

On-Line Web Resources

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Important Notes

1. This List of over 200 sites has been prepared in response to requests from students for information on what's 'out there' on the web, so as to help them to take forward their Jewish education following some intensive Jewish learning, usually post high school or post college. Although many of the sites on the List are geared to such students, many others are in truth more suitable for the more experienced scholar seeking to make use of web resources for the purpose of shiur preparation or advanced study. Rather than prepare two separate lists, I leave it to the intelligence and discretion of the user to discern which sites are most helpful for them. I believe that most people can gain something from almost all of the sites on the list, but you'll hopefully find the 'niche' that fits you best.

2. The List primarily comprises sites in English. Although there are many excellent Torah sites in Hebrew (a few of which are included in the List), my assumption is that most users will read more quickly and comfortably in English and my aim here is to assist in the acquisition of a

broader and wider general Jewish knowledge. Since time is very limited and the task is momentous, speed is an important factor.

3. The List should not be taken as an endorsement of all content on the sites mentioned. Whilst most of the sites broadly represent Jewish Orthodox thought¹, they span a range of contemporary hashkafic approaches. I make no attempt to label the sites according to modern hashkafic labels; the discerning reader should be able to work that out for themselves. Some of the sites are by academic writers and thus reflect academic perspectives and styles which may not accord fully with today's religious sensitivities.

4. In most cases, sites contain further links to other resources which may (and often do) fall outside the spectrum of Orthodox thought. As with all internet use, care must always be taken and considerable discretion used when 'surfing'. The unexpected and often undesirable may only be one click away!

5. Some sites may be controversial in certain circles and the reader is urged to use thought and discretion when reading all material and to seek appropriate Rabbinic guidance wherever necessary. I have consciously chosen to include some of the controversial issues and Rabbis on the basis that those using the web will be exposed to such issues anyway. Again, I do not personally endorse or support every view expressed, but, as Chazal state, only through debate can one arrive at truth!

6. Sites that I personally recommend strongly are marked with a star "*". A few sites are listed in more than one section to make them easier to find.

7. Websites are sometimes shut down and links become broken. My apologies if this happens to any entries on the List. You can help me to keep the list up-to-date by letting me know if links are broken – rabbi@rabbimanning.com

8. Finally, the list can no doubt be enhanced and improved. I would be very happy to hear from other people with suggestions as to what could be added to the List.

Audio Shiurim

<http://www.yutorah.org/> *

A goldmine of Torah – 65,000+ audio shiurim, many with source notes, from the top YU speakers

<http://www.nerleelef.com/audio.html>

<http://www.ou.org/index.php/torah/#.UM8eMOTqkuc>

Hundreds of shiurim with audio and source notes from the OU

<http://www.darchenoam.org/online-learning/>

Shiurim from the Rabbis and educators at Darche Noam/Shapell's

<http://torahmedia.com/>

¹ Where a site is specifically NOT run from an orthodox perspective, it is marked "N.O.". This is not intended in any way as a negative or criticism, but rather as an important informative and, in some cases, warning that the material on the relevant site should be read only with care.

<http://www.teachittome.com/>

Thousands of audio and other shiurim

<http://torahway.org.uk/>

Thousands of 30 min audio presentation by prominent mostly London-based Rabbanim

http://www.jewishheritagefoundation.org/audio_shiurim.html

<http://www.atid.org/sound/audio.asp>

<http://www.torahforme.org/>

a wide range of free MP3 resources, mostly from Machon Meir

<http://www.therav.net/lectures/LecturesRecordings.htm>

Collected recordings of Rav Yosef Ber Soloveitchik's lectures

<http://www.torahinmotion.org/store>

Mostly audio for sale but some material for download

<https://www.box.com/derechhashemrberkowitz#/derechhashemrberkowitz/1/38338452>

Rav Yitzchak Berkowitz on Derech Hashem

<http://cardozoacademy.org/the-mary-russo-audio-file-library-2/>

Some interesting material, mostly from Rabbi Natan Lopez-Cordoza. Definitely controversial at times and outside the hashkafic 'comfort zone' of many

Halacha

NOTE: On-line halacha sites should not be used in place of a posek or instead of asking a she'elah. They can however yield useful sources for Torah learning and in order to learn how to ask intelligent halachic questions.

