

Rabbi Naomi's Suggested Resources for Adult Learners

General Jewish Learning:

[My Jewish Learning - Judaism & Jewish Life](#) - Excellent essays on a wide range of subjects

[TheTorah.com - Torah and Academic Biblical Scholarship](#) - Top notch scholarship

[Reform Judaism | Reform Judaism](#) - Teaching & news from the Union for Reform Judaism

Beginning Hebrew:

https://www.thriftbooks.com/w/aleph-isnt-tough-an-introduction-to-hebrew-for-adults-book-1_linda-motzkin/369134/#edition=3576787&idig=8781302 - Alef-bet recognition and important vocabulary words. (First of 4 book set) .

On-line texts:

[The Sefaria Library ספריא של האוסף](#) - An amazing, ever growing site for Jewish texts - Hebrew and English options

Important studies of Jewish and Israeli Jewish populations:

[American and Israeli Jews: Twin Portraits From Pew Research Center Surveys | Pew Research Center](#)

[Video: Israel's Religiously Divided Society | Pew Research Center](#)

And some books: *Holidays/Practices/Belief* - *History/General* - *Torah/Tanach/Bible* - *Wisdom/Culture*

Seasons of Our Joy: A Modern Guide to the Jewish Holidays, Arthur Waskow - *Great introduction to holidays*

The Path of Blessing: Experiencing the Energy & Abundance of the Divine, Marcia Prager - *Lovely & inspiring*

Minyan: Ten Principles for Living a Life of Integrity, Rami Shapiro - *Wisdom from a non-dual thinker*

God is a Verb: Kabbalah and the practice of mystical Judaism, David Cooper - *Beautiful concepts, lots of stories*

God & the Big Bang; Discovering Harmony Between Science & Spirituality, Daniel Matt - *Kabbalah & cosmology*

Jewish Spiritual Practices, Yitzhak Buxbaum - *Extensive collection of every day and holiday practices*

Service of the Heart: A Guide to the Jewish Prayer Book, Evelyn Garfiel - *Charming and brief*

Souls on Fire: Portraits and Legend of Hasidic Masters, Elie Wiesel - *By 1968 Nobel Peace Prize recipient*

Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, Abba Eban - *A classic with 4,000 years in great photos and maps*

Unsettled: An Anthropology of the Jews, Melvin Konner - *A warm, readable journey through Jewish history*

A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People, Eli Barnavi - *Timelines, maps, illustrations and succinct text*

A History of the Jewish Faith, Dan Cohn-Sherbok - *Lovely photos, timeline, brief text, inexpensive*

Essential Judaism: A Complete Guide to Beliefs, Customs and Rituals, George Robinson - *Good resource*

Judaism: A Very Short Introduction, Norman Solomon - *Concise, clear and accurate*

Essential Torah: A Complete Guide to the Five Books of Moses, George Robinson - *Beautifully organized*

The Bible with Sources Revealed, Richard E. Friedman - *Color-coded to show the source texts of Torah*

The Book of J, David Rosenberg & Harold Bloom - *Fascinating book identifying the J author as a woman*

Reading the Women of the Hebrew Bible: A New Interpretation of Their Stories, Tikva Frymer-Kensky - *Superb!*

The Children's Illustrated Jewish Bible, Laaren Brown & Lenny Hort - *(American Edition 2020) Great for all ages*

Pirke Avot: A Modern Commentary on Jewish Ethics, Kravitz & Olitzky - *Accessible, inspiring intro to Talmud*

Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality, Umansky & Ashton - *History, poetry, Jewish feminism (1990)*

Cultures of the Jews: A New History, David Biale, editor - *In-depth essays by American & Israeli scholars*