

TARTAK LEARNING CENTER

RESOURCES RENEWED

מקרות מתחדשים

Volume 3, Issue 4

May 2005

QUICK TIPS FOR SUMMER!

Jewish activities for your students & congregants to do over the summer. Learn while having fun!

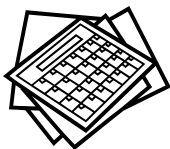
- *Read Jewish books (kids & adults).
- *Listen to Hebrew music in the car.
- *Play a Jewish board game or online game.
- *Visit a Jewish museum or historical site.
- *While on vacation, go to Shabbat services. Discuss the similarities/differences to your home congregation.
- *Attend a Jewish life-cycle event. Afterwards, talk about what made it a Jewish event.
- *Visit a park or zoo and reflect upon the miracle of creation.



Inside this issue:

Quick Tips & Hours	1
Summer Holidays Resources	2
Great Gift Ideas	3
Contact Information	4
Director's Extra	4

Tartak Summer 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.

Summer Holiday Resources



Holiday Dates:

Yom HaZikaron/Yom HaAtzmaut: May 11-12th

Lag B'Omer: May 27th

Shavuot: June 13th

Tisha B'Av: August 14th



New Israel Resources

Let's Visit Israel by Judy Groner. Tour Israel by jeep, cable car, bus, camel, and foot. Great introduction to Israel for ages 1-4.

Ilan Ramon, Israel's Space Hero by Barbara Sofer. Learn about the life of Israel's first astronaut. Juvenile biography for ages 8-11.

Israel4kids.org produced by the Embassy of Israel. Visit Israel; Learn about symbols and places through this interactive website. Reading involved.

Shavuot Resources

A Mountain of Blitzes by Barbara Diamond Goldin. Join a family as they prepare for Shavuot. Storybook for ages 4-8.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Honoring Our Past, Envisioning Our Future, Reform Judaism in the 21st Century. URJ studyguide including an examination of "A Statement of Principles for Reform Judaism," a mock wedding ceremony (committing us to Torah), and guided imagery.



I ♥
Israel



Great Gifts: For Teachers, Students, and Families

FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

The Jewish Family Fun Book by Danielle Dardashti and Roni Sarig

This resource book is a must-have for families! It provides holiday and everyday projects, as well as an annotated list of recommended books and more!

Teaching Your Children About God by Rabbi David J. Wolpe

This excellent resource for parents and teachers focuses on ways to engage children in dialogue about God. Full of practical activities and questions.

The Blessing of a Skinned Knee by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D.

Based in Jewish texts and teachings, Mogel provides parents with a new way to look at the world, life, and family.

FOR TEENS

The J Girl's Guide by Penina Adelman, Ali Feldman, and Shulamit Reinharz

View the joys and struggles of female adolescence through Jewish eyes. Issues explored include friendship, health, sexuality, self-esteem, and more.

Tough Questions Jews Ask by Rabbi Edward Feinstein

In this book for young adults, Feinstein explores difficult questions and challenging ideas about Judaism.

FOR CHILDREN

The Shiron Series: Music for Children by Transcontinental Music

This 3-CD collection for kids can be purchased as a set or by individual CD. Great for listening in the car or at home.

A Year of Jewish Stories by Grace Ragues Maisel and Samantha Shubert.

This is a yearlong collection of 52 stories for children and their families.

Hebrew Union College-
Jewish Institute of Religion



Tartak Learning Center

Director: Andrea Fleekop, MAJE, MAJCS
Intern: Beth Goldstein

Tartak Learning Center
HUC-JIR
3077 University Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Phone: (213) 749-3424 Ext. 4292
Fax: (213) 747-6128
Email: tartak@huc.edu
Website: www.huc.edu/tartak

Personal Note

As my time as Director of the Tartak Learning Center winds down, I want to thank all of you who make the HUC community a great place to study and teach.

It has been a wonderful experience, one that I will treasure for a lifetime.

Toda' Rabbah!

Andrea Fleekop

Director's Extras

*Mazel Tov to all graduates and new rabbis! Remember, we are a resource for alumni, too!

*Improve your teaching skills this summer by reading the following Tartak resources:

A Guide to Small Congregation Religious Schools by Lawrence N. Mahrer & Debi Mahrer Rowe

A great resource for HUC-JIR students involved in Jewish education at pulpits or internships. The book addresses both practical and philosophical issues in Jewish education ranging from bnai-mitzvah requirements to the role of tzedakah in religious school. Its appendix offers samples of essential teaching tips.

Teaching for Success by Dorothy C. Herman

This resource book on Jewish teaching contains many valuable resources for both the novice and experienced teacher. Each brief chapter offers practical examples. Topics range from creating community to effective communication with parents.

The Ultimate Jewish Teacher's Handbook ed. Nachama Skolnik Moskowitz

This reference book is composed of articles by experts. Topics vary from educational content to setting to audience. If you are struggling with a specific issue in Jewish education, check this book for advice.