

Torah Tidbits from Rabbi Larry Moldo

The Jewish people have often been called "The People of the Book", the book in question being Torah specifically (whether limited to the first five books of TaNaKH, or expanded to include all learning). A better title might be "People of Books" - and this starts when we are young. The proof of that can be found in some of the pictures posted this week.



The programming year has begun to wind down, so I took advantage of that to organize the Religious School materials. The pictures represent stage one of that organization, which was basically to pile the various books into somewhat related kinds of materials (Holidays, Hebrew, Bible, Becoming a Decent Human Being, History, Fiction and Books for the Educator). I have since organized them much more neatly, so please don't put anything directly into the education section of the social hall. When you have materials you think might be of use, please give them to me directly.

The arts and crafts materials will be reviewed and organized a little later this summer.



In this week's Torah portion we find out that a scorched earth policy sometimes backfires. Last week the people had been informed that because they didn't exactly trust God, they would all die in the wilderness. Since they were going to die anyway, some of them thought that taking down Moses and Aaron in the process would probably be worthwhile. Unfortunately for them, God was still on Moses' side, so instead of taking down Moses, they wound up going very far down themselves.

May all of our enemies become friendly rather than stubbornly going down with their prejudice.