General

<http://www.torah.org/learning/jewishlaw.php3>

This is a portal to a very large selection of halachic material, given on every level

http://www.halachipedia.com/index.php?title=Main_Page

Common halachic issues summarized with good footnotes and sources

<http://www.berachot.org/index.htm>

background information and food reference-index for berachot

<http://www.mishnaberurayomi.org/archive.php>

A search engine for audio shiurim on Mishna Berura and pdf copies of the MB

<http://tzurba.org/>

Hebrew Site focusing on halacha, halachic issues and background

<http://thehalacha.com/archives/>

Great pdf articles on a wide range of halachic issues from the 'Halachically Speaking' site

Bein Adam Lechavero/Interpersonal/Business Halacha

www.jvalues.com/media.php

audio and source sheets by Rav Yitzchak Berkovits

www.thejerusalemkollel.com/online_classes.php

audio and source sheets by Rav Yitzchak Berkovits covering: Mishna Berura, Bein Adam Lechavero, Klalei Hora'ah, Yoreh Deah, Siddur, Shemita and other issues

www.businesshalacha.com/

audio and written resources on business and monetary halachic issues

<http://www.torah.org/advanced/business-halacha/5757/>

a large selection of business scenarios with halachic discussion

www.dinonline.org/

interesting written material on practical monetary halachic issues

www.ou.org/torah/author/Bais_Havaad_Halacha_Center#.ULzYyuTqkud

Bais Hava'ad – monetary and business halacha

<http://jlaw.com>

A large selection of articles, halachic forms and general material of interest to people who are focused on legal systems and the interface between Jewish and secular law

Medical Ethics

<http://jcrmh.blogspot.com/>

On medicine and halacha

Jewish Philosophy and Hashkafa

<http://hashkafacircle.com/shiurim/> *

Advanced, profound and original shiurim on a broad range of topics from Rabbi Meir Treibitz

<http://www.aspaklaria.info/> *

Put quite simply, if you're looking for ready-made resources on hashkafa issues, your life will never be the same again once you find this site. Aspaklaria, only recently put on-line, is an encyclopedia of sources and mekorot on an enormous range of hashkafa issues

Chumash/Tanach

<http://www.rabbifohrman.com;>

some very original and interesting material from Rabbi David Fohrman. Requires subscription but you may well feel that it's worth the investment

<http://www.tanach.org/>

Tanach material of Rabbi Menachem Liebtog – original Tanach analysis from the school of Rav Mordechai Breuer and Michlelet Herzog

<http://www.herzog.ac.il/>

Advanced Tanach study **in Hebrew** from one of the world's leading tanach study institutions

<http://www.rashiyomi.com/>

Rashi Yomi with explanation

<http://bible.ort.org/intro1.asp>

ORT's translation of the Torah with footnotes

<http://www.nechama.org.il/>

Gilionot Nehama - Collections of materials from Nehama Leibowitz

Contemporary Issues

<http://www.koltorah.org/ravj/ravj.htm> *

A very useful resource of articles and discussions by Rabbi Howard Jachter across a broad range of halachic and hashkafic topics

<http://www.hamakor.org/main.htm> *

Ready-made sources for many issues by R. Mordechai Torczyner. A must for Jewish educators preparing shiurim

<http://www.on1foot.org/>

Sources on contemporary social justice issues

On-Line Torah Journals and Periodicals

<http://www.traditiononline.org/> *

Tradition Magazine – subscription journal but worth the investment. Some of the greatest articles of all time appeared first in Tradition. You can subscribe on-line, in print or both.

<http://www.azure.org.il/issues.php> (N.O.?)

Azure magazine ran from 1996-2011 and brought out some very intelligent writing on many issues of Jewish, Zionist and Torah interest. Articles do not always present a classical orthodox perspective but are thought-provoking and intellectual.

<http://www.hakirah.org/> *

Hakira is a new-ish journal on matters of Torah interest presented in a well-researched and intelligent way. Bold and prepared to address some challenging issues, a recommended read for people looking for new and penetrating insights into important Torah issues. All issues are available free on-line apart from the most recent, which is available by paid subscription.

