Part 7: Contemporary Jewish Women

• (1) *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*. Edited by Paula E. Hyman and Deborah Dash Moore. New York and London: Routledge, 1997. Hyman and Dash Moore's two illustrated volumes are an indispensable account of the history of Jewish women in North America since 1654. As the twentieth century's most comprehensive study on contemporary Jewish women, it contains 800 biographical entries and 110 topical entries, such as Hadassah, Women's American ORT, and Zionism. Entries cover "information on American Jewish women in all fields of endeavor, including everyday life." 506 photographs illustrate the entries and selected bibliographies follow each entry. Phyllis Holman Weisbard compiled an annotated bibliography and a guide to archival sources. [This bibliography is also available on-line.]


Online links on Jewish women

• Jewish Women’s Voices, Compiled by FRIEDA FORMAN with CYNTHIA MAIER
  http://www.utoronto.ca/wjudaism/journal/vol1n1/v1n1form.htm

• Annotated Bibliography and Guide to Archival Resources on the History of Jewish Women in America
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  http://womenst.library.wisc.edu/

• Internet Womens’ History Sourcebook
  http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/women/womensbook.asp

• Women in Judaism
  http://wjudaism.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/wjudaism

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JWA

• Uncovers, chronicle, and transmit the rich history of American Jewish women. It is devoted to making known the stories, struggles, and achievements of Jewish women in North America in order to enrich the way we understand the past and to ensure a more inclusive future. JWA has amassed the most extensive collection of material anywhere on American Jewish women, and it can be accessed for free by anyone with an Internet connection. Our website is a destination for people seeking knowledge, a sense of connection and community, and a way to affirm and enhance the legacy of American Jewish women.

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JWA: Jewish Womens’ Archive

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אֵשֶׁת חַיִל מִי יִמְצָא וְרָחֹק מִפְנִינִים

בָטַח בָּהּ לֵב בַעְלָהּ וְשָלָל לֹא יֶׁחָסָר

גְמָלַתְהוּ טוֹב וְלֹא רָע כֹּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיהָ

דָרְשָה צֶּּמֶר וּפִשְתִים וַתַעַשָּׁה בְחֵפֶׁץ כַפֶּיהָ

הָיְתָה כָאֳנִיוֹת סוֹחֵר מִמֶׁרְחָק תָבִיא לַחְמָהּ

וַתָּקָם בְּעֹד לַיְלָה וַתִּתֵּן טֶׁרֶף לְבֵיתָהּ וְחֹק לְנַעֲרֹתֶּׁהָ

זָמְמָה שָׂדֶּׁה וַתִּקָּחֵהוּ מִפְרִי כַפֶּיהָ נטָע נָטָעָה כָרֶּׁם

חָגְרָה בְּעֹז מָתְנֶיהָ וַתְאַמֵץ זְרֹעֹתֶּׁהָ

טָעֲמָה כִּי טוֹב סַחְרָהּ לֹא יִכְבֶּה בליל בַּלַּיְלָה נֵרָהּ

יָדֶּׁיהָ שִלְחָה בַכִּישוֹר וְכַפֶּיהָ תָמְכוּ פָלֶּךְ

כַפָּהּ פָרְשָׂה לֶׁעָנִי וְיָדֶּׁיהָ שִלְחָה לָאֶׁבְיוֹן

לֹא תִירָא לְבֵיתָהּ מִשָּׁלֶג כִּי כָּל בֵּיתָהּ לָבֻשָּׁהָ לשָנִים

מַרְבַּדִים עָשְּתָה לָהּ שֵש וְאַרְגָּמן לְבוּשָּׁהּ

נוֹדָע בַשְעָרִים בַּעְלָהּ בְשִׂבְתוֹ עִם זִקְנֵי אָרֶּׁץ

סָדִין עָשְּתָה וַתִמְכֹר וַחֲגוֹר נָתְנָה לַכְנַעֲנִי

עֹז וְהָדָר לְבוּשָּׁהּ וַתִשְׂחַק לְיוֹם אַחֲרוֹן

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קָמוּ בָנֶּׁיהָ וַיְאַשְׁרוּהָ בַעְלָהּ וַיְהַלְלָה

רַבוֹת בָנוֹת עָשׂוּ חָיִל וְאַתְ עָלִית עַל כֻלָנָה

שֶׁקֶר הַחֵן וְהֶׁבֶל הַיֹפִי אִשָּׁה יִרְאַת יְקֹוָק הִיא תִתְהַלָל

תְנוּ לָהּ מִפְרִי יָדֶּׁהָ וִיהַלְלוּהָ בַשְעָרִים מַעֲשֶׂׂיהָ
Primary Sources

These materials will help educators use primary sources with their students. Each primary source can be located by the TYPE of primary source it is, the TIME it was created, or the TOPICS it reflects.

Featured Primary Sources

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- Personal Artifacts: Certificate of indenture, 1837
- Photographs: Anna Sokolow's dance, Kaddish, 1945
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Synopsis: This encyclopedia seeks to make available to all who are interested in Jewish history and culture the varied accomplishments of Jewish women and their many contributions to the Jewish historical experience over the course of the past three millennia. The online edition makes this wealth of information available to anyone, anywhere, and will allow scholars and more casual readers to propose updates and, in a later stage, to upload new articles. This first iteration creates easy access to the articles on the CD-ROM and gives users the opportunity to add links, updates, and suggestions for new content.
jwa.org/encyclopedia

BOOK
The mission of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance is to expand the spiritual, ritual, intellectual and political opportunities for women within the framework of halakha. We advocate meaningful participation and equality for women in family life, synagogues, houses of learning and Jewish communal organizations to the full extent possible within halakha. Our commitment is rooted in the belief that fulfilling this mission will enrich and uplift individual and communal life for all Jews.
Dina Ripman Eylon: Women in Judaism

Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal

WOMEN IN JUDAISM: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL is an academic, refereed journal published exclusively on the Internet, and devoted to scholarly debate on gender-related issues in Judaism. The ultimate aim of the journal is to promote the reconceptualization of the study of Judaism, by acknowledging and incorporating the roles played by women, and by encouraging the development of alternative research paradigms. Cross-methodological and interdisciplinary, the journal does not promote a fixed ideology, and welcomes a variety of approaches.
Internet Sources for the Study of Jewish Women

Dina Ripsman Eylon

Before you start exploring the list of Internet sources, please read the short guide to research on Jewish women: Step-by-Step Guide to Research on Jewish Women

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Texts

Family and Society in Ancient Israel
An essential guide to the intricate genealogy of the ancient Israelites, as part of an interactive tutorial to Kinship and Social Organization, written by Brian Schwimmer of the University of Manitoba.

Internet Ancient History Sourcebook Israel
Part of a comprehensive and indispensable resource of ancient texts. Features historical documents from pre-Israelite Canaan/Palestine/Syria to the rabbinic period. Pay attention to the section Gender and Judaism. Paul Halsall is the compiler and editor.

This enormous treasury of historical texts also contains the Internet Jewish History Sourcebook, which is a must.

Da'at Site in English
Articles from ASSIA A Journal of Jewish Medical Ethics and Halacha, Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society, Da'at A Journal of Jewish Education and much more. Includes articles on women's prayer groups, tubal ligation and the prohibition of surah (castration, sterilization), embryos in contemporary Jewish Law and ethics, and foetal

http://www.utoronto.ca/wjudaism/all_sites/internet_sources.html
Women in Health via Eylon portal

Medical Ethics and Halacha

ASSIA - A Journal of Jewish Medical Ethics and Halacha (24 articles)

- Physicians' Strikes And Jewish Law \ Fred Rosner
- living with pain whose body? \ Rabbi Alfred Cohen
- The Use of Hearing Aids on Shabbat \ Rabbi Elysha Sandler
- Payment For Healing On The Sabbath \ Fred Rosner
- May A Doctor Refuse to See Patients? \ Rabbi Avrohom Blaives
- Tubal Ligation and the Prohibition of Siro \ Shaul Weinreb

Rabbi Shabtai A. Rappoport

- The Deceased, the Family and Organ Donation
- Life of The Newborn
- Alternative Logic
- Information and Independence
- Whose Child, What Faith?
- Danger and Responsibility
- Responsibility
- Politics and Justice of Public Spending

Richard V. Grazi and Joel B. Wolowelsky

- Donor Gametes in Halakhah
- Parenthood from the Grave
- Multifetal Pregnancy Reduction and Disposal of Untransplanted Embryos in Contemporary Jewish Law and Ethics
- On Cloning
- Rabbinic Counselling for Infertile Couples
- Genetic Screening and Preimplantation Sex Selection in Halakhah
- New Ethical Issues in Infertility Therapy
- Posthumous Use of Cryopreserved Sperm
- On Foetal Ovary Transplants
- Initial Religious Counseling for a Male Orthodox Adolescent Homosexual \ Joel B. Wolowelsky and Bernard L. Weinstein

Halacha

Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society

- Blood Spots in Eggs \ Rabbi Michael Broyde

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Shamash Portal: links to Jewish women

The Internet is rich with Jewish resources. This page shows you the gates to these resources, so that you may go in and explore.

This web page is eighteen years old. Here's what it looked like on 29 November, 1993. See more about my page for historical info.

The latest version of this page may be found at: http://www.shamash.org/trb/judaism.html

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Ma’yan

• Focuses a feminist lens on the cultural challenges and identity issues facing Jewish girls in contemporary society. Through research, innovative programming, and community events, they work with girls, their parents, and their educators to provide resources that help all youth grow into critical, curious, and committed global citizens.

• http://www.mayan.org/
The Secrets of the Perfect Girl

Ma’yan’s Research Training Internship (RTI) is a 14-month program where high-school-aged girls advise Ma’yan’s work from their unique perspectives.

Ma’yan is interested in learning about the messages Jewish teen girls receive—from popular culture, from parents and other adults, from the Jewish community, from schools, even from peers—about who girls are supposed to be and to become. As a Ma’yan Research Training Intern, girls will have the opportunity to join our research team and work with us to address critical questions, such as: who is the perfect girl and what does a girl have to do to be like her? What are the secrets to her success? What happens when girls try to live up to these expectations? These questions are places for us to dive into this important topic. Where we go from there is up to the interns!
Israel Womens’ Network

• Women who are united in their determination to improve the status of women in Israel, regardless of political affiliation, religious outlook or ethnic origin. (Site only available in Hebrew)

• http://www.iwn.org.il/
The Israel Women’s Network

http://www.iwn.org.il/
Kolech

• Kolech, founded in 1998, is the first Orthodox Jewish feminist organization in Israel. Kolech aims to increase public awareness and bring about change in Israeli religious society. It seeks to disseminate the values of gender equality and mutual respect, to encourage equal opportunities for women in the public arena, including the advancement of women's rights in religious and halachic spheres. Kolech encourages greater equality for women in matters of personal status, such as marriage and divorce, and is in the forefront of an uncompromising battle against all forms of gender violence.

• Kolech today is one of Israel's most prominent feminist organizations as well as an influential leader in Modern Orthodox society.

http://www.kolech.com/
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http://www.kolech.com/
Jewish Women International

• Works to provide innovative programs, advocacy and philanthropic initiatives to protect the fundamental rights of all girls and women to live in safe homes, thrive in healthy relationships, and realize the full potential of their personal strength.

• [http://www.jwi.org/](http://www.jwi.org/)