

The JPS Bible - Jewish Publication Society 2008.

This is the latest edition of the JPS Tanakh using its 1985 text. It is a pocket size bible in three covers - pink, moss green and denim. Each will appeal but the denim cover is undoubtedly the coolest of the three, and makes me think that this is precisely the sort of Bible that no Jewish student would feel embarrassed carrying around with them.

Reasonably priced, beautifully printed and perfectly sized, the JPS Bible would be a perfect Bar/Bat Mitzvah presentation, but an even better gift for all Jewish kids about to go to university from their congregation. Though the print is small few young people would have difficulty in reading it and the translation is, of course, superb.

JPS should be congratulated for an inspired piece of presentation and marketing which deserves to be enthusiastically embraced by the English-speaking Jewish world.

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