<http://www.jlaw.com/About/jhcs.html> *

The Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society is not actually on-line (yet!) but is available for print subscription. Some other sites host some of the articles. See:-

<http://www.daat.ac.il/daat/english/journal/index.html>

See also an index of the first 50 volumes at

<http://www.chattc.org/library/new%20folder/index%20to%20rjj.pdf>

<http://klalperspectives.org/>

An interesting and thought-through journal addressing some of the key issues affecting different Jewish communities in today's world, especially from a broad-minded and intelligent Charedi perspective

<http://www.yutorah.org/tumj/>

Torah U'Madda Journal, produced periodically by YU has very well-written penetrating presentations of themes which resonate in the Centrist Orthodox world of Torah U'Madda. The last few volumes are on-line

http://www.biu.ac.il/jh/BDD/ind_eng.shtml

B.D.D. journal, dealing mostly with science and Torah issues. Only 6 volumes exist and the on-line version only has abstracts

<http://www.yctorah.org/content/view/331/78/>

Meorot Journal, which incorporates the former Edah Journal. Now produced by the sometimes controversial Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, Meorot/Edah is a 'left-of-centre' M.O. publication which often expresses provocative and challenging Jewish ideas. Certainly will be too 'modern' for some tastes but unafraid to tackle the issues.

<http://haretzion.org/torah/yeshiva-publications/154-alei-etzion>

Alei Etzion – Torah journal of Yeshivat Har Etzion ('the Gush')

<http://www.ou.org/publications/ja/pastpage.htm>

Back issues of Jewish Action Magazine

Israel/Religious Zionism

<http://www.ravaviner.com/>

Torah from Rav Shlomo Aviner, including fascinating SMS teshuvot

<http://www.shechem.org/etorahsr.html>

Material regarding mitzvot pertaining to Eretz Yisrael but also general books (some rare)

<http://www.erezhemdah.org/>

Torah content from a leading Religious Zionist Yerushalayim Beit Din. Interesting halachic analysis and links, especially to Dati Leumi institutions

Kiruv and General Torah Education

<http://www.morashasyllabus.com>

The Morasha Syllabus prepared by Ner Le'elef, including audio and written material Beginner/Kiruv material and Educational audio, video and written resources

<http://nleresources.com/> *

<http://nleresources.com/kiruv-and-chinuch/online-resources/>

Most of the Ner Le'elef resources are now on this site

<http://www.nerleelef.com/index.htm>

Very large range of audio and written materials. Comprehensive and detailed booklets on many contemporary issues. See especially on this page 'Ner Le'elef' Booklets

<http://www.simpletoremember.com/>

broad selection of kiruv oriented audio and written material

<http://www.ou.org/pardes/topics.html>

selected topics and discussion material from the OU Pardes project

www.aish.com

vast selection of articles and materials, usually with a strong kiruv feel. Note

<http://www.aish.com/jl/> for basic Jewish concepts

www.gatewayonline.com

www.asktherabbi.org

hundreds of questions (see the archive section) under the auspices of the Gateways Organization

www.kiruv.com

<http://www.jewishheritagefoundation.org>

Lots of shiurim - beginner and advanced. A particularly large selection of audio shiurim from world-class speakers

<http://www.partnersintorah.org/media/publications/jewish-holiday-summaries>

excellent brief summaries of the Jewish holidays

www.ohr.edu

Ohr Someyach's on-line portal

www.torahanytime.com

www.jewsforjudaism.org

useful anti-missionary information and resources

www.torah.org

a very large site with lots of varied material – audio, texts and more

<http://www.jemsem.org/da-ma-lhashiv-archives>

www.njop.org

National Jewish Outreach Program – One of the original kiruv organizations. Note the useful resources page.

Rabbis' Personal Sites

A number of Rabbis (some more famous than others) have their own websites. These are often a goldmine of shiurim and Jewish thought. See also the section below on blogs.

<http://www.chiefrabbi.org>

The Chief Rabbi's innovative ideas on Chumash (Covenant and Conversation). Links here too to his other material. Some especially interesting audio and video resources on Torah and science.

www.rabbimanning.com *

What can I say without sounding like a self-publicist!?

<http://www.rabbibelovski.com/> *

A wealth of fascinating shiurim on a range of topics, including many on Rabbi Belovski's specialist area – the philosophical thought of Chassidic schools of Kotzk and Ishbitz. Rabbi Belovski's PhD is also available for download – a particularly useful resource

<http://www.dovidgottlieb.com/>

<http://blog.dovidgottlieb.com/>

Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb's site and blog. Lots of up-to-date links for real scientific thinkers as well as insights into Rabbi Gottlieb's own background and thought. A real opportunity to download a considerable part of this Rav's considerable brain!

