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Jewish Teacher Resource Center

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The Jewish Teacher Resource Center is a vital part of The Jewish Education Institute as it serves all Jewish educators in the Greater Pittsburgh area. The Center provides educators with a place where they can readily find the most current Hebraic and Judaic teaching materials available in the city. From preschool through high school, from holidays and Bible to history, special education, Israel and Hebrew, the Center has it all.

The Center truly has something for everyone, be it reference materials, text books, computer programs, video cassettes, audio cassettes, games, and more. The Center offers an environment where teachers can create materials for use in the classroom or to enhance or develop a lesson.

The Center is in the unique position of ordering materials on an ongoing basis. If a teacher asks for a specific item that is not available, the Center makes every possible attempt to fulfill the request. In these difficult economic times, many schools have been forced to reduce their spending on new material. This could be one of the factors contributing to the increase in teacher use of the Center. A teacher incentive program began last year which recognizes the extra effort and time teachers put in when visiting the Center. This has also had an impact on teacher attendance.

On the average 75 to 100 teachers visit the Center monthly. A newsletter is produced six times a year and is received by more than 400 teachers. Catalogues according to subject are available for each principal. A Kroy machine allows teachers to print Hebrew and English in letter perfect quality onto a one half-inch strip of clear adhesive. This may be used for worksheets, overhead transparencies and much more. Laminating and copying services are available at a small fee.

In addition to the Director, the Center is staffed by Tsiona Blitstein, Professional Assistant, and Irene Seiden, Office Manager. The Center's hours are structured to fit a teacher's schedule. However, the Center can also be made available by calling for a special appointment. For more information on how the Jewish Teacher Resource Center can enhance the quality of education of your Jewish school call 521-1340.

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