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QUICK TIPS!

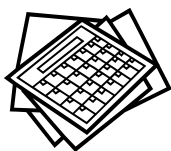
Tips for Beginning a New Year of Jewish Teaching

- Create a vision for the year and establish goals to achieve it.
- Be prepared, but be flexible. Kids ask great questions.
- Get to know your students. If you care about them, they will care about you.
- Engage families as partners. Remember most learning occurs at home.
- Learn or establish school policies. Be consistent and fair.
- Have a mentor. Education is lifelong for you, too.
- Be a mentor. Other teachers/teens respect your knowledge and experience.
- Be creative. Try new ideas with activities or setting.
- Be patient and aware. People learn at varying speeds and in different ways.
- Praise students when appropriate. Don't only call home with bad news.
- Be a role model. You represent Jewish adults.
- Enjoy what you do. It will show.

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Tartak Hours!



Monday 9:00-3:00
Tuesday 9:00-3:00
Wednesday 9:00-3:00
Thursday 9:00-3:00



You are always welcome to come browse the Tartak in person or online at www.huc.edu/tartak.



New Nu? High Holidays



(All items are available for check-out.)

New Storybooks *(Great for Children's Services)*

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by Cathy Goldberg Fishman

This storybook details several traditions and rituals for the high holidays.

Gershon's Monster retold by Eric A. Kimmel

Association of Jewish Libraries Sydney Taylor Winner; A chasidic story for children teaching the importance of *teshuvah*.

Sound the Shofar by Leslie Kimmelman

This storybook focuses on family traditions and rituals as well as on personal reflection.

New Family/Adult Education *(Get Adults Involved.)*

'Wake Up! A High Holy Days Family Education Program" in Chai Learning For Jewish Life: Jewish Family Education Shabbat and Holidays V.1

Focused on becoming a better person this year, this family education program is designed as a two-hour session for families with children in kindergarten through third grade.

Jewish Home Festivals that Create Jewish Time: An Adult and Family Curriculum Guide by Teresa Parker, MAJE/MAJCS '04

See section on Sukkot! Through the study of texts, adults and families develop meaningful ritual and holiday celebrations.

New Music on CD *(Enhance Your Service with Song.)*



Gems of the High Holy Days Featuring Cantor Lisa Levine

Shirei T'shuvah Songs of Repentance: Music for Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur

Yamim Noraim Days of Awe: Music for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Resources For Family Education

"Jewish family education is any program, class, or curricular component that involves parents and children in the learning process." Goals include "enabling parents to become their children's teachers, providing quality learning experiences for parents and children together, creating community in your congregation, enhancing the celebration of Jewish time and holidays in individual homes, enabling parents to support your religious school curriculum, exposing families to Jewish text, instilling in parents and students the idea that Jewish learning is a life-long process, and transforming Jewish lives." (Abraham, Michelle Shapiro. Chai Learning for Jewish Life: Jewish Family Education How-To Manual. New York: URJ PRESS, 2003.)



FOR EDUCATOR AND RABBI:

Chai Learning For Jewish Life Series of books by Michelle Shapiro Abraham (URJ PRESS).

- **Jewish Family Education How-To Manual**

This first volume in the series provides an introduction to the what, why, and how of Jewish family education.

- **Jewish Family Education Volumes 1-2 and Shabbat Family Workbook**

Volume 1 Shabbat and Holidays and Volume 2 Jewish Living contain full programs for family education. Shabbat Family Workbook (families keep) compliments a program in Volume 1.

FOR FAMILIES TO TAKE HOME:

Jewish Family Times Vols. 1-3 by Pitome Publishing



These bound packets each contain a year's worth of monthly family newsletters ready to be copied and distributed as well as tried and true family education programs. Newsletters contain resources for families with children from nursery school to seventh grade, such as home blessings and rituals, games, crafts, recipes, and more.

B'shivtekha B'veitekha When You Sit in Your House by Sharon Halper and/or
Four Questions on the Weekly Sidrah by Dov Peretz Elkins

Both series contain ready-made tools to study Torah for 30 minutes a week, using a multi-verse quote, commentaries, and questions for discussion. Both series are designed to be copied and distributed to families.

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Future Events



October 12: American Jewish History

Celebrate the 350th anniversary of American Judaism. Share ideas & resources for teaching American Jewish History. Lunch will be provided.

Nov. 16-17: Chanukah Holiday Drive

Donate/Collect Chanukah lesson plans, programs, text studies, & services.

Both programs 11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

Director's Extras

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

- *As of this fall a master list of all RHSOE student-written curricula (1982-1993) and curriculum guides (1994-2004) is now available.
- *A big thank-you to Professor Michael Zeldin who donated a new DVD player. Our current collection of videos consists mainly of VHS, so if any students or staff have any DVDs appropriate for Jewish learning, we would happily accept your donation.
- *This summer we acquired many new resources, including family education materials, Israel resources, music, videos, and more. Come check them out!
- *Know a great resource we don't have? Let us know, and we will try to get it.
- *If you create a new innovative lesson plan or program that you think would benefit others, please donate a copy to the Tartak Learning Center.