<http://rabbihaber.org/>

Rabbi Alan Haber, Director of MMY has some good articles and also links to his lectures on YU Torah

<http://www.rabbimintz.com>

Shiurim by Rabbi Adam Mintz – a YU musmach of a Modern Orthodox Manhattan congregation. Many of the shiurim are academic in nature and sometimes give expression to non-orthodox perspectives.

<http://rabbisedley.com/>

<http://rabbisedley.blogspot.com/>

a fresh and enlightening perspective on many Jewish issues by Rabbi David Sedley. Note also the broad links from his blog to other sites of interest

http://www.leimanlibrary.com/texts_of_publications.html *

A goldmine of wonderful articles by the prolific talmid chacham and academic Rabbi Shneur Leiman. A must for someone in search of fresh, intellectually rigorous but authentic Torah material

<http://www.thelivingtree.org/>

Torah from Rav Matis Weinberg – guaranteed to give a different perspective to the standard material that we normally hear

<http://www.doronkornbluth.com/>

Rabbi Kornbluth addresses issues which no one else is talking about. Not so much on the site itself but opportunities to subscribe

<http://pagesoffaith.wordpress.com/>

A site dedicated to the thought and writings of Rav Aharon Lichtenstein for Yeshivat Har Etzion in the Gush. Note the (unbelievable!) bibliography of over 1000 of Rav Lichtenstein's publications at <http://etzion.org.il/vbm/archive/Bibliography-web.htm>

<http://www.aishdas.org/rygb/>

Rabbi Yosef Gavriel Bechhofer has a prodigious output of lectures, hundreds of which are available on-line. This sight is effectively a launch-pad for the many other places on the web where you can find him

<http://www.rabbiullman.com/index.htm>

Some unusual material on other worlds and reincarnation

<http://www.rabbileff.net/shiurim/ask/>

A REAL find. Over 1000 short recordings of answers by Rav Zeff Leff to a wide range of different questions, well outside the normal types to question asked

<http://www.zootorah.com/>

<http://www.rationalistjudaism.com/>

Websites of Rabbi Natan Slifkin and all the controversy that goes with that. Rabbi Slifkin's story is well known and retold in great detail on his website, at least from his own perspective. In fact, the issues raised by Rabbi Slifkin are much more important than the controversy surrounding his own story. Certainly, these issues should be looked at from other perspectives too.

<http://openmindedtorah.com/>

William Kolbrener's highly refreshing combination of Torah, academic analysis and penetrating social comment

<http://rabbipruzansky.com/>

Rabbi Steven Pruzansky – Rav in Teaneck, N.J. and dayan on the Rabbinical Council of America Beit Din

<http://www.rabbihausman.com/>

Rabbi Yehudah Hausman – academic and musmash of Chovevei Torah

<http://finkorswim.com/>

Rabbi Eliyahu Fink, musmash of Ner Israel, Baltimore and currently of the Pacific Jewish Centre in California. Some very interesting articles.

Jewish History

<http://rabbiirons.org/>

Jewish Heritage Foundation – mostly sale items

<http://www.rabbiwein.com/>

Rabbi Berel Wein – mostly sale items

On-line Sefarim and Articles

English²

<http://www.webyeshiva.org/onlinesefarim>

Very user-friendly guide to find commonly needed sefarim on line

<http://www.webyeshiva.org/torah-in-hebrew-torah-in-english-tanach-online#onlinetorahtexts>

A very comprehensive English index of links to on-line sefarim, dictionaries and resources

<http://nleresources.com/kiruv-and-chinuch/online-books/>

A selection of kiruv-oriented online books, many now out of print

<http://halakhah.com/>

² Most of the on-line sefarim sites have both Hebrew and English books.

Soncino English translation of the Talmud Bavli in pdf format

<http://www.tsel.org/torah/hindex.html>

<http://www.tsel.org/torah/index.html>

<http://www.tsel.org/eretzt/index.html>

Large selection of Hebrew and English sefarim (some rare or unusual) including many regarding Eretz Yisrael

<http://www.shechem.org/etorahsr.html>

More unusual sefarim in Hebrew and English

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/76131/jewish/Library.htm

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/109864/jewish/Classic-Texts.htm

A selection of on-line texts, including Chumash with Rashi translated fully into English, Mishne Torah (Eng), Mishne Torah (Heb) and Pirkei Avot. The first link is to a wider group of book, including sifrei chassidut

<http://www.mechon-mamre.org/>

Hebrew and English translations for Tanach and the Rambam's Mishne Torah. English translation is occasionally a little outdated

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torah_database

A reference guide to available Torah databases, on- and off-line

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/index.htm> (N.O.)

