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QUICK TIPS!

Tips for Celebrating 350 Years of American Judaism

(Excerpted from brainstorming ideas at the NATE Kallah in March 2004.)

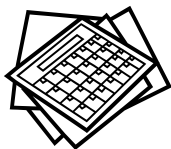
- Visit local Jewish museums, historical societies, and synagogue archives.
- "Become" a historical figure to teach about a particular person or event. Dress in costume.
- Create a museum display about a historical period or historical figures.
- Have your students design a "Time Magazine Person of the Year" cover page and article for important historical figures.
- Create a synagogue archive. Record interviews with long-time members.
- Study primary sources and bring them to life by reenacting the events.
- Have each class make a time capsule representing Judaism today.
- Deliver a sermon or lecture series tracing the history of American Jewish involvement in an issue such as social justice, politics, or entertainment.

For additional resources or assistance, please visit the Tartak Learning Center.

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Tartak Hours for Quad Two!



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



You are always welcome to come browse the Tartak in person or online at www.huc.edu/tartak. Note our extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday.



New Nu?



(All items are available for check-out.)

New Chanukah Resources

The Chanukah Activity Book by Judy Dick

Enrich Chanukah with this new URJ resource filled with games and activities to be used in class, at home, or during a family education program.

The Complete Chanukah Songbook by Trans. Music; Ed. by J. Mark Dunn & Joel N. Eglash

Enjoy this new collection of over 90 Chanukah pieces in Piano/Vocal/Guitar and words-only format. Songs range from traditional to modern, from kid friendly to adult audiences.

Haneirot Halalu: A Home Celebration of Chanukah by Transcontinental Music

New on CD, Haneirot Halalu contains folk and contemporary songs for Chanukah. Accompanying sheet music can be found in The Complete Chanukah Songbook.



It's Hanukkah Time! by Latifa Berry Kropf

Celebrate the holiday with young children in this storybook. Light the *Chanukiah*, play *dreidel*, make *sufganiyot*, and learn the story of the Maccabees.

An Oldie, but Goodie... Chanukah Board Game by Torah Aura

Review the story of Chanukah in a fun educational way!

New Adult Education (Get Adults Involved.)

Parent Education by Barbara Binder Kadden (part of the Chai Learning For Jewish Life series)

Discuss parenting from a Jewish perspective. This volume in the Chai curriculum series contains 18 lesson plans for parent education programs. Topics include talking to your children about God, prayer, acts of *tikkun olam*, as well as ways to make holidays meaningful.

L'Shon ha-Kodesh: A Beginning Hebrew Book for Adults by Debi M. Rowe

This first book in a new Hebrew series for adults introduces Hebrew consonants and vowels. Using this book students will learn to decode Hebrew and learn about Hebrew in Jewish life, ritual, study, and tradition.

Resource: Jewish Educational Games

"Games are an important teaching tool. When utilized properly, they become interactive, engaging, and successful learning activities."*

They work for 1) community building, 2) learning new material, and 3) reviewing concepts. Come check these and additional board games out at the Tartak Learning Center!

FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING:

Alphabet Soup (Torah Aura). Grades 6-Adult.

Goals: To identify/learn about different Jewish communal organizations. (Includes cards)

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Game (Torah Aura). Grades 6-7.

Goals: To express feelings about upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah. To explore value conflicts. To reinforce basic values of becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah. (Includes boards and cards)

FOR LEARNING NEW MATERIAL:

Tzedakah Lotto Game (Torah Aura). Grades 3-6.

Goals: To learn about and identify traditional times Jews give *Tzedakah*. Similar to Bingo. (Includes bingo boards and identity cards)

FOR REVIEWING CONCEPTS:

Chanukah Board Game (Torah Aura). Grades 4-Adult.

Goals: To review the story of Chanukah and how it is celebrated today. To create personal meaning. To play *dreidel*. (Includes board and cards)

Turn It and Turn It Again-A Plain Wrap Jewish Game (Torah Aura). Grades 4-8.

Goals: To look up biblical citations. To review/relate to Bible stories. To learn about the structure/order of Torah. (Includes five game boards and question cards)

*****We have additional games available for check-out at the Tartak.*****

*Weinman, Susan Arias. "Enriching Instruction with Games." *The Ultimate Jewish Teacher's Handbook*. Ed. Nachama Moskowitz.

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Future Events



Nov. 16-17: Chanukah Holiday Drive

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

Jan. 25-26: Tu B'Shvat Holiday Drive

Donate/Collect Tu B'Shvat seders, lesson
plans, programs, & text studies.

*Please donate your original work by
email or hard copy no later than one
week prior to the event. Thank-you.*

Director's Extras

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

*Master lists of all RHSOE student-written curricula, curriculum guides, instant lessons, games, videos, and software housed in the Tartak Learning Center are now available. Come peruse the lists located above the reference section.

*A big thank you to Professor David Kaufman and all of the students and staff who participated in our Lunch and Learn on Teaching American Jewish History.

*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.

