The Practical Talmud Dictionary

Introduction to the Grammar of Jewish Babylonian Aramaic

The perfect aid for everyone engaged in Gemara study: the beginner, the student, and the experienced scholar wishing to upgrade his skills. Guides the reader through the study of Tosafos, providing definitions, clarifications, a dictionary of common words, and a glossary and cross-reference for key concepts.

Readings in Biblical Hebrew

After hours of careful thought, the Yeshiva administration posted a hand-lettered sign outside the cafeteria door. THE YESHIVA PROVIDES FOOD FOR ONE PORTION ONLY! NO STUDENT IS PERMITTED TO STAND IN LINE FOR SECOND PORTION. By the time I finished lunch, I noticed that some student had altered the sign in a subtle, Talmudic manner: THE YESHIVA PROVIDES FOOD FOR ONE PORTION ONLY? NO! STUDENT IS PERMITTED TO STAND IN LINE FOR SECOND PORTION. The Sea of Talmud is a brief introduction to the Talmud, viewed from the perspective of a newcomer to the world of the Yeshiva. Intended for readers with little background to the historical development of the Talmud and its relevance for Jewish observance, The Sea of Talmud hopes to inspire readers with the beauty and glory of traditional Yeshiva study.

Jewish Fairy Tales and Legends

Zohar, the Book of Enlightenment

Aramaic-Hebrew-English Dictionary of the Babylonian Talmud

All previous Biblical Hebrew lexicons have provided a modern western definition and perspective to Hebrew roots and words. This prevents the reader of the Bible from seeing the ancient authors’ original intent of the passages. This is the first Biblical Hebrew lexicon that defines each Hebrew word within its original Ancient Hebrew cultural meaning. One of the major differences between the Modern Western mind and the Ancient Hebrew’s is that their mind related all words and their meanings to a concrete concept. For instance, the Hebrew word "chai" is normally translated as "life", a western abstract meaning, but the original Hebrew concrete meaning of this word is the "stomach". In the Ancient Hebrew mind, a full stomach is a sign of a full "life". The Hebrew language is a root system oriented language and the lexicon is divided into sections reflecting this root system. Each word of the Hebrew Bible is grouped within its roots and is defined according to its original ancient cultural meaning. Also included in each word entry are its...
alternative spellings, King James translations of the word and Strong's number. Indexes are included to assist with finding a word within the lexicon according to its spelling, definition, King James translation or Strong's number.

Questions and answers on the weekly Torah reading designed for the entire family to enjoy. Includes the important lesson to be learned from each section of the Torah, a parsha puzzler, and Haftorah highlights.

Dictionary of the North-west Semitic Inscriptions: M-T Provides the advanced student of Yiddish with a reference to modern cultivated usage

The Ancient Hebrew Lexicon of the Bible A spiritual guide for expectant mothers celebrates the experiences of pregnancy

Grammar for Gemara and Targum Onkelos

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Etymological Dictionary of Biblical Hebrew Entries are fully vocalized and translated

Jewish Action The first new dictionary of Jewish Babylonian Aramaic in a century, this towering scholarly achievement provides a complete lexicon of the entire vocabulary used in both literary and epigraphic sources from the Jewish community in Babylon from the third century C.E. to the twelfth century. Author Michael Sokoloff's primary source is, of course, the Babylonian Talmud, one of the most important and influential works in Jewish literature. Unlike the authors of previous dictionaries of this dialect, however, he also uses a variety of other sources, from inscriptions and legal documents to other rabbinical literature. A Dictionary of Jewish Babylonian Aramaic also differs from earlier lexographic efforts in its focus on a single dialect. Previous dictionaries have been composite works containing various Aramaic dialects from different periods, blurring distinctions in meaning and nuance. Sokoloff has been able to draw on the most current linguistic and textual scholarship to ensure the complete accuracy of his lexical entries, each of which is divided into six parts: lemma or root, part of speech, English gloss, etymology, semantic features, and bibliographic references. Another important feature in this invaluable reference work is its index of all cited passages, which allows the reader of a given text to easily find the semantics of a particular word. In addition to linguists and specialists in Jewish Aramaic literature, lay readers and students will also find this comprehensive, up-to-date dictionary useful for understanding the Babylonian Talmud.

Tools for Tosafos Eclipses have long been seen as important celestial phenomena, whether as omens affecting the future of kingdoms, or as useful astronomical events to help in deriving essential parameters for theories of the motion of the moon and sun. This is the first book to collect together all presently known records of timed eclipse observations and predictions from antiquity to the time of the invention of the telescope. In addition to cataloguing and assessing the accuracy of the various records, which come from regions as diverse as Ancient Mesopotamia, China, and Europe, the sources in which they are found are described in detail. Related questions such as what type of clocks were used to time the observations, how the eclipse predictions were made, and how these prediction schemes were derived from the available observations are also considered. The results of this investigation have important consequences for how we understand the relationship between observation and theory in early science and the role of astronomy in early cultures, and will be of interest to historians of science, astronomers, and ancient and medieval historians.

