



The Tartak Learning Center

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Selected Resources on Using Art, Drama, Dance & Music in Jewish Education

Arts & Crafts

We have many arts/crafts books (30 day check-out) & a section of art supplies you may use while in the Tartak Learning Center. Here's a sampling...

Brinn, Ruth Esrig. Bible Story Crafts for Little Hands. Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben Copies, Inc., 2000. Following the stories of the Bible in order, each chapter opens with a relevant paraphrase of Biblical text and a list of supplies/instructions for a related craft project. The book also includes instructions on how to make Biblical costumes and musical instruments.

Brinn, Ruth Esrig. Jewish Holiday Crafts for Little Hands. Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben Copies, Inc., 1993. Organized around the holiday calendar, it opens with a short paragraph outlining important content for early childhood learners on each holiday, as well as a short vocabulary list. Each chapter offers several craft projects and includes a list of materials needed, instructions, and pictures—all of which can be accessed by children (with help reading). Some chapters include games and/or cooking/food preparation activities.

Burstein, Chaya M. The Jewish Kids Catalog. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1983. A recipient of the National Jewish Book Award, it includes a wide variety of fun, educational activities for Jewish kids. This resource offers art activities in the form of holiday crafts, cooking projects, stories, songs, and dances. This book can be used to augment a curriculum or for informal educational activities.

Feldman, Margaret A. and Nina Steisand Sher. 100+ Jewish Art Projects for Children. Denver, CO: A.R.E. Publishing, 1996. This art book is filled with projects for children in grades K-6 and their families. While mainly focused on holidays, it also contains chapters on Jewish symbols, Bible, and Israel.

www.meltonarts.org

Website contains lesson plans on a variety of topics utilizing the arts and much more.

Drama

We house a shelf of drama resources. The following are a selected few.

Gabriel, Michelle. Jewish Plays for Jewish Days. Denver, CO: A.R.E. Publishing, 1978. This book contains plays appropriate for grades 3-6. Topics revolve around the Jewish holidays. Bibliography of drama resources included.

Kaplan, Gabrielle Suzanne. Extraordinary Jews Staging Their Lives: One Act Plays for Teens. Denver, CO: A.R.E. Publishing, 2001. This collection of plays written for teens depicts the lives of 8 Jewish historical figures, Bella Abzug, Leonard Bernstein, Emma Goldman, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Ida Kaminska, Aaron Lansky, Yitzhak Rabin, and Hannah Senesh. Each play contains multiple parts, so many students can participate.

Patera, Meredith Shaw. Kings and Things: 20 Jewish Plays for Kids 8 to 18. Denver, CO: A.R.E. Publishing, 1996. This resource contains 20 Jewish plays to be acted out by students ages 8 to 18. Topics range from holiday concepts to Jewish values.

Pitzle, Peter A. Scripture Windows: Toward a Practice of Bibliodrama. Los Angeles: Torah Aura, 1998. Bibliodrama is the art of role-playing characters and stories from the Biblical text. The Bible often does not provide emotional descriptions, therefore through bibliodrama, students have the opportunity to depict how they think the characters felt. This modern form of creating midrash enables students to engage with the Bible, thereby making it come alive for them. This book is a preparatory guide for teachers interested in engaging in Bibliodrama with a group.

Dance

Tucker, Joanne and Susan Freeman. Torah in Motion: Creating Dance Midrash. Denver: A.R.E Publishing, 1990. Experience prayer and Torah through dance. Available in the Frances-Henry Library, call # GV 1783.5 T8.3 1990.

Tucker, Joanne. Creative Movement for a Song: Activities for Young Children. Denver: A.R.E Publishing, 1993. Move and dance to Jewish music. Great resource for Pre-K through Grade 3.

Music

We have over 100 cassettes and CDs. Each may be checked-out for 7 days.

Transcontinental Music. Shiron L’Gan: Jewish Songs for Children Ages 2-5.

Brand new CD that accompanies Manginot: The Complete Jewish Songbook for Children (also available in Tartak). **Shiron L’Yeladim for Ages 6-9** and **Shiron L’Noar for Youth Ages 10-13.** Each CD contains 40 songs.

Craig N Co. Celebrate Series: 4 CDs: Shabbat, Passover, Chanukah, and Kids.

Each CD contains a collection of 14 songs to enhance holiday celebrations.

Music Books

We have an entire shelf of music books. These are the most popular.

Eglash, Joel N (editor). The Complete Shirenu. New York: Transcontinental

(UAHC), 2001. Large collection of 350 songs, including lyrics and music notes.

New Jewish Tunes. Ruach 5761 & 5763 Songbook & CDs. New York:

Transcontinental (UAHC), 2003. Songbook containing eclectic collection of lyrics, music notes, and explanations about NFTY & UAHC camp hits.

Ginsburgh, Judy Caplan. My Jewish World, An Early Childhood Music

Curriculum. Songbook and CD of 25 songs. New York: Transcontinental (UAHC),

2002. Designed for use in a Jewish preschool, this music curriculum with CD contains songs for daily Jewish living.

Klepper, Cantor Jeff and Rabbi Dan Frelander. Kol B’Seder, Songs for Growin’.

Songbook and CD. New York: Transcontinental (UAHC), 2002. A collection of original songs from 1974-present, including classic religious school hits.

Portnoy, Joseph L. Music Curriculum for Jewish Religious Schools. New York:

UAHC Press, 1972. Resource details age appropriate music goals & suggested songs for many areas of Jewish life.

Portnoy, Cantor Marshall and Cantor Josee Wolff. The Art of Torah Cantillation.

New York: Transcontinental (UAHC), 2000. A step-by-step guide to chanting Torah along with CD. Also available: **Portnoy, Cantor Marshall and Cantor Josee Wolff.**

Art of Cantillation Vol. 2 Haftarah and M’gilot.

Richards, Stephen (editor). Manginot: The Complete Jewish Songbook. New York:

UAHC Press, 1992. Organized by subject, this collection contains 201 songs designed for Jewish schools. Each song has sheet music followed by the words. CD companions available.