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Selected General Sources Related to Jewish Law:

- **ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA** (2D ED. 2007): Provides an exhaustive and organized overview of Jewish life and knowledge (including all aspects of Jewish law) from ancient times until the contemporary period. Available electronically in the Gale Virtual Reference Library.
- **MENACHEM ELON, JEWISH LAW: HISTORY, SOURCES, PRINCIPLES** (1994).
- Sefaria (https://www.sefaria.org/): A free library of Jewish primary texts, in Hebrew and English, including many Jewish law texts. Sefaria also provides innovative visualization tools linking sources of Jewish law (see screen shots below).
- JLaw.com: Although not regularly updated, the case summary page (http://jlaw.com/Summary/) still provides subject-based listing of American case law that deals with Jewish legal topics

Selected Sources for Information on Jewish Law Courts (*Beit Din* (singular); *Beitei Din* (plural)) and Private Arbitration:

- Beth Din of America (https://bethdin.org/): One of the most prominent *betei din* in the United States which has engaged in several reforms (described in the Broyde articles listed below) to conform with the Federal Arbitration Act and expand its role in private arbitration. Selected decisions are available on its website (https://bethdin.org/decisions/), as are its rules and procedures (http://s589827416.onlinehome.us/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Rules.pdf)

Sefaria.org Visualization Screenshots

The first screen shot shows Sefaria’s visualization of citations to the Bible in the Talmud.

The second screen shot is a “zoom-in” of the first, visualizing citations of the Book of Isaiah in the Talmud Tractate Berakhot.