Basic Bibliographies

The following books are *representative* of current academic scholarship in the various fields taught at the School of Jewish Theology. A bibliography of this kind is unavoidably subjective and to some extent arbitrary. The two lists offered here are meant to be *suggestive* of the kind of scholarship that a graduate at the B.A and M.A level should be familiar with. Some books are also available in Hebrew (H) or German (G). All of the books are in print, and most are available at a reasonable price.

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3. Eisen, Arnold, *Rethinking Modern Judaism: Ritual, Commandment, Community* (1999)
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5. Gillman, Neil, *Sacred Fragments - Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew* (1992)
6. Grossman, Avraham, *Rashi* (2012) (H)
7. Halbertal, Moshe, *Maimonides: Life and Thought* (2013) (H)
8. Hoffman, Lawrence, *Beyond the Text: A Holistic Approach to Liturgy* (1987)
9. Andreas Nachama, Walter Homolka**,** Hartmut Bomhoff, *Basiswissen Judentum* (2015) (G)
10. Kugel, James, *How To Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture, Then and Now* (2008)
11. Levenson, Jon, *Sinai & Zion: An Entry Into The Jewish Bible* (1985)
12. Scholem, Gershom, *The Messianic Idea in Judaism: And Other Essays on Jewish Spirituality* (1995) (chapters: 1, 4, 8, 12) (H)

13. Scholem, Gershom, *On the Kabbalah and its Symbolism* (1996) (chapters: 2, 4) (H)
14. Cohen, Authur A. and Mendes-Flohr, Paul (eds.), *20th century Jewish religious thought: original essays on critical concepts, movements, and beliefs* (2009)
15. Eisenberg, Ronald L., *What the rabbis said: 250 topics from the Talmud* (2010)
16. Baskin, Judith R. (ed.), *Cambridge dictionary of Judaism and Jewish culture* (2011)

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2. Elon, Menachem, Jewish Law: History, Sources, Principles (1994) (H)
3. Etkes, Immanuel, *The Besht: Magician, Mystic, and Leader* (2012) (H)
4. Feiner, Shmuel, *The Jewish Enlightenment* (2011) (H)
5. Fishbane, Michael, *Biblical Interpretation in Ancient Israel* (1989)
6. Green, Arthur, *Radical Judaism: Rethinking God and Tradition* (2010) (H)
7. Hartman, David, *A Living Covenant: Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism* (1998) (H)
8. Idel, Moshe, *Kabbalah: New Perspectives* (1990) (H)
9. Katz, Jacob, *The Shabbes Goy* (1992) (H)
10. Schwartz, Seth, *Imperialism and Jewish Society: 200 B.C.E. to 640 C.E* (2004)
11. Scholem, Gershom, *On the Mystical Shape of the Godhead: Basic Concepts in the Kabbalah* (1997) (H)
12. Stern, David, *Parables in Midrash: Narrative and Exegesis in Rabbinic Literature* (1994) (H)
13. Sommer, Benjamin, *Revelation and Authority: Sinai in Jewish Scripture and Tradition* (2015)
14. Zerubavel, Yael, *Recovered Roots: Collective Memory and the Making of Israeli National Tradition* (1997)