

JEWISH LEARNING ONLINE

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Jewish Learning Online

- *What:*

Learning is a key value of Judaism

- People are praised for their knowledge

- *Who:*

The internet is democratizing the learning process

- Not just for the elite any more

- Anyone can contribute

- *How:*

The internet enabled new forms of learning

The first Jewish website: 11/1993

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Judaism

There are two major sites for Jewish info on the internet, israel.nysernet.org and jerusalem1.datasrv.co.il.

israel.nysernet.org has a great **ftp archive**.

There are big Jewish-oriented **gophers** at jerusalem1.datasrv.co.il and israel.nysernet.org.

Both sites sponsor **listserv mailing lists** - there are at least 75 different Jewish mailing lists on the net.

The sites above are two different organizations, so the machines have different info. They have Hebrew and English bible texts and commentaries, Jewish-oriented software, info on Israel and Judaism, and much, much more.

There is a **Web server** at archie.ac.il, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Computer Science Institute.

There is a netnews group soc.culture.jewish, which has useful faqs, as well as Jewish reading lists.

I have a [list of Jewish resources in Boston](#).

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Channels of Learning

Traditional

- Hebrew school
- Yeshiva
- Chavrutah
- Books

New

- Email distribution list
- Email/online groups
- Static websites
- Interactive websites
- Social networking
- Online courses
- Online degrees

What to Learn

- Religion
 - Holidays
 - Life cycle events
 - Beliefs
 - Practices
- Culture
 - Art
 - Film
 - Music
 - Literature
- History
 - Biblical/Modern
 - Holocaust
 - Israel/Diaspora
- Text
 - Bible
 - Rabbinic literature
 - Liturgy
- Hebrew / Yiddish

Religion/Text

- AskMoses.com – anonymous Chabad forum
 - Live counseling and knowledge base of information on Judaism containing answers to a range of personal, spiritual and practical questions
- MyJewishLearning.com - articles
 - Transdenominational website
- Torah.org – email classes and their archives
- Shamash.org – dozens of email lists
 - The oldest and best known Jewishly oriented service to provide tools to maintain discussion forums for the benefit of the Jewish community.

What people are asking: Who are the four mothers in the Who Knows One section of the Haggadah?



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PATRILINEAL DESCENT

A Pivotal Change

According to the Reform movement, a child raised as a Jew with a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother can be considered Jewish. This is contrary to traditional Jewish law. Learn more about patrilineal descent. [More...](#)



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INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

- ▶ [Bible](#)
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- ▶ [Torah Study](#)
- ▶ [Art](#)

RUMORS & GOSSIP



The way we speak is an integral part of Jewish life. Before you repeat the latest piece of juicy gossip you heard, learn about the Jewish view of rumors. When and how is it okay to pass one on?

[Read More Here](#)

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



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[Jewish Calendar >](#)

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Parashat Vayetze
Annual Cycle: Genesis 28:10-32:3
Triennial Cycle: Genesis 28:10-30:13

[Summary of Vayetze](#)

[More Studies and Commentaries >](#)

MOST EMAILED MOST POPULAR

Yitro: Canfei Nesharim 5768
There is a lot to learn from the commandment not to covet. [More >](#)

The Nigun
A mystical musical prayer introduced by Hasidism. [More >](#)

Homosexuality in Israel
Israel is among the leaders in equality for sexual minorities. [More >](#)

BLOG DISCUSSIONS

Best of the Week

It's Friday! I'm sitting up in Toronto and it's cold and rainy! Someone please m..... [More >>>](#)

- ▶ [Wise Fridays: Don't Wait for the ...](#)
- ▶ [Making Kosher Food Is an All-Nigh...](#)
- ▶ [All Lentil Shabbat](#)

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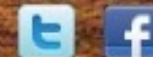
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30 Cheshvan, 5771
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LATEST CLASSES

Tax Evasion

Rabbi Daniel Travis
Posted: November 2, 2010 11:45 AM

As unpleasant as it may be to give over large percentages of one's earnings, the halachah...

37. Tithes - Maaser

Rabbi Dr. Azriel Rosenfeld
Posted: November 2, 2010 11:42 AM

Anyone can eat it, even an Israelite who is impure, once the tithe of the tithe has been set...

Torah Audio



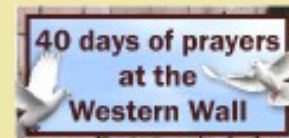
ARTICLES ON VAYEITZEI:

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[The House of Yaakov](#)
Rabbi Yissocher Frand - 5758

[The Blessing Emerges From Lowliness](#)
- 5769

[Bread Is for Eating](#)
Rabbi Naftali Reich - 5767



TORAH PORTION

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Sunday Nov 07, 10 (EDT) 30th of Cheshvan, 5771 Parashat Vayetzei Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Highlighted Links

- [Shamash's Jewish Link Database](#)
- [Jewish Resources on the Internet](#)
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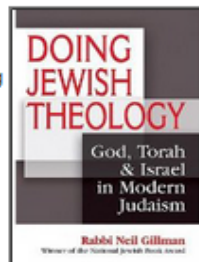