A broad selection of Jewish texts in English translation, many out of print

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/682956/jewish/Mishneh-Torah.htm

Mishne Torah in English

Hebrew

<http://hebrewbooks.org/> *

one of the largest selection of online sefarim – over 50,000 sefarim in downloadable pdf format

<http://www.toratemetfreeware.com/index.html?downloads>

Free download of a Torah library

<http://www.aspaklaria.info/>

Put quite simply, if you're looking for ready-made resources on hashkafa issues, your life will never be the same again once you find this site. Aspaklaria, only recently on-line, is an encyclopedia of sources and mekorot on an enormous range of hashkafa issues.

<http://www.e-daf.com/index.asp>

Text of every daf of Bavli with vocalization and links to English translation

<http://www.daat.ac.il/daat/tanach/parshanut/ramban.htm>

Ramban on Chumash

<http://www.daat.ac.il/daat/> *

<http://www.daat.ac.il/>

<http://www.daat.ac.il/daat/bibliogr/allbooks.asp?sub=0>

<http://www.daat.ac.il/daat/sifrut/yesod.htm>

Frankly, a BREATHTAKING site. SO much information in word and pdf format. Literally thousands of on-line texts in Hebrew, not only 'classics' but also modern Israel sefarim on a wide range of Torah subjects. Charts, timelines, teaching aids – you name it! All put out by Michlelet Herzog in the Gush. Academic, thorough and reliable. What more could you want. Spend at least 5 hours checking out what's available here.

<http://www.halachabrura.org/index-e.htm>

<http://www.halachabrura.org/alephlink.htm>

Here's another 5 hours of discovery. Links and indices to thousands more sefarim

<http://www.halachabrura.org/e-mavorambam.htm>

Detailed index to commentaries on the Mishne Torah of the Rambam

<http://www.shechem.org/torahsr.html>

links to sefarim, many less well known

<http://www.seforimonline.org/>

large selection of unusual sefarim online

<http://kodesh.snunit.k12.il/b/l/l0.htm>

on-line selection of the standards –Tanach, Tosefta, Shas, Rambam

<http://www.yerushalmionline.org/>

for in-depth study of the Yerushalmi – sefarim, audio shiurim and cross-references. Note audio shiurim from Rav Gavriel Bechhoffer on Yerushalmi at

<http://teachittome.org/index.php?Command=Class&ClassID=Yerushalmi&Title=Talmud+Yerushalmi>

<http://www.toseftaonline.org/>

everything you every wanted on the Tosefta – text, some translations, sefarim, audio shiurim and more

<http://www.torahtexts.org/>

Torah text search engine

http://he.wikisource.org/wiki/%D7%A2%D7%9E%D7%95%D7%93_%D7%A8%D7%90%D7%A9%D7%99

Wikitext – a very large range of fully digitized Hebrew sefarim, including material I have not seen elsewhere on the web eg. the writing of Rav Kook, a large selection of Chassidut, Kabbalistic works and machshava

<http://www.rambish.org.il/>

http://www.rambish.org.il/results.asp?SearchFunction=browse&SearchCode=BRW_ALL

RAMBISH - a very unusual site – a searchable collection of thousands of articles of Israeli bnei-yeshiva over the last 50 years

http://www.spertus.edu/asher_cja/feinberg/index.php

This is a useful list of the main Torah databases out there. They are only available through this site for certain students and members. I believe that access may be available free to YU and Touro alumni but that would need to be checked out

<http://cf.uba.uva.nl/en/collections/rosenthaliana/menasseh/books.html>

Collection of sefarim of Menasseh ben Israel

<http://www.panix.com/~jjbaker/rambam.html> *

Maimonides Resource Page – really great links to Rambam's works (some in translation, including less well known items)

<http://press.tau.ac.il/perplexed/toc.asp>

The Prof. Schwartz translation of the Moreh Nevuchim

<http://www.dhengah.org/links.htm>

A list of links to sefarim, including many sifrei chassidut which are not listed on other sites

<http://www.zomet.org.il/?CategoryID=170>

Index to the content of Techumin. The actual articles can be bought on-line, on disk or in print from Zomet

