

TARTAK LEARNING CENTER

RESOURCES RENEWED

מקורות מתחדשים

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Navigating the Tartak Learning Center

- Materials in the Tartak Learning Center are filed by subject.
- There are small charts in blue frames above each bookcase, listing the contents of that case. Each "cell" on the chart represents one shelf section.
- Within each shelf section, the items are not in any particular order.
- Video materials (VHS and DVD) are on the spinning rack with its own navigation chart.
- If staff is unavailable for check-out, use the notebook near the printer to sign items out. (Please print clearly!)
- Borrowed items can be returned in the green bin under the printer.

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Tartak Learning Center Hours



Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 5:00

Friday: 9:00 - 3:00



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

Nine Ways to Use the Tartak Learning Center

When I first came to HUC-LA last year, I was overwhelmed to say the least. Not only did I have to manage classes, an internship, and LA traffic, but I actually had to *do* things in my internship...like teach. (Who would have thought?!) As I learned my way around campus, I quickly discovered one of the best resources of HUC...the **Tartak Learning Center**. I can't tell you how many times Tartak has saved me...any time I need an idea for a lesson, a *D'var Torah*, or even a paper for class, this is the first place I come.

In honor of your arrival at HUC-LA, and in order to make your first few months as easy as possible, I present to you: *Lauren's Top Nine Ways to Use Tartak!*

1. **Instant Lessons** – Hidden among the books and binders are clear plastic sleeves filled with individual lessons on everything from *mitzvot* and *tzedakah* to Israel and holidays. They are ready to use (many have teachers' guides), and are also excellent resources because they typically address the central themes of the topic you are trying to teach.
2. **Craft Ideas** – We have an entire shelf filled with craft books and some craft supplies (free for the taking!). Everyone loves arts and crafts, and this is the perfect way to spice up a program.
3. **Games and other Fun Activities** – Not only do we have Jewish Apples to Apples and Kosherland, we also have books filled with classroom games (individual and group) on almost every subject.
4. **Resource Fairs** – At least four times during the school year, stop by the tables in the lobby for tons of holiday resources, from lessons, to text studies, to sermon ideas and information packets.
5. **Multimedia** – If you need a little something extra for a program, we have music, movies and software available for you to check out.
6. **Curriculum Guides** – Tartak has more than 250 curricula and curriculum guides written by graduates of our own Rhea Hirsch School of Education. Even if you are not looking for an entire curriculum, the curriculum guides have fabulous ideas for lessons and are excellent resources on almost every topic of Jewish education. They are not available *anywhere* else!
7. **Books, Books, and More Books** – Whether you are looking for a story to read to your students or resource information to help plan a lesson, we have the book for you. (I even use the books in Tartak to help with my own coursework.)
8. **Other Cool Stuff** – Tartak also has a laminator, a TV/VCR/DVD player, posters, Jewish toys, Hebrew flashcards, and a few stuffed Torahs that you are free to use or borrow.
9. **The Friendly Faces** – We love to have company in Tartak, and we will be more than happy to help you brainstorm ideas and find resources for anything you do!

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Recent Acquisitions

Stories

- *Butterflies Under our Hats* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. An updated version of a classic Chelm story, with colorful illustrations.
- *Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride* by Deborah Bodin Cohen. A children's story about apologizing.
- *Willy and Max: A Holocaust Story* by Amy Littlesugar. The story of two boys separated by circumstances but bound together for years by friendship — and a painting.
- *Capturing the Moon: Classic and Modern Jewish Tales* retold by Rabbi Edward M. Feinstein.

Bible and more

- *God's Echo: Exploring Scripture with Midrash* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Using Midrash to help make the Bible more meaningful to us today.
- *Sarah Laughs* by Jacqueline Jules. The story of Sarah for children, inspired by Midrash and modern commentary.

Coming soon: 10 New Curriculum Guides

We have just received the Curriculum Guides prepared by the RHSOE class of 2009. Our website will have summaries later this summer, but the Guides are available for borrowing now.

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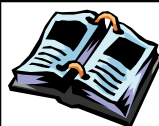
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COMING SOON



Our first Holiday Resource Fair of the year will focus on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah.

Visit the lobby to collect text studies, services, teaching materials, and more.

THINKING AHEAD!

The next academic year will bring new Resource Fairs, new Lunch & Learn sessions, and more new materials for you.

Suggestions are welcome!!

Director's Cut

Summertime at the Tartak Learning Center is slow and quiet when compared to the academic year. New curriculum guides and other materials are added to the circulation system and made available for borrowing. Supplies are ordered, displays are re-organized, piles of paper are sorted and filed, and programs for the coming year are planned.

Students — Do you have any suggestions for lunchtime learning sessions for the coming year?

Faculty/staff — Would you like an opportunity to share a research interest or lead a discussion about an issue or challenge in Jewish education?

I hope to sponsor three lunchtime sessions this year. Just send me a note at tartak@huc.edu and I'll try to incorporate your suggestions.

Thanks,
Lynn