Books of the Month

[Doing Jewish Theology: God, Torah & Israel in Modern Judaism](#)

By: Neil Gillman

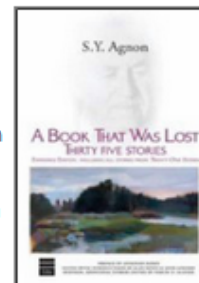
With clarity and passion, award-winning teacher, author and theologian Neil Gillman captures the power of Jewish theological claims and reveals extraordinary insights into Jewish identity, the purpose of religion, and our relationship with God. Drawing from Judaism's sacred texts as well as great thinkers such as Mordecai Kaplan, Abraham Joshua Heschel, and Paul Tillich, Gillman traces his theological journey over four decades of study, beginning with his own understanding of revelation. He explores the role of symbol and myth in our understanding of the nature of God and covenant. He examines the importance of community in both determining authority and sanctifying sacred space. By charting the development of his own personal theology, Gillman explores the evolution of Jewish thought and its implications for modern Jewish religious identity today and in the future. [Jewish Lights](#) Price **\$16.49**



[A Book That Was Lost: Thirty Five Stories \(Hebrew Classics\)](#)

By: S. Y. Agnon, Edited by:
Alan Mintz, Anne Golomb
Hoffman, Nachum N. Glatzer

Awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1966, S.Y. Agnon is considered the towering genius of modern Hebrew literature for his hard-edged modernism and soft-hued imagery. With this collection of stories, reissued in paperback and expanded to include 11 more Agnon classics, the English-speaking audience has, at long last, access to the rich and brilliantly multifaceted fictional world of one of the great writers of this century. These stories span the lifetime of a quintessential wandering Jew-born in Buczacz, Poland, living in Germany, and finally settling in Jerusalem—and they bring to life the full gamut of the modern Jewish experience in fiction. This broad selection of Agnon's fiction introduces the full sweep of the writer's panoramic vision as chronicler of the lost world of Eastern European Jewry and the emerging society of modern Israel. Here are stories that portray the richly textured culture of traditional



Online Courses

- ConservativeYeshiva.org
- JewishStudies.org
- JewishStudies.Rutgers.edu

Online Degrees

- Gratz.edu
 - Gratz College - the first transdenominational Jewish college in the United States
- HebrewCollege.edu
 - Founded in 1921, dedicated to the principle that rigorous, pluralistic Jewish education
- JTSA.edu
 - Jewish Theological Seminary of America
- ajula.edu
 - American Jewish University

Repurposing Text

- [TaggedTanakh.org](https://taggedtanakh.org)
 - is a collaborative platform spearheaded by JPS, that joins vetted content and user-generated commentary around the Jewish Bible.
- [OpenSiddur.org](https://opensiddur.org)
 - craft your own siddur and share your work
- [OpenSourceHaggadah.com](https://opensourcehaggadah.com)
 - where you can create your own Passover Haggadah online

Social Networking

- [Shmooze.com](#)
 - a place where you can share yours, no matter how controversial
- [Jmix.com](#)
 - Mix, mingle and network with the Jewish community
- [JewCrew.org](#)
 - a social utility that connects you with Jewish people

Languages

- YiddishCulture.org
- eTeacherHebrew.com
- LiveMocha.com (Hebrew & Yiddish)
 - “largest online language learning community, offering free and paid online language courses”
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- MangoLanguages.com (Hebrew)
 - online language-learning system that teaches actual conversation skill
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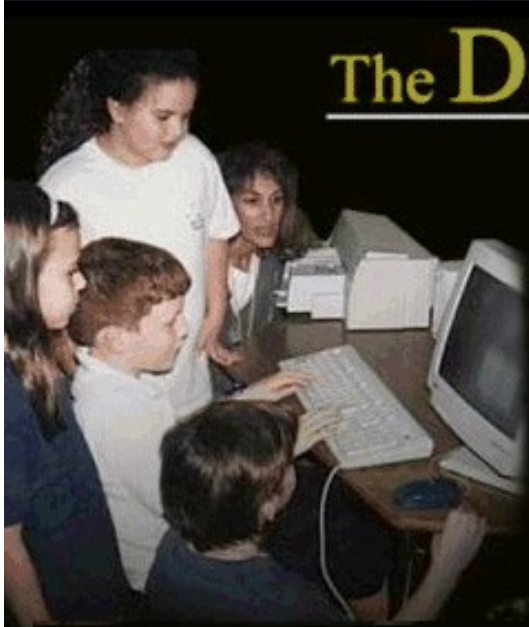
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 - Free Jewish calendar and holiday web site
- G-dcast.com
 - G-dcast is animating Torah for today! We make quirky cartoons out of classic Jewish text.
- jwa.org - Jewish Women Archive
 - to uncover, chronicle, and transmit to a broad public the rich history of American Jewish women.