



TARTAK LEARNING CENTER

RESOURCES RENEWED

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QUICK TIPS!

Ants On A Log!

A fun snack to enhance your
Tu B'shvat Celebration!

Take a small piece of celery and spread
peanut butter inside it (for the bark) and
raisins on top (the ants) and enjoy!



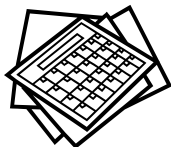
Plant Parsley!

Plant parsley with your students and it
will grow in time for Passover Seders

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Spring Hours! Spring Hours!



Monday 10:00-3:00
Tuesday 10:00-3:00
Wednesday 11:30-2:00
Thursday 10:00-3:00



And you are always welcome to come browse the Tartak

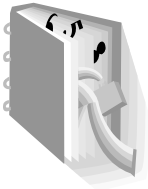
NEW NU?

This month's new acquisitions come highly recommended from Bob Tornberg,
Rhea Hirsch School of Education Scholar in Residence.

The Morning Meeting Book

By Roxann Kriete and Published by the Northeast Foundation for Children

The Morning Meeting Book, a comprehensive and user friendly guidebook, shows K -8 educators how they can implement Morning Meetings in their own classrooms.



Classroom Spaces That Work

By Marlynn K. Clayton and Mary Beth Forton and Published by the Northeast Foundation for Children

Classroom Spaces That Work helps K-8 educators set up physical spaces that are conducive to learning and make ones best teaching possible

The First Six Weeks

By Paula Denton and Roxann Kriete and Published by Northeast Foundation for Children

The First Six Weeks of School is a comprehensive guidebook showing K-6 teachers how to structure the first six weeks of school in order to lay the groundwork for a productive year of learning.



Visit the following internet sites for helpful lesson planning ideas!

<http://www.jajz-ed.org.il/datajem/index.html>

Database of Jewish Educational Materials, is a project of The Pedagogic Center of the Education Department of the Jewish Agency for Israel. It is a collection, organization and evaluation of the numerous resources available in the field of Jewish Education

<http://uahc.org/educate/cb.shtml>

UAHC Curricula bank offers a means to share curricula, lesson plans, and resources. Available categories include lesson plans, curricula, curriculum outlines, family education, and miscellaneous resources. From the website one is able to view abstracts and then UAHC congregations or affiliates may order materials.

<http://www.jesna.org/cgi-bin/sosland.php3>

Sosland Online Resource Center is maintained by the Jewish Education Services of North America. This on-line center contains pertinent resources relating to Jewish Day Schools.

<http://www.jesna.org/cgi-bin/earlychild.php3>

The Jewish Early Childhood Educators' Electronic Toolkit is designed to bring together a broad range of Judaic and general education curricular materials, activities, and resources for the professional development of early childhood educators in Jewish settings.





TREEMENDOUS TU B'SHVAT!

Visit the Tartak Center to use any of these resources!



Elementary

Spirit in Nature: Teaching Judaism and Ecology on the Trail

Matt Briers-Ariel, Deborah Newburn, and Michal Fox Smart

Published by Berhman House

Spirit in Nature awakens one to the miracles of God's creations. Building on Jewish sources, this essential guide fosters respect for the living things that grow in and inhabit the woods and wilderness; its activities reveal the wisdom of Jewish tradition in safeguarding and preserving the environment.

Listen to the Trees

By Molly Cohen

Published by UAHC Press



This book looks to the Torah for its environmental wisdom. Through quotations, sayings, and stories, the author gives young readers an inspiring view of the Jewish connection to the natural world.

Young Adults and Adults

Let The Earth Teach You Torah

By Ellen Bernstein and Dan Fink

Published by Shomrei Adamah



Staff Selection

Karen Strok Recommends the Following Tu B'Shvat Book Available in the Tartak!

Let The Earth Teach You Torah (see above: Young adults and adults)

This guidebook for teaching Jewish perspectives on human relationships with nature is geared toward a broad adult and teen audience. What I love about this book is the text study sections found within the categories of blessings and praise, interconnections and interdependence, ecology and Tikkun Olam, Shabbat, and many more! The text studies are followed by leader and participant worksheets. Each section also includes a list of objectives, materials and preparations. This book was donated to the Tartak Learning Center by the second year education class in honor of the 2001 graduating class. Check it out!

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Future Fun

Our TuB'shvat Resource exchange day already took place! If you need resources for Tu B'shvat, please stop by the Tartak Learning Center.

Before Purim, we will have another resource exchange day. If you have any Purim materials to share, please drop them by and we will make copies!

Editor's **E**xtras

Spring semester is off to a great start at the Tartak Learning Center. We have a new TV/VCR set up where you can view videos in our collection. We are also continuing to organize our center to make it as user-friendly as possible.

We want to tell you about a valuable resource available to you as HUC-LA students and faculty. You are welcome to visit the USC library, which houses the Jewish Heritage Video Collection. This is a very unique collection of over 200 titles, including award-winning documentaries, television programs and feature films. The videos are divided into the following categories: Children's, Comedy, Holocaust, International Jewry, Israel, Jewish Experience in America, Religion and Identity. This video collection also includes curricula in various categories. At the Tartak Learning Center, you can browse through an annotated list of the collection and decide if you want to check out any videos.