<http://hebrew.grimoar.cz/>

Library of kabbalistic texts

<http://sites.google.com/site/sagesofashkenaz/>

Sages of Ashkenaz - Database of sefarim by Gedoley Ashkenaz

<http://www.sup.org/zohar/>

The Zohar: Pritzker Edition - Aramaic text of Zohar with emendations

<http://chabadlibrary.org/books/>

Chabad Library - Collection of digital sefarim, mostly from Rebbes of Lubavitch

Teaching and Educational Materials

<http://chinuch.org>

booklets, charts and Jewish teaching material and aids from pre-school to high-school (requires (free) registration and login)

<http://torah4community.com/>

The verses of Chumash broken down into roots and grammatical forms together with on-line discussion on translation issues (subscription)

<http://www.atid.org/>

a broad-minded and wide-ranging look at current educational challenges, particularly in the Modern Orthodox and Religious Zionist systems but also beyond. Some very thought-provoking and academic resources. A particularly good 'Links' page -

<http://www.atid.org/resources/links.asp> to further educational material

<http://www.torahlab.org/>

audio, article and books by Rabbi Yaakov Haber. Educational material for teachers including source sheets and powerpoints

Talmud

<http://www.webshas.org/>

Comprehensive index of Shas by R. Mordechai Torczyner

<http://www.dafyomi.co.il/>

Archives of analysis of Shas page by page, with other daf yomi resources

<http://www.printingthetalmud.org/essays.html>

detailed essays and background on the history of the printing of the Talmud

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/t10/index.htm> (N.O.)

Translation of and essays on the Babylonian Talmud

<http://www.lieberman-institute.com/> (N.O.)

Access to multiple manuscripts of the Talmud

<http://hebrewbooks.org/shas>

Shas Online - Talmud with tzurat ha-daf fully digitised for cut and paste

On-line aids to Tefillah, Nusach and Jewish Songs

<http://www.siddurlive.com/>

Chazanut recordings of all the main Shabbat tefillot

<http://www.shirhalev.com/>

Recordings of all tefilla, berachot and many general niggunim. Not really chazanut but broad in scope

<http://arigoldwag.com/daven.html>

Recordings of Shabbat morning davening with a very nice Chazan – good for ba'alei tefillah

On-line Learning

<http://www.webyeshiva.org>

A full yeshiva/on-line learning program

<http://www.jewishpathways.com/>

Part of the Aish family of on-line resources. Many detailed courses in halachic and hashkafic topics, some free and some for subscription.

<http://www.mastertorah.com/newsite/general/home.php> *

A phenomenal on-line learning program for Mishna, Talmud and Rambam. Thousands of hours of simply breathtaking shiurim by Rabbi Meir Pogrow, who has a clarity of presentation which is unsurpassed in any Torah speaker I have heard. The review questions which Rabbi Pogrow has put together are themselves a priceless learning tool. And all available for download on the site.

Kashrut

N.B. – always make sure kashrut information is fully up-to-date. Facts on the ground change quickly!

<http://www.star-k.org/>

<http://www.oukosher.org/>

<http://www.crcweb.org/kosher.php>

<http://www.kosher.org.uk/> - London Beit Din site

<http://www.kof-k.org/>

<http://www.kashrut.com/>

<http://www.hechshers.info/index.htm>

background and brief information on hechsherim around the world

<http://www.jerusalemkoshernews.com/>

Great up-to-date information on the current state of affairs in Israel's complex world of kashrut

Miscellaneous

<http://www.aishdas.org/> *

<http://www.aishdas.org/articles/>

A range of intelligent articles written and edited by Gil Student and others. A must for someone who is looking to address some of the more academic or intellectual challenges to Jewish thought today

<http://www.vbm-torah.org/> *

Excellent material from Yeshivat Har Etzion in the Gush. A broad range of articles on tanach, halacha, hashkafa and more

<http://www.lsj.ac.uk/learnnow.asp?submID=16>

A limited selection of material from the London School of Jewish Studies

<http://www.ou.org/torah/index>

Torah from the OU website

<http://www.beingjewish.com/>

Jewish topics by R' Mordecai Housman, including some good material on the Mesorah

<http://www.jstor.org/action/showAdvancedSearch> (N.O.)

A search engine for finding issues in articles and books. Some free online research material plus other subscription items. Certainly wider than Torah material but some good potential finds

<http://www.613etc.com/monographs3.html>

Some unusual presentations of Jewish ideas

<http://www.tekhelet.com/>

Everything you wanted to know about techlet

<http://koshershaver.org/>

Looking for advice on kosher shaver? Look no further!

