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Humanities and Theology
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Required reading for

TRVN09 Religious Roots of Europe: Rabbinic Literature – An Introduction to Reading Classical Rabbinic Texts in Hebrew, 10 ECTS credits, Spring Term 2017

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Books

Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts (2006). B. Holtz (ed.). Schuster: New York (pp. 11–29, 129–211).

Handbook of Jewish Literature from Late Antiquity, 135–700 CE (2002). Ben-Eliyahu, E., Y. Cohn and F. Millar (eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012 (selection, 126 pp.).

Hedner Zetterholm, Karin (2012). *Jewish Interpretation of the Bible: Ancient and Contemporary*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2012 (pp. 1–109).

Rubenstein, J., L. (2003). *The Culture of the Babylonian Talmud*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press (selection, 112 pp.).

Dictionary and Grammar

Jastrow, M. (2007). *Dictionary of the Targumim, the Talmud Babli and Yerushalmi, and the Midrashic Literature*. BN Publishing.

Segal, M. H. (1986/2001). *A Grammar of Mishnaic Hebrew*. Oxford: Clarendon Press/Wipf Stock Publishers.

Articles

Fernandez, M.P. (1997). *An Introductory Grammar of Rabbinic Hebrew*. Leiden: Brill (pp. 1–15).

Gafni, I. M. (2002). “Babylonian Jewish Culture.” Pages 223–265 in *Cultures of the Jews: A New History*. Ed. D. Biale. New York: Schocken.

Goodblatt, D. (2006). “The Political and Social History of the Jewish Community in the Land of Israel, c. 235–638” in *The Cambridge History of Judaism. Vol. 4 The Late Roman-Rabbinic Period*. S. Katz (ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 404–430.

- Himmelfarb, M. (1993). "The Partings of the Ways Reconsidered: Diversity in Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations in the Roman Empire". Pp. 47–61 in *Interwoven Destinies: Jews and Christians Through the Ages*. New York: Paulist Press.
- Kalmin, R., L. (2006). "The Formation and Character of the Babylonian Talmud." Pp. 840–875 in *Cambridge History of Judaism* vol. 4. S. Katz (ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Kugel, J. (1997). *The Bible as It Was*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press (pp. 1–34).
- Levine, L. I. (2000). "The Sages and the Synagogue". Pp. 440–470 in *The Ancient Synagogue: The First Thousand Years*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Moscovitz, Leib (2006). "The Formation and Character of the *Jerusalem Talmud*," Pp. 663–677 in *The Cambridge History of Judaism* vol. 4. S. Katz (ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reed, Annette Yoshiko (2006). "Rabbis, 'Jewish Christians', and Other Late Antique Jews: Reflections on the Fate of Judaism(s) After 70 C. E." Pp. 323–346 in *The Changing Face of Judaism, Christianity, and Other Greco-Roman Religions in Antiquity*. I. H. Henderson and G. S. Oegma (ed.). Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus.
- Shinan, Avigdor (2006). "The late Midrashic, Paytanic, and Targumic Literature" in Pp. 678–698 in *The Cambridge History of Judaism* vol. 4. S. Katz (ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press.

In addition, rabbinic texts in Hebrew and in translation are studied.