The Family Parsha Book Key Aramaic words, phrases, Talmudic Aramaic grammar, and abbreviations with English translation. With Rav Shmuel ha-Naggid's Introduction to the Talmud in English, tables of Talmudic weights and measures, and five fold-out charts.
An Introductory Grammar of Rabbinic Hebrew How do we find the right word for the job? Where does that word come from? Why do we spell it like that? And how do we know what it means? Words are all around us - we use them every day to communicate our joys, fears, hopes, opinions, wishes and demands - but we don't often think about them too deeply. In this highly accessible introduction to English words, the reader will discover what the study of words can tell them about the extraordinary richness and complexity of our daily vocabulary and about the nature of language in general. Assuming no prior knowledge of linguistics, the book covers a wide range of topics, including the structure of words, the meaning of words, how their spelling relates to pronunciation, how new words are manufactured or imported from other languages, and how the meaning of words changes with the passage of time. It also investigates how the mind deals with words by highlighting the amazing intellectual feat performed routinely when the right word is retrieved from the mental dictionary. This revised and expanded second edition brings the study of words right up to date with coverage of text messaging and email and includes new material on psycholinguistics and word meaning. With lively examples from a range of sources - encompassing poetry, jokes, journalism, advertising and clichés - and including practical exercises and a fully comprehensive glossary, English Words is an entertaining introduction to the study of words and will be of interest to anyone who uses them.

Readings in Biblical Hebrew

A Dictionary of the Targumim, the Talmud Babli and Yerushalmi, and the Midrashic Literature

Easy-Shmeezy Guide to Hebrew This is the first translation with commentary of selections from The Zohar, the major text of the Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition. This work was written in 13th-century Spain by Moses de Leon, a Spanish scholar.

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The Talmud The dialect spoken and written by the Jews of Babylonia from the third century CE onwards is known as “Jewish Babylonian Aramaic". This is the first comprehensive description of this dialect since Levias' “Grammar of Babylonian Aramaic" of 1930. The current book offers a thorough reexamination of the grammar on the basis of a large corpus in its manuscript witnesses. It not only synthesizes the results of recent scholarship but introduces original insights on many important questions. The book is designed to appeal to readers of all backgrounds, including those with no prior background in Babylonian Aramaic or the Babylonian Talmud. The discussion frequently makes reference to parallels in other Semitic languages and in other Aramaic dialects, as well as to a variety of topics in linguistics. The book is structured as a textbook: it introduces topics in an order determined by pedagogical considerations, and offers vocabulary notes and translation exercises at the end. At the same time, the book can be used as a reference grammar.
A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament

The Gemara Card This exceptional work, with entries from Rav Abba to Rav Zutra, is an unprecedented study of every rabbi in the Talmud. The reader will find concise entries on every rabbinic personality mentioned in the Talmud, major and minor alike, and will discover such facts as their dates of birth, education, and occupation. Most entries are accompanied by a brief story about the rabbinic personality, with sources cited for easy reference.

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A Dictionary of Jewish Babylonian Aramaic of the Talmudic and Geonic Periods As the main spoken language of the Jews for more than a thousand years, Yiddish has had plenty to lament, plenty to conceal. Its phrases, idioms, and expressions paint a comprehensive picture of the mind-set that enabled the Jews of Europe to survive a millennium of unrelenting persecution: they never stopped kvetching---about God, gentiles, children, food, and everything (and anything) else. They even learned how to smile through their kvetching and express satisfaction in the form of complaint. In Born to Kvetch, Michael Wex looks at the ingredients that went into this buffet of disenchantment and examines how they were mixed together to produce an almost limitless supply of striking idioms and withering curses (which get a chapter all to themselves). Born to Kvetch includes a wealth of material that's never appeared in English before. You'll find information on the Yiddish relationship to food, nature, divinity, and humanity. There's even a chapter about sex. This is no bobo mayse (cock-and-bull story) from a khokhem be-layle (idiot, literally a "sage at night" when no one's looking), but a serious yet fun and funny look at a language that both shaped and was shaped by those who spoke it. From tukhes to goy, meshugener to kvetch, Yiddish words have permeated and transformed English as well. Through the idioms, phrases, metaphors, and fascinating history of this kvetch-full tongue, Michael Wex gives us a moving and inspiring portrait of a people, and a language, in exile.

