INTERRELIGIOUS STUDY AND PROGRAMMING RESOURCES:

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PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS

Won’t You Be My Neighbor: A Look at the Importance of Interreligious Understanding, by David Silverstein (NFTY-PVP 2004-2005) and Allison Tatarsky (NFTY President 2003-2004), North American Federation of Temple Youth. Created for NFTY’s Mechina Leadership Event, revised for the URJ Kutz Camp Second Session, Summer 2004. (contact nftypvp@urj.org for a copy of this program, which will be available at www.nfty.org after November 1, 2004).


National Council of Churches, “Interfaith Relations and the Churches: The Interfaith Policy Statement of the National Council of Churches USA and Resources to Help You Use It.”


**RECOMMENDED READING**


*Nostra Aetate: “Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions”*, October 28, 1965, proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.


* indicates a strong recommendation.
TEXTUAL SOURCES

The following websites offer links to the complete text of the scriptures of Judaism, Christianity and Islam as well as to other sources for further study:

Judaism

Read a complete on-line version of the Hebrew Bible at: http://bible.ort.org/intro1.asp?lang=1

For the Hebrew Unicode version including vowels (Unicode font is required and downloadable), visit: http://www.sacred-texts.com/bib/tan/index.htm


See the 1917 JPS translation with parallel Hebrew at http://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0.htm

To see the Babylonian Talmud in a translation by Michael L. Rodkinson, visit: http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/talmud.htm

To find out more about international Talmudic research, visit: http://globalyeshiva.com/

To Link to the Jewish Bible Association, click on: http://www.jewishbible.org/

To visit the Jewish History Resource Center at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, visit: http://www.hum.huji.ac.il/Dinur/Internetresources/historyresources/biblical_studies.htm

Christianity

To see the complete text of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, prepared under the auspices of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit: http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/

For other versions, including the King James version, the English Standard Version and other translations, visit: http://www.biblegateway.com/cgi-bin/bible

To see the New Testament in the original koinè or ancient Greek, visit: http://website.lineone.net/~nt.in.greek/f00-index.html
For noncanonical literature (Apocrypha), visit the Gnostic Society Library at:
http://www.gnosis.org/~gnosis/library.html

For other online versions not covered in the above, visit:
http://www.bible-researcher.com/links02.html

Helpful websites on biblical scholarship and study include:
• The Biblical Archeological Society at
  http://www.bib-arch.org/
• The Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars:
  http://www.aabs.org/
• The Catholic Biblical Association:
  http://cba.cua.edu/
• The Society of Biblical Literature:
  http://www.sbl-site.org/

Islam

For the complete text of the Qur'an in English, select any of the following:
• Translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali: http://web.umr.edu/~msaumr/Quran/
• Translation by E. H. Palmer: http://www.sacred-texts.com/isl/palm/index.htm
• Translation by M. H. Shakir: http://www.hti.umich.edu/k/koran/browse.html

To see original Qur'an manuscripts, visit the University of Washington at:
http://faculty.washington.edu/wheelerb/quran/quran_index.html

The bi-monthly magazine Saudi Aramco World, published in the US, covers a broad range of topics dealing with Muslim life throughout the world. To read any of the issues from the 1960's till today, visit:

To find out more about Muslims in America, visit the U.S. State Department website:
http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/muslimlife/

AWAIR Online is a resource for students and teachers about the Arab World and Islam
http://www.awaironline.org/

MESA, the Middle East Studies Association of North America, is a private nonprofit, non-political organization of scholars and other persons interested in the study of the Middle East and the Islamic world.
http://fp.arizona.edu/mesassoc/
LINKS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Commission on Interreligious Affairs of Reform Judaism
- National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ)
- Interfaith Youth Core
- Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI)
  The ICCI is an umbrella organization for institutions and individuals in Israel promoting interreligious and intercultural understanding.
- Pluralism Project
  The Pluralism Project is an ongoing research project at Harvard University focusing on religious pluralism and diversity in the United States
- Religion News Service
  RNS has a network of correspondents around the world, providing news and information on all faiths and religious movements to the nation's leading newspapers, news magazines, broadcast organizations and religious publications.
- Interfaith Voices for Peace and Justice
  A directory of nearly 700 faith-based and interfaith groups and coalitions.
- The Interfaith Alliance
- International Council of Christians & Jews or http://www.iccj.org/
- Boston College’s Center for Christian-Jewish Learning
- The National Council of Churches Ecumenical Affairs
- Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life
- World Conference of Religions for Peace
- Faith & Values Media
- National Jewish Scholars Project