

# TARTAK LEARNING CENTER

## RESOURCES RENEWED

## מקרות מתחדשים

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### QUICK TIPS!

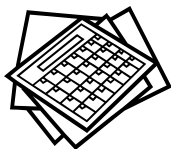
#### Jewish Activities for You and Your Students/ Congregants over Chanukah and Winter Break

- If you go on vacation, visit a synagogue in that town. Compare to your own. How it is similar? How is it different?
- Visit a Jewish museum or historical site.
- Watch a Jewish film (check one out from the Tartak Learning Center).
- Read a Jewish novel.
- Help serve Christmas dinner at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen.
- Invite a friend to experience Chanukah with you.
- When visiting family, talk about their memories of Chanukah.
- Fry a new type of latke (try sweet potato).

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### Tartak Hours!



Monday 9:00-4:45  
Tuesday 9:00-3:00  
Wednesday 9:00-4:45  
Thursday 9:00-5:00



You are always welcome to come browse the Tartak in person or online at  
[www.huc.edu/tartak](http://www.huc.edu/tartak).

# New Nu?



## ***New Chanukah Resources***

***Teaching Jewish Holidays: History, Values, and Activities*** by Robert Goodman

A teacher resource book for Jewish holidays providing holiday background, scope and sequence for pre-school through high school, activities for classes, families, and more. New internet companion book *Wired into Teaching Jewish Holidays* by Scott Mandel also available in Reference Section.

***A Blue's Clues Chanukah*** by Jessica Lissy (Available for Check-out)

A Chanukah storybook for young children based on the television character. This colorful book teaches traditions, rituals, and songs.

## ***Chanukah Videos*** (Available for Check-out)

***Matityahu the Maccabee*** (VHS) Produced by Gesher/Sisu Home Entertainment

A 25 minute video on the influence of Hellenism & the story of the Maccabees. Appropriate for middle school and above.

***Lights*** (VHS) Produced by Gesher/Jerusalem Productions

A 25 minute cartoon video on the history of Chanukah. Appropriate for primary grades.

## ***Chanukah Websites***



**<http://www.maven.co.il>**

Under "Judaism" click on "Chanukah" and you will see 85 links to websites related to Chanukah. Mavensearch is a privately owned website founded in 1994.

**<http://uahc.org/educate/parent/index.shtml>**

Click on "Chanukah" and you will see the Jewish Parent Page for Chanukah in adobe acrobat. This URJ (formerly UAHC) newsletter is designed to be distributed to parents. It includes the holiday's history & meaning as well as family activities, recipes, and the candle blessings.

# Resources For Teaching Hebrew

## ***Selected Prayer Hebrew Textbooks (Available for check-out)***

### **Alef Isn't Tough: Introduction to Hebrew for Adults (Book One of Two from URJ Press)**

Two volume introduction to Hebrew letters, vowels, and basic Jewish vocabulary. Students learn Hebrew decoding, writing, and basic Judaica concepts. Teacher's Guide and flashcards available.

**Hineyni: The New Hebrew Through Prayer (New from Behrman House):** Newest prayer Hebrew series. It is a colorful three volume series full of activities. Teacher's Guide available.

**Mitkadem (New from URJ Press):** Series contains primers and four levels of prayer Hebrew. It is designed for students to work at individual pace. Teacher's guide and more materials available.

**S'fatai Tiftah (New from Torah Aura Productions):** Newest of three Torah Aura textbook series, focused on siddur mastery. Teacher guides have excellent enrichment activities.

**Z'man L'tfillah (From A.R.E.):** Series begins with *Kadima!* (decoding skills), progresses to *Z'man Likro* (two volume series on decoding and writing skills), and *Z'man L'shir* (songbook), concludes with *Z'man L'tfillah* (four volume textbook series on prayers). Teacher guides include copy-ready flashcards, games, and background information on the structure of the worship service and the *siddur*.

## ***Selected CD Rom Software (NOW available for weekly check-out)***

*Perhaps this is the special tool for you or your student to purchase for a home computer. Try it out!*

### **Learn Hebrew Today: Alef Bet for Adults** by Jeremy Poisson; narrated by Gregory Marx

*Andrea's Review: Good reinforcement between adult beginning Hebrew class sessions*

Beginning Hebrew for adults. See and hear the *alef-bet* and learn *brachot*. Compliments the URJ Press textbook Learn Hebrew Today by Paul Michael Yedwab with Howard I. Bogot.

### **Ready for Reading by DAVKA**

*Teresa's Review: Great for students that need extra practice*

Basic reading designed for students age 6 and up. Program begins with two-syllable words and progresses to reading paragraphs. Printable exercises.

### **Tashbetz: Hebrew-English Crosswords**

*Teacher Resource for students of all ages*

Program designed to help teachers create custom puzzles based on Hebrew vocabulary words.

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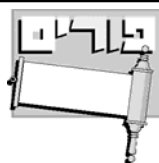


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Future Fun



Feb. 24th-25th: Purim Holiday Drive

**Donate/Collect Purim lesson plans,  
programs, text studies, & services**

Feb. 3rd: "Arts" Interactive

**Lunch & Learn exploring ways to better  
utilize the "Arts" in Jewish learning**

***Both programs 11:30am-1:00pm***

## Director's Extras

Shalom! The Tartak Learning Center is pleased to share the following:

- \*We welcome Shoshie Tornberg, a rabbinic education student, to our staff.
- \*We are excited to announce the completion of a detailed list of all of our music and video resources. Come browse the list of 125 items!
- \*We recently acquired the new URJ Press Hebrew Curriculum: Mitkadem.
- \*\*Quad 2 Report: Thank-you for making our Chanukah Holiday Drive and our 2nd Interactive Lunch & Learn on Hebrew successful. For more information about these and past programs, please check our website at [www.huc.edu/tartak](http://www.huc.edu/tartak).
- \*\*\*Do you want advice on keeping students stimulated through the winter months? Are you interested in trying some new teaching techniques? Come visit the Tartak Learning Center, and we will be glad to help!