Jewish Women's Voices: Past and Present
A Bibliography

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Contemporary Jewish Feminism: Issues and Perspectives


Social and religious status of Jewish women in England and the U.S.


Personal histories and essays by and about lesbian and gay Jews.


A collection of essays, poetry and stories on Jewish feminist identity.


Feminist perspective of Jewish history in all its gendered manifestation.


Personal account of incest and revelation of the healing process.


Multidisciplinary approach to women's contribution in shaping Jewish culture.


Case studies of Jewish and non-Jewish battered wives.


**Jewish Women's History**


Collection of essays covers biblical times to modern.

The impact of modernity on Jewish women as writers and literary figures.


Discusses the transition to American life of European immigrant women.

Frager, Ruth A., *Sweatshop Strife: Class, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Jewish Labour Movement of Toronto 1900-1939*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto: 1992. [Canada]


17th century autobiography, the first of a woman in Jewish history.


Overview of women in Jewish history and accounts of selected women's lives.


**Jewish American History**


**Religion and Spirituality**


A personal account of women's Torah studies in Jerusalem.


Theoretical, literary, social and historical aspects.


A study of the status of women in biblical and talmudic periods.


Zolty, Shoshana Pantel, "And All Your Children Shall Be Learned" *Women and the Study of Torah in Jewish Law and History*, Jason Aronson, Northvale, New Jersey: 1993

**Biblical Scholarship**


Looks beyond biblical texts to reconstruct everyday life.


Includes Asherah, Astarte, Lilith


**Holocaust Writings**


Analysis of Holocaust literature from the perspective of gender.


A collection of personal testimonies.


Holocaust biography which explores aspects of survival.


**Israel/Palestine**


Women of Egypt and Israel share the stories of their lives with the author.


**Biography**


The story of a Russian Jewish immigrant family told by a thirteen year old girl.


A biography of Manya Shochat, one of the founding mothers of modern Israel.

Stories of life in London's East End.


By members of the Baycrest Terrace Memoirs Group - the stories of twenty-two Baycrest residents.


Personal accounts of lives of Jewish women living in London compiled from transcripts of interviews.


Stories about growing up and coming out.


Letters written to her family in Baltimore by Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah.


The story of the author's life as a young girl in Weimar Nuernberg.


**Canadian Biography**


Story of a widowed grandmother from Leningrad who immigrated to Canada.


A personal account of a wartime childhood.


A second volume of memoirs.


The memoir of a Jewish immigrant who attempts to integrate her Chassidic heritage with her North American environment.


Story of Chaika Wiseman, a Ukrainian dollmaker who came to Canada in the 1920s.


**Fiction**


Personal chronicle of a woman faced with the impending death of her sister from cancer.


Story of a woman claiming voice as a Jew, as a lesbian, and a woman.

Catalogues a woman's tortured pilgrimage into herself.


A group of women come together in Jerusalem.


A novel.


Views the stresses and ironies of the contemporary Jewish world.


Illuminates psychological aspects of the age-old cleavage between Jew and Gentile.


A collection of four pieces.


Explores how the reality of the Holocaust invades the lives of Americans.

About a young San Francisco lawyer in love with an older Indian scientist. Confronts the painful legacies of immigrants whose children are torn between conflicting traditions and viewpoints.


The story of an American family.


A struggle between a father of the Old World and a daughter of the New.


**Canadian Fiction**


Young woman who dreams of escaping the poverty of her


A novel about a Canadian Jewish family which is brought together in grief when one of the family members is killed by a drunken driver.

**Poetry**


**Yiddish Literature in Translation**


*Canadian Yiddish Writings*, Boyarsky and Sarna (eds.), Harvest House, Montreal: 1976.

Contains works by Rachel Korn and Chava Rosenfarb.

**Violence Against Women**


True story of Steven Steinberg who murdered his wife, Elana. The defense attorney attacked the victim a second time in court - portraying Elana as the stereotypical "Jewish American Princess" who drove her husband to murder.


Case studies including portrait of the non-Jewish battered wife and portrait of battered Jewish wife.

**Bibliographies and Curriculum Guides**


**Periodicals**

*Bridges: A Journal for Jewish Feminists and Our Friends*, P.O. Box 24839, Eugene, Oregon 97402


Networking for Women: A Quarterly Publication of the Israel Women's Network, P.O.B. 3171, 91031 Jerusalem, ISRAEL.

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