<http://www.edah.org/backend/coldfusion/search/srchform.cfm>

'The Modern Orthodox Library' – links to (mostly quite old) articles dealing with issues engaging the M.O. community. The links are through the former Edah Journal – a 'left-of-centre' M.O. publication which often expresses provocative and challenging Jewish ideas. Certainly will be too 'modern' for some tastes

[http://brussels.mc.yu.edu/gsd/cgi-](http://brussels.mc.yu.edu/gsd/cgi-bin/library.exe?site=localhost&a=p&p=about&c=lammserm&l=en&w=utf-8)

[bin/library.exe?site=localhost&a=p&p=about&c=lammserm&l=en&w=utf-8](http://brussels.mc.yu.edu/gsd/cgi-bin/library.exe?site=localhost&a=p&p=about&c=lammserm&l=en&w=utf-8)

A search engine for 50+ years of sermons and lectures by Rabbi Dr Norman Lamm

<http://www.moreshesashkenaz.org/>

A website dedicated to Ashkenazi minhagim

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/dl/newspapers/eng.html> (N.O.)

Early Hebrew newspapers

<http://www.compactmemory.de/> (N.O.)

Early German Jewish publications and newspapers

<http://theprenup.org/>

Information on pre-nuptial agreements, presented by the Beit Din of America

Encyclopedia, Dictionaries and General Jewish information

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/index.html> (N.O.)

Range of articles on general Jewish matter, as well as Torah issues, including interesting maps

<http://www.daat.ac.il/encyclopedia/category.asp?id1=0>

A comprehensive Hebrew encyclopedia of Torah concepts

<http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/> (N.O.)

1906 Jewish Encyclopedia

http://www.yeshiva.org.il/wiki/index.php?title=%D7%A2%D7%9E%D7%95%D7%93_%D7%A8%D7%90%D7%A9%D7%99

WikYeshiva – almost 10,000 entries with good footnotes and sources under the auspices of Bet-El Yeshiva. From what I have seen, seems comprehensive and reliable. Certainly good to get some broader ma'arei mekomot (and an article by my son is referenced in one of them!)

<http://www.tyndalearchive.com/TABS/Jastrow/>

Jastrow Dictionary

Manuscripts

http://www.oxfordchabad.org/templates/blog/Default_cdo/AID/708481

Interesting articles on Oxford Bodleian manuscripts and related Jewish issues

<http://dss.collections.imj.org.il/>

An on-line digitization of the Dead Sea scrolls

http://jnul.huji.ac.il/dl/talmud/intro_eng.htm (N.O.)

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/dl/talmud/>

Online Treasury of Talmudic Manuscripts – various manuscripts of Mishna, Talmud and Tosefta, all browsable by daf

http://aleph.nli.org.il/nnl/dig/bk_sub.html (N.O.)

Jewish National Digitized Library – Torah and non-Torah content

<http://www.aleppocodex.org/>

The Aleppo Codex viewable online with extensive background information and notes

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/amed/guide/hs-books.html>

Library of Congress Illustrated Guide

<http://harambam.org/>

The Rambam's Mishne Torah in the Bodleian Library

<http://genizah.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>

The fragments of manuscripts from the Cairo Genizah held by the Bodleian Library in Oxford

<http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/hebrew>

The Cambridge University Hebrew Manuscripts collections, fully digitized

<http://manuscriptboy.blogspot.co.il/> (N.O.)

Seems to have very good links to other on-line manuscript sources

Academic Sources

Academic sources do not normally present material from a Torah perspective and should be viewed accordingly.

http://www.library.upenn.edu/cajs/jsr_ix.html (N.O.)

Penn Judaic Library

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/rambi/> (N.O.)

http://aleph.nli.org.il/F?func=find-b-0&local_base=rmb01

RAMBI – index of Articles in Jewish Studies

<http://catalog.loc.gov/> (N.O.)

Library of Congress on-line Catalogue

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/eng/ejudaica.html> (N.O.)

