

The learning and preparation you do prior to rabbinical school is an essential part of your path to the rabbinate. It is a time to deepen your Jewish knowledge and practice. We offer this learning guide to support you in your preparations for this path. As a pluralistic school, we do not have prescriptions for what you should believe or how you should live as Jews. Rather, we support each other in a search for a meaningful and authentic engagement with Jewish tradition. This guide offers a variety of perspectives to help you gain knowledge and deepen your personal practice.

אהבת השם Engaging God, Theology, and Jewish Practice

God and Theology

- Neil Gilman, Sacred Fragments
- Arthur Green, Seek My Face and Radical Judaism
- Judith Plaskow, Standing Again at Sinai
- Joy Ladin, The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective
- David Hartman, Living Covenant
- Jay Michaelson, Everything is God: The Radical Path of Nondual Judaism
- Eugene Borowitz, Choices in Modern Jewish Thought
- Marc Angel, Foundations of Sephardic Spirituality
- Rachel Adler, Engendering Judaism
- Toba Spitzer, God is Here: Reimagining the Divine
- Michael Marmor and David Ellenson, American Jewish Thought Since 1934

Jewish Practice

- Dan Judson and Kerry Olitzky, The Rituals & Practices of a Jewish Life: A Handbook for Personal Spiritual Renewal
- Yiitz Greenberg, The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays
- Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath & Man's Quest for God
- Anita Diamant, Living a Jewish Life
- Isaac Klein, A Guide to Jewish Practice
- Michael Strassfeld, The Book of Life: Embracing Judaism as a Spiritual Practice
- Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, A Guide to Jewish Prayer
- Jordan Lee Wagner, The Synagogue Survival Kit
- Arthur Waskow, Seasons of our Joy
- Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Joel Segel, Jewish With Feeling
- Nina Beth Cardin, The Tapestry of Jewish Time: A Spiritual Guide to Holidays and Life Cycle Events
- David Teutsch, A Guide to Jewish Living and Practice
- Alan Lew, This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation

תורה Engaging Torah Study

- Arthur Green, *The Language of Truth: The Torah Commentary of the Sefat Emet*, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Alter of Ger – This book features Rabbi Green's translations of excerpts from this great early 20th century Hasidic master along with Rabbi Green's commentary.
- Nehama Leibowitz, *New Studies in the Weekly Parasha* – This is an excellent resource for learning about the classic, medieval commentators and the core questions they explore.
- Avivah Zornberg, *The Beginning of Desire: Reflections on Genesis*, & *The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus* – These books will also expose you to a wide variety of classic and modern sources as she explores fundamental questions of our humanity.
- Gregg Drinkwater, Joshua Lesser, David Shneer, *Torah Queeries: Weekly Commentaries on the Hebrew Bible*
- Tikva Frymer Kensky, *Reading the Women of the Bible: A New Interpretation of Their Stories*
- David Kasher, *ParshaNut*
- Ruth Calderon, *A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales*

ישראל Engaging the Jewish people and culture in North America, Israel and around the world

This is a vast category that encompasses Jewish history, culture, peoplehood as well as the land and State of Israel. We offer a few suggestions that help illuminate aspects of this category.

- Yehuda Amichai, *Open Closed Open: Poems*
- David Hartman, *Conflicting Visions: Spiritual Possibilities of Modern Israel*
- David Grossman, *Someone to Run With*
- Raymond P. Scheindlin, *A Short History of the Jewish People: From Legendary Times to Modern Statehood*
- James Michner, *The Source*
- Yochi Brandes, *The Orchard*
- Milton Steinberg, *As a Driven Leaf*
- Ilana Kurshan, *If All the Seas Were Ink*
- Daniel Sokatch, *Can We Talk About Israel: A Guide for the Curious, Confused and Conflicted*