplan Collection of Early American Judaica:** This digital collection of primary source material documents everyday lives, families, communal institutions, religious organizations, voluntary associations, businesses, and political circumstances of Jewish life throughout the western hemisphere over four centuries.
History

**Ancient History Sourcebook: Roman Sources on Jews and Judaism, 1BCE-110CE:** Provides the key sources in English translation.

**Ancient Jewish History:** This forms part of a very large portal on many aspects of Jewish life and history. The portion on Jewish history contains a section on ancient Jewish history subdivided by a long list of subjects. For each, there is an essay and related bibliography. Example: Academies in Babylonia and Eretz Israel. Please note also the many helpful maps included under a separate rubric.

**Center for Online Judaic Studies:** From the self-description: "a compilation of “sources which make up the story of the Jewish people. The material encompasses primary sources, newspaper articles, artifacts, images, maps, videos, bibliographies, secondary sources and websites.”

**Donald Binder's Second Temple Synagogues:** Devoted to Second Temple synagogues in the Land of Israel and in the Diaspora. Extensive citations in translation from ancient sources with appropriate discussions, arranged by subject. For eleven synagogues, Binder provides excellent photos, plans, discussion and links.

**Flavius Josephus resources:** Apart from links to the text and translation of Josephus’ writings, it also provides links to a lengthy list of online and offline secondary sources on Josephus and his works.

**Into His Own: Perspectives on the World of Jesus:** From the self-description: “designed as a tool for the historical study of Christian scriptures... the bulk of the passages included here have been excerpted from works written by Jewish authors... But there are also selections from non-Jewish sources that help bring the writings of Christian authors into a clearer cultural perspective.” It provides sources in English translation divided into subjects: political, social, intellectual and cultural climates. Includes helpful genealogical tables of the various dynasties and political figures, maps, sketches of important historical sites, and of Jewish and gentile works of the period.

**James D. Tabor's “The Jewish World of Jesus”:** Essays on Hellenistic/Roman religion & philosophy, archaeology and the Dead Sea scrolls, ancient Judaism, Christian origins (Tabor is associated with the gentile Noahide movement).

**Judaea in Ancient Sources @ Attalus.org:** Part of the much larger Classics oriented Attalus website. Sources are provided in English translation in chronological order and then by source.

**The Temple Mount in Jerusalem:** A site devoted to discussing the exact location of the First and Second Temples on Mount Moriah. Provides links to a variety of secondary resources on this subject and on the history of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount more generally.

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**Halachic Resources (Conservative)**

**Hadar:** Hadar's Website

**JTSA:** We could not complete this list without the JTSA website!

**Rabbinical Assembly:** The Rabbinical Assembly is the international association of Conservative rabbis.

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**Holocaust Resources**

See the JTS Library Guide for more [Holocaust Resources](#).
Holocaust Encyclopedia: Maintained by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, it provides 850 articles and, where relevant, features items from museum’s collection, including photographs, films, and oral testimonies.

Yad Vashem: Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, located in Jerusalem, Israel, is an important source for Holocaust education, documentation, commemoration and research. Information from Yad Vashem's research arm, the International Institute for Holocaust Research is included, and many of its publications will be held in the library's print collection.

YIVO Encyclopedia of Jewish in Eastern Europe: The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research Archive contains 23 million documents, photographs, recordings, posters, and films. Its collections reflect the life and culture of Jews around the world and are among the world's foremost resources for the study of East European Jewry, Yiddish literature and language, the Holocaust, and the American Jewish immigrant experience.

Yizkor Books: 650 Holocaust memorial books, primarily for shtetls and cities, all digitized.

USC Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archive: More than 53,000 video testimonies of survivors and witnesses of genocide. The interviews were conducted in 63 countries and 40 languages. Each collection adds context for the others, providing multiple pathways to learn from the eyewitnesses of history across time, locations, cultures, and sociopolitical circumstances. Registration is free.

Literature, Hebrew Language

Bama Hadasha: The New Stage: This Hebrew site is a forum for authors to present their literature. Users can vote and comment on the works. It is a good resource for new and cutting edge forms of literature.

Ben Yehuda Project: A free digital library of Hebrew literature, maintained and updated by volunteers.

Harvard Judaica Digital Collection: Self-description: The Judaica Collection's many digital materials document the life and culture of the Jewish people, with particular focus on life and culture in Israel.

Hebrew Literature: A concise overview of the field of modern Hebrew literature, presented in English by the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Lexicon of Modern Hebrew Literature: This extensive lexicon, compiled by Joseph Galron-Goldschlager, includes a description and bibliography for nearly every important author of Hebrew literature (in Hebrew).

Poetrans: Poetrans is an index of poetry translations into Hebrew. "The index aspires to be a digital database of all tables of content of all poetry books ever translated into Hebrew.

Manuscripts and Rare Books

Dead Sea Scrolls & Qumran: Extensive background information on the scrolls together with an inventory of finds by cave, timelines, bibliographies, links to web resources and to DSS related projects at a variety of academic institutions.

