



## Judaism 101

### Creating a Jewish Library at Home

There is nothing more uniquely characteristic of Jewish religious life than the great love Jews have for books and sacred literature. A special collection of books dealing with our heritage, history and faith adds a special aura of Yiddishkeit (Jewishness) to your home. The following is intended as a suggestion for a well rounded collection to start your Jewish library at home. Each of these volumes is currently in print and readily available at major bookstores or online.

Etz Hayim: Torah and Commentary. An excellent *Chumash*, the Torah in Hebrew and English with commentary.

Tanakh: The Holy Scriptures. The JPS modern English translation of the Bible.

On the Doorposts of Your House. A home version of the Reform prayerbook with every ceremony needed for family and home worship.

The ArtScroll Siddur. An excellent traditional prayerbook with extensive notes and guidance to classic liturgy.

A Rabbinic Anthology (Ed. Montifiore and Loewe). An annotated collection of classical Rabbinic commentary and midrash.

Jews, God and History by Max Dimont. An overview of Jewish history.

The Holocaust by Martin Gilbert.

The Complete Book of Jewish Observance by Leo Trepp. A practical guide to observance and the holidays.

A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice by Isaac Klein. A scholarly guide to halakhah (Jewish law) and traditional Jewish practice in all realms of life.

God in Search of Man by Abraham Heschel. The classic work of a leading theologian of modern Judaism.

Tales of the Hasidim (2 Vols.) Martin Buber's collection of the classic tales of the Hasidic masters.

The Zionist Idea, ed. Arthur Hertzberg. An excellent anthology of the idea of a Jewish state.