

## Selected Readings on Arab Jews and Muslims

### Print Resources

**Ashtor, Eliahu (1992).** *The Jews of Moslem Spain: Vols. 1-3.* Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society.

This is a comprehensive and detailed treatment of Jewish life, culture, and history in Muslim Spain. Ashtor includes maps of Jewish communities in major cities and towns.

**Gerber, Jane S. (1992).** *The Jews of Spain: A History of the Sephardic Experience.* New York: The Free Press.

Gerber follows Spanish Jewry through the earliest Roman settlements, life in the medieval period, and dispersal throughout the Muslim world in 1492 until the present day.

**Hourani, Albert (2003).** *A History of the Arab Peoples.* Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Hourani's comprehensive survey covers the socio-history of Arab peoples from pre-Islamic Arabia through modern Arab nation-states.

**Lewis, Bernard (1984).** *The Jews of Islam.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

This short, theoretical work examines the development of Judeo-Islamic culture and Jewish life in the Middle East and North Africa.

**Menocal, Maria Rosa (2002).** *The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain.* New York: Little, Brown and Co.

A master storyteller, Menocal captivately weaves together major themes and characters in medieval Spanish history that highlight the joys and challenges of Muslim/Jewish/Christian relations. An excellent choice for high school students.

**Nasr, Vali (2006). *The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam will Shape the Future*.  
New York: W.W. Norton & Co.**

Nasr's work illuminates the historical, cultural, and political development of Shia Islam, easily explicating early Islamic history, ongoing themes and conflicts, and policy prescriptions for the future.

**Stillman, Norman A. (1979). *The Jews of Arab Lands: A History and Source Book*.  
(2003). *The Jews of Arab Lands in Modern Times*.  
Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society.**

Stillman's two historical surveys of Jewish life in Arab lands are coupled with chronological tables, illustrations, and English translations of hundreds of medieval, early modern, and modern historical documents. This is an excellent source of primary documents for teachers.

## **Web Resources**

**History in the News: The Middle East. SUNY Albany History Dept.**  
[www.albany.edu/history/middle-east/index.html](http://www.albany.edu/history/middle-east/index.html)

This website provides links to resources for the study of the Middle East, including sections on history, culture, society, religion, economics, politics, maps, news & media, and regional resources.

**MyJewishLearning**  
[www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com)

This website provides a wealth of information about Jewish life, culture, and history, including articles about Jews from Muslim lands. MyJewishLearning also offers guided learning and quizzes on a range of topics.