Digital Collections of the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary: With 11,000 Hebrew manuscripts, JTS has the largest such collection in the world. Among outstanding sub-collections are those in rabbinics (over 2,500), Bible, Jewish philosophy and poetry, liturgy, and philology. Images
of many manuscripts, including those digitized by the Polonsky Digitization Project, are available through our Makor online discovery tool.

**Friedberg Jewish Manuscript Society:** Six separate database Images of all Cairo Genizah fragments, currently located in 72 worldwide libraries—plus identifications, catalog records, bibliographic references, transcriptions, translations, searching, “joining” and more. Also: "Hachi Garsinan" Talmud Bavli Variants site, Judeo-Arabic manuscript corpus, Nahum Yemenite Genizah Collection, Yad HaRambam site of manuscripts, early printings and commentaries, and the Mahdura tool for transcribing manuscripts and more, including the Cairo Geniza manuscripts, Judeo-Arabic Corpus, Talmud Bavli Variants, Yemenite Genizah, Synoptic edition of Maimonides Mishneh Torah. Free registration.

**Hebrew Books:** Hebrewbooks.org was founded to preserve old American Hebrew books that are out of print and/or circulation. Many American Rabbis wrote seforim (Hebrew books) in the early part of the 20th century. They have long since passed away and often their work has become lost except here.

**Hebrew Manuscripts:** Maintained by HebrewBooks.org, HebrewManuscript.org is dedicated to making Hebrew Manuscripts available online for free. As of November 2010, HebrewManuscripts.org digitized and published online over 1,000 Manuscripts from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) of New York, providing free and instant access to images digitized from microfilms of Hebrew manuscripts and other rare materials. Created with the assistance of JTS, these images are available on the Internet for the first time, and represent a vast range of Jewish cultural heritage and include numerous historically significant items from the past 700 years.

**Ktiv:** This comprehensive collection provides high resolution images of most manuscripts, detailed cataloging and outstanding search capabilities according to content, physical attributes, and historical or artistic context.

**Leon Levy Dead Sea Scrolls Digital Library:** This site is presented by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), and provides a free online digitized virtual library of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Hundreds of manuscripts made up of thousands of fragments – discovered from 1947 and until the early 1960’s in the Judean Desert along the western shore of the Dead Sea – are available. The high resolution images are extremely detailed and can be accessed through various search options on the site.

**Lieberman Database:** Talmud, Mishna and Tosefta texts from the earliest printings and the most complete manuscripts. One may browse or search, and a synoptic view simplifies comparison of the texts. Bibliography of secondary literature.

Access: Log in to JTS Library at http://connect.jtsa.edu. Click CONNECT TO MAKOR (ignore any browser warnings). Type: "Lieberman e-resource" in the search-box; specify BOOKS & MORE from the drop-down menu. Click the search icon; then click ONLINE ACCESS, bringing you to Lieberman’s website. The database will ask you to log in—this refers to a personal login. The first time you access it, please register with your email address and a password of your choosing. Each time you access Lieberman please log in to both CONNECT TO MAKOR and Lieberman.

**Rare Books of the Shimeon Brisman Collection in Jewish Studies:** From Washington University in St. Louis. It features here are some of the highlights of the approximately 750 rare books of the Shimeon Brisman collection with a focus on book stamps, book plates and inscriptions.

**Shapell Archive:** Shapell Manuscript Foundation is an independent educational organization dedicated to collecting and exhibiting original manuscripts and historical documents. The Foundation’s focus encompasses unique themes in American history and the Holy Land, with emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries. Its extensive holdings include manuscripts and items from American presidents, most notably a large collection of Abraham Lincoln manuscripts; Mark Twain; Jewish soldiers in the Civil War; Albert Einstein; Theodor Herzl and early Zionism.
Maps

**Ancient Maps of Jerusalem:** Substantial collection of digital zoomable historical maps of Jerusalem, with associated materials.

**Bible Study Tools: map of the siege of Jerusalem:** Series of maps illustrating the progress of the Great Revolt (66-74CE).

**Digital Archaeological Atlas of the Holy Land:** Versatile, interactive maps based on satellite photos, bibliographies, site projects, additional interactive maps and information by region and period.

**High Resolution Bible Maps:** A very detailed zoomable map of archaeological sites in Israel and neighboring areas; high resolution maps of the Persian Empire, Jerusalem at the time of Jesus, the Roman Empire in 116CE, and in 150CE; reproduction of the Madaba mosaic map.

**Jewish Virtual Library: Maps:** Among the resources at this site are many maps. Of interest to our subject matter: Alexander in the East, Babylonian Exile, Empire of Cyrus II, and the Hasmonean Kingdom.

**Lacus Curtius: Roman Atlas and Gazetteer:** This extensive database on the Roman world includes a detailed and indexed map of Roman Syria and Palestine, together with a gazetteer. This extensive database on the Roman world includes a detailed and indexed map of Roman Syria and Palestine, together with a gazetteer.

**MEGA Jordan:** The Jordan Antiquities Database and Information System. An online database that uses Google Earth as a map base and contains information on over 12,000 archaeological sites in Jordan. Provides views of each site, marks its perimeter on a relief map, and shows the presence of features such as buildings or epigraphic finds.

