

# TARTAK LEARNING CENTER

## RESOURCES RENEWED

## מקורות מתחדשים

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### Passover is coming!

The Tartak Learning Center has many resources for you:

- Haggadot for all ages
- Stories, lessons and activities
- Resources to enhance your seder
- Music CDs
- Links to online materials

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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](http://www.huc.edu/tartak).

## Ma Nishtanah?

We all know the phrase, “Purim, Pesach, Packing...” Well, Purim has passed and we are not quite ready to pack, which means it must be time for Pesach! The Tartak Learning Center has three full shelves of Pesach resources, ranging from Haggadot, to lessons, to storybooks (my personal favorite is *The Mouse in the Matzah Factory*).

While you should definitely stop by to check out our print resources, here are some of the best web resources we have found to help in all your Pesach planning:

### **URJ: Jewish Holidays—Pesach**

<http://urj.org/holidays/pesach/>

Includes overview of Passover, activities, & links

### **RAC: Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism**

<http://rac.org/pubs/holidayguides/passover2/>

A season for justice: Articles, Sources and guides for finding deeper meaning in Pesach

### **MyJewishLearning.com**

<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/Passover.htm>

Articles discussion the history, themes, theology, rituals, and texts of the holiday

### **Seder Fun**

<http://sederfun.com/>

This site is not a substitute for a good haggadah. It's about a seder with an attitude: the attitude that your seder ought to be a rollicking good time as well as a meaningful ritual.

### **The Passover Project**

<http://www.iabolish.org/passover/>

This website will help you learn more about modern slavery and the Jewish response—and to take action.

### **Babaganewz Pesach Central**

<http://www.babaganewz.com/tag/pesach/>

Tons of Pesach activities for kids, from a Seder plate movie to online Pesach games.

### **Kosher 4 Passover**

<http://kosher4passover.com/>

Tons of activities, information and tips for Passover/

### **TweetTheExodus**

<http://twitter.com/TweetTheExodus>

Yes, it is exactly like it sounds: Relive the Exodus, one tweet at a time with @[TweetTheExodus](https://twitter.com/TweetTheExodus)

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## Recent Acquisitions

### ***I Love Jewish Faces*** by Debra D. Darvick (URJ Press)

Jews come in every shape, size, and color. With this delightful new book from Debra Darvick, children will learn that no matter what they look like or where they are from, they are part of the Jewish family. Featuring full-color photographs showing the diversity of the Jewish community, this book is ideal for families, early childhood centers, and outreach programs. For ages 5 and under.

### ***Entree to Judaism: A Culinary Exploration of the Jewish Diaspora*** by Tina Wasserman (URJ Press)

In *Entrée to Judaism*, Tina Wasserman leads a culinary journey around the world and across the ages, from Spain to India, from Russia to Tunisia, sharing the histories and recipes of the great Diaspora communities and the many wonderful ways they have told their stories through food.

### ***Sacred Parenting: Jewish Wisdom and Practical Guidance for Your Family's Early Years*** by Elaine Rose Glickman (URJ Press)

In addition to providing a spiritual outlook and practical guidance, *Sacred Parenting* invites readers to delve more deeply into Jewish living. The book contains a treasury of prayers for myriad occasions, an accessible explanation of Jewish holidays and milestones, and suggestions for meaningful, age-appropriate observance of Jewish occasions.

### ***Eizehu Gibor: Living Jewish Values*** by Torah Aura Productions

*Eizehu Gibor: Living Jewish Values* is a new approach to Jewish heroes. Each chapter of the book is organized around a Jewish value, and introduces students to heroes who live that value. Using traditional (and not-so-traditional) texts students begin to unpack the value and explore what our tradition teaches. Then, students are challenged to apply it to their own lives by examining the stories and words of important Jewish role models.

### ***Toolbox for Teachers and Mentors: Moving Madrichim to Mentor Teachers and Beyond*** by Richard D. Solomon and Solomon, PhD and Elaine C. Solomon (Wheatmark )

"This is a wonderful book that educators at all levels will find useful. Grounded in the latest research and practice, it offers a systemic and thorough introduction to teaching in a Jewish school, including lesson planning and classroom management. I will definitely recommend *Toolbox for Teachers and Mentors* to my graduate students!"

— Isa Aron, PhD/Professor of Jewish Education, Rhea Hirsch School of Education, HUC-JIR, Los Angeles, CA

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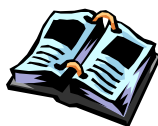
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Save the Dates



**First Seder**  
**March 29, 2010**

**Yom HaShoah**  
**April 12, 2010**

**Yom HaZikaron**  
**April 19, 2010**

Director's Cut

In many ways, the Haggadah is one big curricular tool for conducting a seder. It has stories, rituals, songs, activities, and artwork, designed to meet the needs of learners of all types and ages. According to Rabbi Louis Jacobs (as cited on [myjewishlearning.com](http://myjewishlearning.com)) "it has been estimated that no fewer than 2,000 different editions of the Haggadah have been published. No other Jewish sacred book has enjoyed such popularity."

If you'd rather customize your own Haggadah, there's a website for that, too!

"Welcome then, to **Interactive Haggadah**, an electronic space where you can debate the crucial ingredient in haroset (in Italy, of course it's pignoli nuts), read up on the origins of our traditions, discover unusual readings, share your stories and traditions and favorite Passover songs...then print out what **you** like (hey, I don't have to agree, do I?) and make your own custom book to take to seder."

Here's the link: <http://www.interactivehaggadah.typepad.com/>

*Lynn*