Selected Resources on Using Art, Drama, Dance & Music in Jewish Education

**Arts & Crafts**

*We have many arts/crafts books (30 day check-out) & a section of art supplies you may use while in the Tartak Learning Center. Here’s a sampling…*

**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 a list of supplies/instructions for a related craft project. The book also includes instructions on how to make Biblical costumes and musical instruments.

**Brinn, Ruth Esrig.** *Jewish Holiday Crafts for Little Hands.* Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben Copies, Inc., 1993. Organized around the holiday calendar, it opens with a short paragraph outlining important content for early childhood learners on each holiday, as well as a short vocabulary list. Each chapter offers several craft projects and includes a list of materials needed, instructions, and pictures—all of which can be accessed by children (with help reading). Some chapters include games and/or cooking/food preparation activities.

**Burstein, Chaya M.** *The Jewish Kids Catalog.* Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1983. A recipient of the National Jewish Book Award, it includes a wide variety of fun, educational activities for Jewish kids. This resource offers art activities in the form of holiday crafts, cooking projects, stories, songs, and dances. This book can be used to augment a curriculum or for informal educational activities.

**Feldman, Margaret A. and Nina Steisand Sher.** *100+ Jewish Art Projects for Children.* Denver, CO: A.R.E. Publishing, 1996. This art book is filled with projects for children in grades K-6 and their families. While mainly focused on holidays, it also contains chapters on Jewish symbols, Bible, and Israel.

[www.meltonarts.org](http://www.meltonarts.org)  
Website contains lesson plans on a variety of topics utilizing the arts and much more.
Drama

We house a shelf of drama resources. The following are a selected few.


Pitzele, 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. The Bible often does not provide emotional descriptions, therefore through bibliodrama, students have the opportunity to depict how they think the characters felt. 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 interested in engaging in Bibliodrama with a group.

Dance


Music

We have over 100 cassettes and CDs. Each may be checked-out for 7 days.

Transcontinental Music. **Shiron L’Gan: Jewish Songs for Children Ages 2-5.** Brand new CD that accompanies [Manginot: The Complete Jewish Songbook for Children](#) (also available in Tartak). **Shiron L’Yeladim for Ages 6-9** and **Shiron L’Noar for Youth Ages 10-13.** Each CD contains 40 songs.


Music Books

We have an entire shelf of music books. These are the most popular.


