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Cortázar, Julio. 1969. *Cronopios and Famas*. Trans. Paul Blackburn. New York: Phaidon.

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Bernet, Moshe. 2009. *A Nation Like Any Nation: Toward the Establishment of an Israeli Republic*. [In Hebrew.] Jerusalem: Carmel.

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## Article in a newspaper or magazine

Barghouthi, Mustafa. 2012. "Peaceful Protest Can Free Palestine." *New York Times*, 21 February. <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/opinion/peaceful-protest-can-freepalestine.html>.

## Paper presented at a meeting or conference

Rachel Adelman. 2009. "'Such Stuff as Dreams Are Made On.'" Paper presented at the annual meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA, 21–24 November.

## Report

Christoplos, Ian, Simon Anderson, Margaret Arnold, Victor Galaz, Merylyn Hedger, Richard J. T. Klein, and Katell Le Goulven. 2009. *The Human Dimension of Climate Adaptation: The Importance of Local and Institutional Issues*. Report to the Commission on Climate Change and Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm

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Downer, John. 1975. "Necessity and Knowledge in the Later Philosophy of Wittgenstein." PhD diss., University College of North Wales.

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Dedyk, Claudia. 1933. Linguistics Memos, Rossiskii Gosudarsvenyi Isoricheskii Arkhiv [RGIA], fond 1129, opis 1, delo 491, 11 February, 74–83, 116–119. Russian State Historical Archives, St. Petersburg.

Egmont Manuscripts. n.d. Phillips Collection. University of Georgia Library, Athens.

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Marshall, Ruth. 2011. "Falling on the Sword of the Spirit." *Immanent Frame*, 28 February. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2011/02/28/falling-on-the-sword-of-the-spirit>.

WHO (World Health Organisation). 2000. "Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade—Notification—Mexico—Tequila." <http://docsonline.eto.org/TBT/Notif.00/168> (accessed 9 April 2000).

## Online video

Rubinstein, Arthur. 2011. "Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 18, I Moderato." Video, 10:16. Uploaded 8 November. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Vv0Sy9FJrc&list=PLDB11C4F39E09047F>.

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