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Resources for Torah Study

Torah Translations With Commentaries:

- The Jewish Publication Society (JPS) Torah Commentary (5 volumes):
 - Nahum Sarna, Genesis (Philadelphia: JPS, 1989). **Ref 222.11077 Sar**
 - Nahum Sarna, Exodus (Philadelphia: JPS, 1991). **Ref 222.12077 Sar**
 - Baruch A. Levine, Leviticus (Philadelphia: JPS, 1989). **Ref 222.13077 Lev**
 - Jacob Milgrom, Numbers (Philadelphia: JPS, 1989). **Ref 222.14077 Mil**
 - Jeffrey Tigay, Deuteronomy (Philadelphia: JPS, 1996). **Ref 222.1507 7 Tig**
- Robert Alter, The Five Books of Moses: A Translation with Commentary (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2004). **Ref 222.105209 Alt**
- The Torah: A Women's Commentary, ed. Tamara Cohn Eskenazi and Andrea Weiss (New York: URJ Press, 2008). **222.107 Tor [Ref]**
- Harvey J. Fields, A Torah Commentary for our Times (3 vols) (New York: UAHC Press, 1991). **222.1077 Fie v.1-3 [Ref]**
- Everett Fox, The Five Books of Moses: a new translation with introductions, commentaries, and notes (The Schocken Bible) (New York: Schocken, 1995/ 2000). **222.105209 Fox [REF]**
- Richard Elliott Friedman, Commentary on the Torah: with a new English translation (San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 2001). **222.1077 Fri**
- David Lieber, Etz Chayim: Torah and Commentary (Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of Reform Judaism) (Philadelphia: JPS, 2001). **222.1077 Etz [REF]**
- Nechama Leibowitz, Studies in Bereshit-Devarim (6 vols) (Jerusalem: World Zionist Organization, 1980). **222.1107 Lei; 222.1207 Lei; 222.1407 Lei and 222.1507 Lei [REF]**
- W. Gunther Plaut, The Torah: A Modern Commentary (New York: URJ Press, 1981/ revised 2005). **222.1077 Pla [REF]**
- Nosson Scherman, The Chumash: The Stone Edition (Artscroll Series) (Mesorah Publications, 1993) **Ref 221.52 Sto**
- David E.S. Stein, ed. The contemporary Torah: a gender-sensitive adaptation of the JPS translation (Philadelphia: JPS, 2006) **222.105208 Con [REF]**
- The 1985 JPS translation: Tanakh (Philadelphia : JPS, 1985). **221.52 Tan**
- The New Jerusalem Bible (Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Company, 1985). **Ref 220.5207 New**

Academic Bible Commentaries and Resources:

- The Jewish Study Bible, ed. Adele Berlin and Marc Brettler (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004). Commentary based on JPS Tanakh series. Includes essays on history interpretation, a glossary, and tables for weights and measures, and a timeline. **221.52 Jew [REF]**
- The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha, ed. Michael D. Coogan, Marc Z. Brettler, Carol A. Newsom, and Pheme Perkins, (Oxford University Press, 2007). **220 New**
- Anchor Bible Commentary (Garden City, New York) **[library has Gen., Lev.1-11, Deut. 1-16]**
- Anchor Bible Dictionary, ed. David Noel Freedman (6 vols) (New York: Doubleday, 1992). **REF 220 Anc**

Medieval Torah Commentators:

- Michael Carasik, The JPS Miqra'ot Gedolot: Exodus (Philadelphia: JPS, 2005) **Ref 222.1077 Bib**
- Nachmanides [Ramban] Commentary on the Torah: Translated and annotated with index, Charles B. Chavel, ed. (5 vols) (New York: Shilo Publishing House, 1971-1976) **222.1 Ram v. 1-5**
- The Pentateuch and Rashi's commentary: a linear translation into English, ed. Abraham Ben Isaiah and Benjamin Sharfman (5 vols) (Brooklyn: S.S. and R Publishing Company, 1949) **Ref 222.1077 Pen v.1-5**
- Rashi's Torah commentary: religious, philosophical, ethical, and educational insights, ed. Pinhas Doron (Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 2000). **222.1077 Dor**

Great Books on Bible Study:

- Robert Alter, The Art of Biblical Narrative (New York: Basic Books, 1981). **220.66 Alt**
- Marc Zvi Brettler, How to Read the Jewish Bible (Philadelphia: JPS, 2005). **221.61 Bre**
- Shai Cherry, Torah through time: understanding Bible commentary from the rabbinic period to modern times (Philadelphia: JPS, 2007) **221.601 Che**
- Richard Elliot Friedman, The Bible with Sources Revealed (HarperOne, 2003)
- Tikva Frymer-Kensky, Studies in Bible and Feminist Criticism (Philadelphia: JPS, 2006). **220.922 Fry**
- James Kugel, How to Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture, Then and Now (New York: Free Press, 2007). **221.6 Kug**
- James Kugel, Traditions of the Bible: a guide to the Bible as it was at the start of the common era (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998). **222.1060 9 Kug**
- Tikva Frymer-Kensky, Reading the Women of the Bible (New York: Schocken Books, 2002). **221.9220 82 Fry**
- Nahum Sarna, Exploring Exodus: the heritage of biblical Israel (New York: Schocken Books, 1986). **222.12 Sar**

Works on Individual Books of the Torah:

- Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg, The Beginning of Desire: Reflections on Genesis (Image, 1996) **221.1107 Zor**
- Carol Meyers, *Exodus, New Cambridge Bible Commentary* (Cambridge University Press, 2005).
- Jacob Milgrom, Leviticus: A Book of Ritual and Ethics (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004).
- The JPS Commentary on each book (see above)

Works on Individual Torah Portions:

- Parashat hashavua/the weekly Torah portion: the Bar/Bat Mitzvah study guide featuring excerpts from the Gunther Plaut's revised commentary and Harvey Fields' commentary. At the back of each guide is a list of resources for further study. (New York: URJ Press, 2006). **Prof 296.4424 Par**
- Elaine Rose Glickman, ed. Living Torah: selections from seven years of Torat Chayim (New York: URJ Press, 2005) **222.106 Liv**
- Elyse Goldstein, The Women's Torah commentary: new insights from women rabbis on the 54 weekly Torah portions (Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000). **222.107082 Wom**

Recommended Online Torah Commentaries With Indexes:

- Emanu-El Web Torah Commentary: http://www.emanuelnyc.org/torah_archive.php
- Union of Reform Judaism: <http://urj.org/torah/>
- Aish.com: <http://www.aish.com/torahportion/>
- My Jewish Learning: http://www.myjewishlearning.org/texts/Bible/Weekly_Torah_Portion.shtml
- Also, Women of Reform Judaism Study Guides (in development):
<http://www.womenofreformjudaism.org/the-Torah-a-womens-commentary/the-torah-a-womens-commentary-study-guide-program>

Internet and Computer Resources at the Stettenheim Library:

- Encyclopaedia Judaica Online – Temple members can log in through Stettenheim Library's page "What the Library Offers." Click *Encyclopedia Judaica*, then log in with your member login
- CD's and other resources available at the Stettenheim Library

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