Popular Jewish Studies Databases

These databases are accessible from the Touro Library homepage. Click on the Databases tab then select Jewish Studies from the drop-down menu. In order to access these resources from an off-campus location, students must sign up for an account from the library homepage. Under services go to Off-campus access and sign up there.

**Encyclopaedia Judaica**
A good staring place for background information or scholarly definitions about Jewish studies topics. Check the reference section at the bottom of each article for additional sources.

**Bar Ilan Responsa**
Bar Ilan contains the entirety of standard Jewish books from the Bible to modern Rabbinic writings (and everything in between including the Talmud/Gemara and its commentary). One tip key issue to keep in mind is to distinguish between the “search” option and the “browse” option. The default setting is “search” which does not allow you to look at the section without doing an actual search. Therefore, if you want to look at a specific section without searching, make sure to use “browse” option while navigating. Though there is no translation option within the database, it is easy to copy and paste into a section into Google Translate.

**Otzar ha’Chochma**
Oztar ha'Hochma has a wide variety of seforim (including rare and obscure works). The books are scanned from the original work, and this requires some patience and perseverance. You can search by author, title and subject. In order to navigate through the book, you can search for specific words, scroll through pages or use the chapter headings on the side of the page.

**Rambi**
An extensive collection of Jewish Studies articles from the National Library of Israel. A great starting point for research on a topic though student beware, there is no direct link to the Touro databases thus requiring an additional search in the Touro catalogue. Also, many of these articles will require an Inter-library loan article request.

**Translated Hebrew Resources**

Mechon Mamre has the entire Jewish Bible translated into English with the Hebrew alongside. It is easy to navigate for an English speaker and a great resource for someone looking for Biblical translations.

The Rambam’s great work, the Mishneh Torah, translated into English.

The entire Rashi commentary on Tanach available in English.

**Other Resources**

Chevrusa Match Resources [http://chavrusamatch.com/resources](http://chavrusamatch.com/resources)

A comprehensive listing of Hebrew materials on the internet including mepharshei Tanach, midrash, Talmud, and halacha dictionaries

Biblical Genealogy Chart [http://bible.ort.org/books/gened2.asp](http://bible.ort.org/books/gened2.asp)

This reference tool displays the immediate genealogy (parents and offspring) of a chosen Biblical figure.