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Something for Everyone

Visiting breakout rooms some general technology needs emerged from the work group conversations. Teachers are looking for resources to continue to grow their digital resource library. I am a firm believer that technology should have a purpose within your classroom and not just used because you have access to it. When it comes to a virtual space the more you can do with your students either with low tech or no tech the better since they are sitting in front of screens for many hours. That being said, I have compiled tech tools, based on the work group conversation, that might be helpful to enhance your curriculum as you prepare to begin the school year.

Digitizing Heart Maps

There was a request of how to share the heart maps virtually. Below are some resources that were mentioned by Lily as well as by some of the participants:

- [Google Drive](#) - create a shared folder for student work
- [Padlet](#)
- [Whiteboard.fi](#)
- [Flipgrid](#)
- [Note.ly](#) – This is a digital bulletin board with sticky notes.

Of course, the tools listed above can be used as a digital space for collaboration and reflection for any assignment.

Five Judaic Studies and Hebrew Language Resources

- Virtual Text - these platforms offer access to virtual text of all of Tanach. There are also some other tools including a markup feature and a chavruta feature.
 - [Sefaria](#)
 - [Mercava](#)
- [Jewish Interactive](#) offers a variety of apps for game design, book and poster creation, as well as Judaism and STEAM. All of the programs offer access to Hebrew letters, text, and Jewish characters.
 - [JiTap](#) - Interactive Games and activities in both Hebrew and English. There is a library of premade games organized by topic. There is also the ability to create your own games and assign them to students.
- [TaLAM and iTaLAM](#) - a Hebrew language and Jewish heritage curriculum.
- [Dah Bear](#) - free learning tool that facilitates higher levels of Hebrew vocabulary mastery.
- [Haggadot](#) - a Haggadah creation tool

helping children reach their potential

I have also decided to include some additional resources that I found through my research for this blog post. I want to be honest and let you know that I have not used any of the following resources, but I think each has a useful tool or two that can be explored depending on the type of content you are looking for:

- <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/>
- <https://www.alephbeta.org/>
- <https://store.behrmanhouse.com/>
- <https://merkazruach.nli.org.il/treasures>
- <https://toveedo.com/>

Creating Digital Activities and Tools

- [Trello](#) - Digital collaboration tool. This tool can be used as a collaboration tool or as a way to provide a continuum of activities for students to go through at their own pace. This is a great tool for [choice boards](#).
- [Boom Learning](#) - Interactive games to use in “live” sessions or in the classroom.
- [Wheel of Names](#) - Input student names or free choice ideas and spin the wheel!
- [Education.com](#) - Games and printable worksheets.
- Digital math manipulatives:
 - <https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/resources/apps>
 - <https://toytheater.com/category/teacher-tools/virtual-manipulatives/>

Apps for the Younger Grades (Early Childhood and Lower School)

The Early Childhood groups asked for apps specially for their younger students. There are so many to choose from and I would suggest taking a look at Common Sense Education’s Early Childhood [list](#). One of my favorite app developers is [Duck Duck Moose](#) has a variety of different apps in their app library that I would suggest you to explore. And finally, my favorite reading tool for K-5 is [Epic!](#). Epic! offers over 40,000 eBooks, learning videos, and quizzes on their platform that are free for educator.

Revisiting Padlet as a Resource

Lastly, I want to reintroduce Padlet as it was brought up in a number of different places today. As I mentioned in my first blog post, Padlet is a collaboration tool which allows users to create a digital bulletin board full of information. Teachers can begin a Padlet by posing a question or by asking students to reflect on a topic. Students can create their own Padlet to share information. It is a great resource for group projects as it allows for multiple users to work on a Padlet at the same time. Padlet is available through their website only. For those that are new to Padlet or are looking for some inspiration I have pulled two additional resources:

- 30 Creative Ways to Use Padlet - [blog](#)
- How to Teach Remotely with Padlet - video

I created a sample Padlet which I would love for you to use as a way to explore the tool as well as a place to reflect and share other resources connected to the Summit. You can find the Padlet by using the following [link](#).

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week!