Israel National Library e-resources

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/eng/digibook.html> (N.O.)
Israel National Library Digitized Book Repository

<http://www.mucjs.org/MELILAH/articles.htm> (N.O.)
Manchester University Journal of Jewish Studies

<http://www.science.co.il/Jewish-Studies-Journals.asp> (N.O.)
A useful list of Jewish Studies Journals

Blogs and Current Jewish Issues

The world of blogs is an excursion into the unknown. Many blogs function as a self-serving vehicles for personal ranting, often laden with baggage and tinged with cynicism and negativity; there is no shortage of disenchanting Jewish bloggers who wish to spread their thoughts to the world. Since these thoughts are often uneducated, biased or both, there is little to be gained in reading them. Nevertheless, there are some really intelligent, authentic and interesting people out there who use blogs as a medium for harbatzat Torah. I have tried to find these and include them below. Even more care than usual must be taken in the blogosphere to check that the blogger is qualified and reliable.

<http://www.cross-currents.com/>
Current affairs through a Torah prism – lots of material from Rabbi Yitzchak Adlerstein and Jonathan Rosenblum

<http://www.torahmusings.com/> *
A broad selection of articles and good round-ups of what's on the web – edited by Gill Student

<http://daattorah.blogspot.co.il/> *
The blog of Rav Daniel Eidensohn – not only a talmid chacham but also an 'out-of-the-box' thinker and fearless campaigner. Rav Eidensohn's bekiut across the range of Torah hashkafa is outstanding. Buy his books too!!!

<http://kavvanah.wordpress.com/>
Rabbi Alan Brill, a musmach of YU, is involved in various aspects of interfaith thought and work

<http://rygb.blogspot.co.il/>
Material from Rabbi Yosef Gavriel Bechhoffer

<http://rechovot.blogspot.co.il/>
'The Rebbetzin's Husband' – Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

<http://kolharav.blogspot.co.il/>
Rabbinic Voices – some interesting posts by Gil Student translating and publicizing views of world's leading Rabbanim

<http://divreichaim.blogspot.co.il/>
Rabbi Chaim Brown

<http://englishhebraica.blogspot.co.il/> (N.O.)
some very interesting old (pre-19C) hebraica, letters and documents

<http://youngerlight.blogspot.co.il/>

don't know too much about this site. Seems to have some material of interest presented from a charedi perspective

<http://somehowfrum.blogspot.co.il/>

ditto

<http://thetalmudblog.wordpress.com/> (N.O.)

<http://academictalmud.blogspot.co.il/> (N.O.)

An academic blog with some interesting observations on Talmudic-period literature. Note the broad links on the homepage of academictalmud.blogspot.co.il/ to an on-line academic toolbox and scriptorium

<http://seforim.blogspot.co.il/>

All about sefarim – new and old. Some good links too to other academic resources

<http://onthemainline.blogspot.co.il/> (N.O.)

An interesting blog covering some fascinating and somewhat eccentric Jewish and Torah historical issues. Wide-ranging links to other sites but just be aware those links take one off into the wider virtual world of academic discussion

Links to Links

Particular care need to be taken with this section as it will launch you much deeper into the world of cyberspace. You should expect the links to take to you to a broader (ie non-Torah focused) range of sites.

<http://www.atid.org/resources/links.asp>

<http://www.erezhemdah.org/content.asp?PageId=253&lang=en>

<http://www.beingjewish.com/misc/links.html>

<http://www.torahanytime.com/index.php?s=links>

See also the other lists of on-line sites, in the next section

Other Lists

I'm not the first person to do this. There are probably tens of such collections 'out there'. I am aware of two major other listings of Torah-oriented websites. I still thought that it was worthwhile to prepare my own list, if only to organize my own thoughts and present things in a way that makes most sense to me personally. Moreover, there are links on my list which do not appear on the others and, also, some of the other lists are becoming a little out of date (dead links etc).

I suggest that you look at these other lists too in case there is material there which is of interest.

Note: not everything on the other lists is the kind of material that I would include or recommend and, as always, discretion and caution must be used.

The two other major lists that I am aware of are:-

www.sourcesonthenet.com

<https://docs.google.com/View?docid=0ASx6sZjO1KzmZDhwbW5jal8xZndoOHJuZ3Q&hl=en&pli=1>

<https://docs.google.com/View?docid=0ASx6sZjO1KzmZDhwbW5jal8xZndoOHJuZ3Q>

Extremely comprehensive list prepared by Dr Melech Tanen in Toronto with over 1000 links. sourcesonthenet.com directs to the Googledoc, which can also be found at the above link.

<http://www.eparsha.com/>

Thousands of books and sources, many academic and unusual. This list is however 6 years old and does not seem to be updated. So some of the links are dead.