A Finding Aid to the
Tartak Learning Center (Los Angeles, Calif.) Collection

Manuscript Collection No. 680
Collection Summary

Title Tartak Learning Center (Los Angeles, Calif.) Collection
Dates 1926-2000
Collection Number MS-680
Repository The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator Tartak Learning Center
Extent 5.6 linear feet (14 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch First opened by the Rhea Hirsch School of Education (RHSE) at the Los Angeles campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR/LA) in the mid-1970s, the Tartak Learning Center was created to provide a center for teachers to compile lesson plans and teaching tools for use in Jewish day schools and supplementary schools. Throughout its years, the Tartak Learning Center evolved to serve all educators, providing for them a large collection of tools for curriculum development. Today the center serves the educator alumnae of the RHSE as well as the current students of all programs at HUC-JIR/LA who find themselves in need of lesson plans, primary sources for teaching, and curricula. The center houses a collection of every student’s work completed through the course work of RHSE as well as the archives of the annual National Association of Temple Educators curriculum contest. The Tartak Learning Center was named for its generous underwriter, Shirley Tartak.

Scope and Content The collection consists of materials used in Jewish education. Teacher’s guides and curricula comprise half of the collection; the remainder includes literature, services and youth programs.

Arrangement Organized into three (3) series: A. Curricula; B. Teacher's Guides; C. Other Files.

Terms of Access The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

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Subjects Jewish educators / Jewish religious education

Series A. Curricula, 1944-2000

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of written curricula used in Jewish education classes or created for use in Jewish education classes. Documents include multi-grade guides for supplementary schools as well as curricula written specifically for individual grades or subjects.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. American Jewish history. Immigration, 1983
Box 1. Folder 2. American Jewish history. Immigration, 1990
Box 1. Folder 3. American Jewish history. Women, 1994
Box 1. Folder 4. American Jewish history, 1994
Box 1. Folder 5. American Jewish history, 1996
Box 1. Folder 6. American Jewish history, 1997
Box 1. Folder 7. American Jewish history, 2000
Box 1. Folder 8. American Jewish history, 2000
Box 1. Folder 9. Bible, undated
Box 1. Folder 10. General, 1944-1948
Box 1. Folder 11. General, 1949
Box 1. Folder 12. General, 1951-1953
Box 2. Folder 1. General, 1954-1956
Box 2. Folder 2. General, 1956-1958
Box 2. Folder 3. General, 1958-1959
Box 2. Folder 4. General, 1959
Box 2. Folder 5. General, 1959-1962
Box 2. Folder 6. General, 1962-1964
Box 2. Folder 7. General, 1964-1965
Box 3. Folder 1. General. B-L, undated
Box 3. Folder 2. General. M-U, undated
Box 3. Folder 3. Hebrew, undated
Box 3. Folder 4. Junior high, undated
Box 3. Folder 5. Primary grades, undated
Box 3. Folder 6. Various subjects, undated
Box 3. Folder 7. Zionism, undated

Series B. Teacher's Guides, 1949-1975, undated

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of teacher’s guides for Jewish education classes. Documents include general teaching and classroom management guidelines as well as guidelines for teaching specific grades and subjects. The series also includes documents on teacher’s training.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 4. Folder 1. Teacher guides, 1949
Series C. Other Files, 1926-1975

Extent 2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of various material relating to Jewish education. Documents include class materials for multiple subjects, literature on a range of topics, confirmation presentations, youth services and youth programming, as well as religious school catalogues, reports and studies and text analyses.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 8. Folder 1. Bar mitzvah, bat mitzvah.
Box 10. Folder 1. Literature. Education. General.
Box 12: Folder 5. Presentations. Confirmation, undated
Box 14: Folder 1. Text and resource lists.
Box 14: Folder 2. Textbook analyses.
Box 14: Folder 3. The Union College Character Research Project.
Box 14: Folder 4. The Union College Character Research Project kit of procedure.
Box 14: Folder 5. Youth programming.