

READING LIST FOR CONVERSION STUDY

Jewish History

“Jewish History,” <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/history.shtml> (There are numerous articles under the general rubric of “History.” All are recommended.)

The Jewish Calendar

“Jewish Calendar,” <http://www.jewfaq.org/calendar.htm>

Shabbat

Lawrence Kushner, “(Re)Thinking Shabbat,” in *I’m God You’re Not* (Jewish Lights, 2010), pp. 75-77.

Daniel Syme, *The Jewish Home*, pp. 2-8.

The First Jewish Catalog (Jewish Publication Society, 1965), pp. 103-114.

Blu Greenberg, *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household* (Simon and Schuster, 1985), pp. 25-94.

Festivals

The First Jewish Catalog, pp. 120-149.

Arthur Waskow, *Seasons of Our Joy* (Summit Books, 1982).

Prayer

Lawrence Kushner, *I’m God You’re Not*, pp. 189-196.

Mike Comins, editor, *Making Prayer Real* (Jewish Lights, 2010), pp. 139-200.

Hayim Halevy Donin, *To Pray as a Jew* (BasicBooks, 1980), pp. 14-68.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, *Man’s Quest for God* (Aurora Press, 1998), pp. 1-89.

Kashrut

“Kashrut 101,”

http://www.myjewishlearning.com/practices/Ritual/Kashrut_Dietary_Laws/Kashrut_101.shtml?PRRI .

Blu Greenberg, *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household*, pp. 95-112.

Arthur Waskow, “Eco-Kashrut: Environmental Standards for What and How We Eat,”

http://www.myjewishlearning.com/practices/Ritual/Kashrut_Dietary_Laws/Themes/Contemporary_Themes/Eco-Kashrut.shtml

Chumash

Etz Hayim Torah and Commentary (Jewish Publication Society, 2001), pp. xvii-xxiii.

The Soncino Chumash (Soncino Press, 1947), pp. xi-xii.

The Chumash: The Stone Edition (Mesorah Publications, 1993), pp. xix-xxv.

The Torah: A Modern Commentary (UAHC, 1981), pp. xviii-xxv.

The Torah: A Women’s Commentary (URJ Press, 2008), pp. xxvii-xxviii and xxxi-xxxv.

Tanakh

“Bible,” <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/texts/Bible.shtml> (There are numerous articles under the general rubric of “Bible.” All are recommended.)

Siddur

Kol Haneshamah: Shabbat Vechagim (Reconstructionist Press, 2002), pp. xviii-xxvi.

Siddur Sim Shalom (Rabbinical Assembly, 1985), pp. xi-xxx.

Siddur Kol Ya'akov: The Complete ArtScroll Siddur/Nusach Ashkenaz (Mesurah Publications, 1984), pp. ix and xii-xvii.

Gates of Prayer: The New Union Prayerbook (CCAR, 1975), pp. xi-xiii.

Philip Birnbaum, *Daily Prayerbook* (Hebrew Publishing Company, 1997), pp. xi-xxxiii.

Jewish Literature

“Rabbinics: Commentary and Codes,”

<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/texts/Rabbinics.shtml> (There are numerous articles under the general rubric “Rabbinics.” All articles in the subcategories “Talmud” and “Midrash” are recommended.)

“Mishnah Torah,”

http://www.myjewishlearning.com/texts/Rabbinics/Halakhah/Medieval/Mishneh_Torah.shtml?TSRB (There are numerous articles under the general rubric “Mishnah Torah.” All are recommended.)

“Shulchan Aruch,”

http://www.myjewishlearning.com/texts/Rabbinics/Halakhah/Medieval/Shulhan_Arukh.shtml (There are numerous articles under the general rubric “Shulchan Aruch.” All are recommended.)

“Jewish Bible Commentaries,”

<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/texts/Bible/Torah/Commentaries.shtml?TSBI> . (There are numerous articles under the general rubric “Bible Commentaries.” All are recommended.)

Prayer-Book Hebrew

Joseph Anderson, *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* (EKS, 2000).

Hineni: Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults (Behrman House, 2006)