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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).

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* *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 Jewish Publication Society translation at

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/bib/jps/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.umd.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:

<http://www.saudiaramcoworld.com/index/BackIssues2000.aspx>

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](#)