

Hebrew/Judaica Software: Available at the Tartak Learning Center (Items shelved by topic)

Do you know students/adults at your pulpit/internship who:

- ✓ need extra Hebrew/Judaica practice? (especially when you aren't there)
- ✓ want to learn Hebrew on their own?
- ✓ love computer games?

Check-out & sample an item for one week. Bring it on a pulpit visit or to class. If you or your student likes it, please order a copy from its publisher (listed below).

HEBREW

Letter & Vowel Recognition and Basic Reading

Alef Bet Schoolhouse Collection (1998) from **DAVKA**. Contains four games reinforcing Hebrew basics: coloring pages, unscramble the letter, magical alef game, and name that letter. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate, Windows 95,98, 8 MB RAM, sound card.

Aleph Bet Schoolhouse II: Letters and Vowels (1997) from **DAVKA**. Contains four games focused on letters, vowels, and Bible (parshiot). System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95 or higher, sound card.

Aleph Bet Schoolhouse II: Grammar Basics (1997) from **DAVKA**. Provides four exercises designed to teach a basic understanding of Hebrew grammar. Exercises teach singular and plural nouns, Hebrew numbers, common prefixes, and male and female nouns. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95 or higher.

Learn Hebrew Today: Alef-Bet for Adults (2001) from **UAHC Press**. Designed to compliment textbook Learn Hebrew Today (UAHC Press) for adults. Using the basic bracha formula, this CD teaches letters, vowels, and basic brachot. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95/98ME/2000/NT/XP, Pentium II, 350Mhz or higher, 16-bit sound card, 50 mgs of free Hard Drive space.

Learning to Read Hebrew (1999) from **DAVKA**. Introduction to letters and vowels through reading and games (sephardic pronunciation). Must be able to read English sentences. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95, 98 or Mac System 7 or higher, 16 MB RAM, sound card.

Ready for Reading (1999) from **DAVKA**. This CD assumes prior exposure to letters/vowels. Exercises range from two-syllable words to complete paragraphs (ashkenazic pronunciation). CD contains fully printable screens and exercises, with on-line help. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Suitable for Windows or Mac Systems: Pentium, 133 MHz or higher with Windows 95/98 or higher, sound card.

Shalom Uvrachah Interactive (2003) from **Behrman House**. Designed to supplement Shalom Uvrachah textbook (written for grades 2-4), it can also be used for anyone looking for a basic Hebrew primer. This interactive program teaches letters and vowels using sound and visual cues, key words, reading exercises with adjustable speed, and interactive games. When connected to internet, you can follow a student's progress online. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Pentium III, 500 Mhz, CD-ROM drive, 16-bit soundcard. Requires no hard disk space.

Beginning Modern Hebrew

Kid Speak, from **Transparent Language, Inc.** Designed for students ages 6 and up, it combines animation, 40 interactive games, puzzles and songs to teach 700 basic Hebrew words and expressions. Includes 3 levels of difficulty with printable activities and exercises. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95 or higher, Macintosh System 7.1+

Ulpan Alef Interactive from **Behrman House**. Experience modern Hebrew as you hear and build Hebrew sentences, create Hebrew cartoons, and play more than a dozen interactive Hebrew video games. For grades 4-7. Accompanies Ulpan Alef Folders and Teacher's Guide. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 98 or higher, Pentium III 450 MHz, 64 MB Ram, 8 MB Video 16 bit color, 16 bit sound card.

Teacher Resources/Supplementary Materials:

Hebrew Game Time from **DAVKA**. Contains three games: Hebrew Hangman (easy or hard), Word Attack (9 levels), and Word Zapper. Can customize word lists. No printing capabilities. Do not need disk to play or create puzzles once loaded onto your hard drive. System requirement: Windows 3.1 or higher. 3.5" disk format.

Hebrew Word Hunt from **DAVKA**. Create your own word search puzzles, print puzzles, or do a Hebrew word search on the screen. Do not need disk to play or create puzzles once loaded onto your hard drive. System requirement: Windows 3.1 or higher. 3.5" disk format.

Tashbetz: Hebrew-English Crosswords from **DAVKA**. Create your own puzzles (to print) or play puzzle games focusing on words from *Tanakh*, holiday, or prayer vocabulary. Do not need disk to play or create puzzles once loaded onto your hard drive. System requirement: Windows 3.1 or higher (yes, works with Windows XP). 3.5" disk format.

Prayer Reading Practice

Hineni 1 Interactive (2004) from **Behrman House**. Read, hear, and sing Hebrew prayers. Contains interactive games focused on nine prayers CD corresponds to the textbook Hineni, *The New Hebrew Through Prayer v.1*, but can be used on its own. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Pentium III 750 Mhz, 128 MB Ram, 16-bit soundcard. Requires no hard disk space.

JUDAICA

Israel

My Israel Source (2003). Contains three major content areas: facts and primary sources regarding contemporary Israel; educational activities for youth (searchable by age-group, methodology, and theme); concept papers to raise the more broad and theoretical questions concerning Israel education and Jewish education within the educational setting. Updates information can be found at: www.myisraelsource.com. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate

Political Encyclopedia of the Middle East (2000) from **Davka**. User-friendly encyclopedia with printing capability. System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95+, 16 meg RAM, Internet Explorer.

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Search for Your Israeli Cousin (1995) from **Davka**. A game of travel through the towns of Israel. Learn about the geography, history, and culture of different sites. Must be able to read. Familiarity with Israel is a plus.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 3.1+, 4 meg RAM, sound card.

Search for Your Israeli Cousin II (1996) from **Davka**. Another game of travel, this time around the world. Learn about world Jewry.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 3.1+, 8 meg RAM, sound card.

Bible

Bible Quiz (1998) from **Computronic Co**. Quiz game testing your knowledge of the Bible. After answering, the game quotes the appropriate biblical verse. Contains three levels of difficulty.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95+, 16 meg RAM, sound card.

Gates of Torah V.1: The Torah Scroll (1998) from **CDROM-MU**. Interactive introduction to a Torah Scroll. Learn how a Torah is written and about its dressings.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95+, 16 meg RAM, sound card.

Noah and the Rainbow (1995) from **Davka**. Interactive story and games retelling the biblical account of Noah and the flood. Available in English/or Hebrew.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 3.1+, 4 meg RAM, sound card. Display must be 640*480 256 color.

Holidays

Hanukkah Activity Center (1996) from **Davka**. Contains eight educational games/activities based on the blessings, customs, and history of Hanukkah.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 3.1+, 4 meg RAM, sound card.

Jewish Holiday Fun House (1996) from **Davka**. Contains four activities based on the Jewish holidays. Ages 3+.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate. Windows 95+, 8 meg RAM, sound card.

Who Stole Hanukkah?! (1997) from **JEMM**. Interactive mystery game testing knowledge of Hanukkah.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate & Quicktime (included on CD).

Identity

The Jewish Genealogy Software (2000) from **Dorotree**. Contains template for building your family tree in English and/or Hebrew.
System requirement: Requires CD in drive to operate, 20 MB disk space, 16 MB RAM.