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QUICK TIPS FOR MID-YEAR!

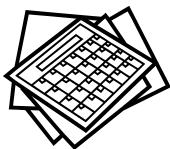
Are you and/or your students facing mid-year burnout or blues? Spice up learning with the following:

- *Reinforce Hebrew using the computer. We have a detailed list describing software you can checkout for seven days to use in the classroom.
- *Play Israeli music & share highlights from your time in Israel.
- *Have students research & present Jewish current events.
- *Search the Web to see recent URJ/CCAR resolutions or issues the RAC (Reform Action Center) is promoting.
- *Design & play a game reviewing material from this year.
- *Encourage/mentor a parent, teen, or congregant to teach class/lead a program.

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Tartak Quad Four 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?



New Storybook Resources (Available for checkout)

Purim by Carmen Bredeson

A Purim storybook for young children explaining the story and rituals of Purim. Nice pictures!

The Purim Surprise by Lesley Simpson

This children's book describes the impact of giving *mishloach manot* (*gifts of food*) on Purim.

New Adult Education Resources (Available for checkout)

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: Adult Jewish Learning in Theory and Practice

By Diane Tickton Schuster (Director, Institute for Teaching Jewish Adults at HUC-JIR)

A new resource for Jewish professionals involved in adult education. Through detailed experiences of adult learners and programs, the book provides new understandings of the reasons behind the growing field. It addresses many of the issues adult educators face and offers practical advice.

The Mitzvah of Healing: Anthology of Essays, Texts, Stories, Meditations, & Rituals

Edited by Hara E. Person

This collection of ancient and contemporary texts on healing is designed for individual, family, and communal use. In addition to traditional Jewish passages on healing, it offers new material created in light of diseases that plague our community today, such as AIDS and breast cancer.

Passage to Pesach: Preparing for Passover Through Text & Tradition

By Frances Weinman Schwartz

This new resource is a guide to prepare adults, both spiritually and intellectually, for Passover. It is designed to be read individually or in a group setting. Topics include biblical texts, the five Shabbatot preceding Pesach, and the development of seder themes and rituals.

Seek Her Out: A Textual Approach to the Study of Women and Judaism

By Elyse M. Goldstein

A new resource on the study of women in Jewish tradition. Texts and areas of foci include Torah, halacha, ritual, theology, and leadership.

Resources: The Arts & Jewish Education

Selected Art & Drama Resources (Available for checkout)

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 instructions for a related craft project. The book includes instructions on how to make biblical costumes and musical instruments. Also available Jewish Holiday Crafts for Little Hands.

Feldman, Margaret A. and Nina Steisand Sher. 100+ Jewish Art Projects for Children. Denver, CO: A.R.E. Publishing, 1996. Book includes art projects for children and their families. Each chapter is arranged around holidays, with additional chapters on Jewish symbols, Bible, Israel and more. Each project indicates the age for which it is intended.

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 eight Jewish historical figures: Bella Abzug, Leonard Bernstein, Emma Goldman, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Ida Kaminska, Aaron Lansky, Yitzhak Rabin, and Hannah Senesh. Each play contains many parts, so all students can participate in reenacting the lives (decisions) of these Jews.

Patera, Meredith Shaw. Kings and Things: 20 Jewish Plays for Kids 8 to 18. Denver, CO: A.R.E. Publishing, 1996. Kings and Things contains 20 Jewish plays ready 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. 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 and other Jewish professionals interested in engaging in Bibliodrama with a group.

Selected New Music Resources (Available for seven day checkout)

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

New CD that accompanies Manginot: The Complete Jewish Songbook for Children (available in Tartak). Also available Shiron L'Yeladim for Ages 6-9 & 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.



Reminder: Join us for the next Interactive Lunch & Learn on March 17, 11:45-12:45 in the Mercaz. Hear from fellow artists about easy ways to enhance your teaching & participate in creating your own art. RSVP by March 11.

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Future Fun



March 17: "Arts" Interactive Lunch & Learn

Explore successful ways to utilize the "Arts" in Jewish learning. Mercaz 11:45-12:45.

Lunch provided. RSVP by March 11.

March 23rd-24th: Passover & Yom Hashoah

Holiday Drive Why Reinvent the Wheel?

Collect new resources & share your ideas with others. Please give resources to Andrea Fleekop by March 16.

Director's Extras

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

*We acquired over 30 new resources from URJ Press including the Chai Curriculum and many CD's from Transcontinental Music.

*We produced an annotated list of our American Jewish History Resources in honor of the 350th anniversary of Jews in America. Come check out our resources!

*Our Tu Bishvat and Purim Holiday Drives were a big success, each attracting 30 students. It's not too late...if you created a program or lesson plan, submit them to Andrea Fleekop.

Save the Dates

Interactive Lunch & Learn: The Arts & Jewish Education: Wed. ,March 17, 11:45-12:45

Passover & Yom Hashoah Drive: March 23-24. Please submit family/adult/interfaith programs, services, haggadot, & lesson plans to enhance our collection by March 18!