**N.S. Gill’s Biblical Maps:** Includes maps of the Dead Sea area, Hellenistic and Christian Palestine, Palestine at the time of Jesus.

**Omnes Viae: Itinerarium Romanum:** Combines an interactive map of the Roman Empire with a route planner that displays the route between any two points on the map, including all stages and the distance between them. Based on the 13th century Tabula Peutingeriana.

**Pleiades:** From the self-description: “gives scholars, students...the ability to use, create and share historical geographical information about the Greek and Roman world in digital form.” It provides location, periods occupied, and references for each place.

**Project Gutenberg: Atlas of Ancient and Classical Geography:** Samuel Butler’s (early 19th century) “Atlas” contains a detailed map of Palestine at the time Jesus as well as other maps of regions of the ancient world.

**Rome Project: Map of Roman Empire:** Map shows division of the Empire into provinces. Click on Judea brings up a series of linked resources for the province.

**University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries: Holy Land Maps:** Extensive collection of digitized historical maps of the Land of Israel.

**University of Texas Libraries: Perry-Castaneda Map Collection: Historical Maps of the Middle East:** A vast collection of digitized maps. Note the following maps: Eastern half of the Roman Empire, 2nd Temple Jerusalem, Maccabean and Herodian Jerusalem, Macedonian Empire, ancient Israel, the Persian Empire.

Media & Music

**Invitation to Piyut:** This site is comprised of two archives: piyutim and melodies; and other texts and melodies not classically defined as piyutim, such as selections from Psalms and Jewish prayers.
Jewish Music Research Center: Academic site providing “documentation, research, and publication of scholarly materials” on Jewish music, covering all languages, all countries, all types of music. It includes audio and text content. It includes Yuval, biographies, klezmer lexicon, and much more.

Judaica Sound Archives at Florida Atlantic University: This huge collection of audio includes all genres including cantorial, Yiddish, Israeli, folk, etc. One may register for free to access full Research collection.

Milken Archive of Jewish Music: Self-description: The Milken Archive was founded in 1990 to document, preserve, and disseminate the vast body of music that pertains to the American Jewish experience. Over the past two-and-a-half decades, the Milken Archive has become the largest collection of American Jewish music ever assembled—roughly 600 recorded works, more than 500 of them world premieres.

National Sound Archive: Self-description: The National Library of Israel’s Music Center catalog includes records for books, characters, personal archives and archives of institutions and communities. Catalog Music Center also includes the Sound Archives, the recordings of folk music, popular, artistic, Israeli, Jewish, and music from various communities in the country.

Music & Prayer: Links in the Jewish Digital Library to musical & cantorial resources.

Spielberg Jewish Film Archive: Documentaries focusing on Jewish communities, Zionism, pre-state, State of Israel, and Holocaust eras.

Kabbalah


Eliezer Segal’s Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah: Provides selections in English translation from some primary sources on early mystical works. Note the interactive “Ascent to the Merkabah.”

Hermetic Kabbalah: Provides a wide selection of ancient texts in translation, including: Genesis Rabbah, Sword of Moses, Talmud Bavli, Pirkei de-Rabbi Eliezer, Ethiopian and Slavonic books of Enoch, Hekhalot Rabbati, Shi’ur Komah, 3 Enoch, Sefer Yetzirah, and contains background material for each.

M. Alan Kazlev’s Kabbalah: Provides an English translation of Lambert’s French translation of Sefer Yetzirah with excerpts in translation of Rav Sa’adia Gaon’s commentary together with secondary material on Sefer Yetzirah.

Rabbinic & Communal Resources

Directory of Jewish Websites Online: The other one stop shopping list, although more geared to current Jewish life and general interests.

Hebcal: Jewish Calendar Converter

Jewish Values Online: Rabbis of different denominations answer different questions and topics; at least one rabbi from three different denominations fields each question.

Online Resources for the Study of Rabbinic Literature: One stop shopping including various texts, dictionaries, journals, blogs, search engines, article indexes, etc.

Open Sadder: An open-source community project for folk sharing prayers & creating their own prayer books.

Sites for Activists

Jsource: Was first created to provide college students the resources they need to fight the anti-Semites and anti-Zionists on campus. However, it has expanded, and now this stupendous site
has information on just about everything: Mideast politics, Jewish history, anti-Semitism, terrorism, right down to the mundane but important “how to write a great college application.”

**Jews for Judaism:** Has information about the Christian groups that want to win Jews over to Christianity. Lots of stuff on how to respond to the proselytizers, but the “knowledge base” search engine is a dud.

**Justice for Jonathan Pollard:** A textbook example of how to use the Web for advocacy. Strident and totally one-sided, but effective. Organized by issues (“Pollard’s Remorse”) and year, with special sections—including one attacking Jewish opponents of the commutation effort.

**Project Nizkor:** How to answer the Holocaust deniers on the Net. Tons of resources, stridently presented.

**Credits**

YU University Libraries
Research Guides at Columbia
Princeton University Libguide