Grammar for Gemara

Born To Kvetch The North-West Semitic epigraphic contributes considerably to our understanding of the Old Testament and of the Ugaritic texts and to our knowledge of the North-West Semitic languages as such. This dictionary is concerned with the North-West Semitic material found in inscriptions, papyri and ostraca in Phoenician, Punic, Hebrew, various forms of Aramaic, Ammonite, Edomite, the language of Deir Alla et cetera. The material covers the period from ca. 1000 B.C. to ca. 300 A.D. Besides translations the entries include discussions and full references to scholarly literature. The book is a translated, updated and considerably augmented edition of Jean Hoftijzer, "Dictionnaire des inscriptions semitiques de l'ouest," The additions concern newly found texts as well as references to new scholarly literature. The book is an indispensable tool for research in North-West Semitic epigraphy, on the Old Testament and on Ugaritic texts, and for Semitic linguistics.

Observations and Predictions of Eclipse Times by Early Astronomers This textbook will teach students who have completed an introductory course in Hebrew how to read and interpret biblical texts from the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. It can be used in intermediate-level university or seminary classes or by students working alone. The book presents texts drawn from the complete range of biblical literature, exposing the student to all the major styles of Hebrew found in the Bible. It also provides extensive explanations of the chosen texts, focusing on structure, genre, literary devices, and accents. There are assignments for classroom use, and space is available for student responses. The book includes topics for further thought and suggestions for further reading on specific issues.

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Judaica Librarianship Whether you know Hebrew or not, this book will provide you with a quick reference resource for learning the meaning of many Hebrew words that lie beneath the English translations, which will open new doors for you into Biblical interpretation. The Hebrew language of the Bible must be understood from its original and Ancient Hebrew perspective. Our interpretation of a word like "holy" is an abstract idea, derived out of a Greco-Roman culture and mindset, which is usually understood as someone or something that is especially godly, pious or spiritual. However, the Hebrew word קדוש (qadosh) means, from an Ancient Hebrew perspective, unique and is defined in this dictionary as: "Someone or something that has, or has been given the quality of specialness, and has been separated from the rest for a special purpose." With this interpretation, we discover that the nation of Israel is not "holy," in the sense of godliness or piety, but is a unique and special people, separated from all others to serve God. This Biblical Hebrew dictionary contains the one thousand most frequent verbs and nouns found within the Hebrew Bible. Each word is translated and defined from its original concrete Ancient Hebrew perspective, allowing for a more accurate interpretation of the text. In addition to the one thousand verbs and nouns, the appendices in the book include a complete list of Hebrew pronouns, prepositions, adverbs, conjunctions and numbers.

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The Encyclopaedia Britannica The most useful work available in English on the grammar of the Babylonian Talmud. This revised and expanded edition includes paradigms of the verb, the noun, the pronoun, and the adjective, plus the full conjugations of 30 crucial Aramaic verbs. An indispensable tool for all students of Gemara on every level.

Ancient Aramaic and Hebrew Letters This dictionary of the Babylonian Talmud is an important tool for the beginner, as well as the scholar. This complete Talmudic dictionary presents the words as they appear in the text, without the need to know the word root.

Ancient Hebrew Dictionary The student is introduced to the grammar, forms of expression, and idiosyncrasies of Rabbinic Hebrew. The book comprises 32 teaching units, each with a phraseology section, vocabulary, and exercise texts. Historical and morphological aspects are discussed as well as syntax and usage. There is an introductory survey of research into Rabbinic Hebrew and a detailed bibliography.

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Who’s Who in the Talmud "Grammar for Gemara and Targum Onkelos: an Introduction to Aramaic, by Yitzhak Frank, is an exceptional resource for those wishing to read, learn, and
translate the Talmud Bavli or Targum Onkelos. It is the standard for Jewish Babylonian Aramaic grammars, comparable in calibre to the leading Latin and Greek ones. This reference work addresses the common grammatical pitfalls of the classical Hebraist attempting to translate Aramaic. Serious attention to detail found in the typesetting and formatting makes it easy to understand. The binding and high-quality paper makes this book very durable. Although it does deal with syntax and important points of grammar, the main thrust of this publication is about detailing important Aramaic-verb paradigms along with their pertinent background information. The verb tables are what sets this book apart. This is a must-have publication for anyone wanting to study the Talmud or Gemara in Aramaic.”

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Reading the Talmud

Aiding Talmud Study The Talmud is one of the most significant religious texts in the world, second only to the Bible in its importance to Judaism. As the Bible is the word of God, The Talmud applies that word to the lives of its followers. In a range of styles including commentary, parables, proverbs and anecdotes, it provides guidance on all aspects of everyday life from ownership to commerce to relationships. This selection of its most illuminating passages makes accessible the centuries of Jewish thought within The Talmud. Norman Solomon’s clear translation from the Bavli (Babylonian) Talmud is accompanied by an introduction on its arrangement, social and historical background, reception and authors. This edition also includes appendixes of background information, a glossary, time line, maps and indexes.