

**TOT SHABBAT & MINI-MINYAN: RESOURCES FOR LEADERS**  
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**Allen, Richard J. *Parashah Plays for Children of All Ages* (J812 ALL)**

Includes one short play for each of the 54 Torah portions. Plays are true to the Torah text with contemporary dialogue, and humorous plot lines and can easily be produced with or without props or costumes.

**Beiner, Stan J. *Sedra Scenes: Skits for Every Torah Portion* (J812 BEI)**

54 lively and engaging plays, one for each weekly Torah portion, with contemporary settings and vocabulary. Skits that are faithful to the biblical text bring the central characters, events, and ideas of each *parashah* to life.

**Chubara, Yona. *Torah Talk* (370 CHU)**

An unsurpassed guide to teaching Torah creatively. Includes Bible accounts from Abraham through Moses retold for young children, a wide variety of creative activities, and stimulating discussion questions.

**Feldstein, Paula. *The Tot Shabbat Handbook* (218 FEL)**

Presents ideas and real-world tips from experts in the field about the who, what, where, when, and why of worship experiences for young families. Features a CD of great music for Tot Shabbat and notes on how to use it, including teaching hand motions and bringing music into your services.

**Frankel, Ellen. *The JPS Illustrated Children's Bible* (J220 FRA)**

Acclaimed storyteller and Jewish scholar Ellen Frankel has masterfully tailored fifty-three Bible stories that will both delight and educate today's young readers.

**Greenberg, Tobey & Nechama Retting. *Morah, Morah, Teach Me Torah!* (222 GRE)**

This resource has songs, plays, stories, and activities to make parashat ha-Shavua come alive in pre-school classes through the use of drama, stories, music, crafts, science, math, language, and cooking. Family discussion pages with questions appear at the end of each parashah.

**Klein, Joyce. *The Shabbat Book: A Weekly Guide for the Whole Family* (J222)**

With a colorful page for each week, this guide for families is designed to integrate the weekly Torah portion with the ideas, traditions and customs of Shabbat.

**Loeb, Sorel Goldberg and Barbara Binder Kadden. *Teaching Torah: A Treasury of Insights and Activities* (222.1 LOE)**

Includes a synopsis of each Torah portion, insights from the tradition, strategies for analyzing the text, other resources, and project ideas.

**Peterseil, Gedalia and Rabbi Yaacov, ed. *Tell It from the Torah* (J220 PET)**

Each chapter includes a simple exposition of the weekly Torah reading, Rabbinic “pearls of wisdom,” a gematria discussion, an explanation of how the Haftarah portion connects to the Torah portion, and short humorous anecdotes that relate to the reading, as well as questions and concepts to think about (in two volumes).

**Prenzlau, Sheryl. *Genesis* (J222.1 PRE)**

***Exodus* (J222.2 PRE)**

***Leviticus* (J222.3 PRE)**

***Numbers & the Book of Ruth* (J222.4 PRE)**

***Deuteronomy* (J222.5 PRE)**

Based on the original Hebrew text, this series presents all the major stories from the Torah and the Book of Ruth in simple, easy-to-read prose.

**Rossel, Seymour. *The Torah: Portion-by-Portion* (222.1 ROS)**

Each chapter covers one weekly portion, featuring: a gender-sensitive translation; topical discussion questions; graphs, charts, maps, and photographs of the realia of archaeological and biblical criticism; a synopsis of the Haftarah for each portion; wide-ranging comments from Talmud, Midrash, Rashi, and other traditional commentators; comments from modern Bible scholars; and evidence from archaeology, linguistics, Egyptology, Assyriology, and a dozen other sciences that have been applied to the study of Torah over the last two centuries.