

## Directions: The Jewish Education Tarot Card Game

**Purpose:** This *Tarot Card Game* is meant to stimulate conversation about pressing trends and opportunities that will shape the next phase of Jewish education.

What should we pay attention to as we shape the future of Jewish Education?

**Caution:** Some people think *Tarot cards* predict the future. Not true. These Tarot cards are meant to aid people in getting in touch with their deeper intuition. What is your *gut/kishka* telling you?

**Set-Up:** Facilitator spreads out the cards on a table. The word side is up. Place duplicates on top of one another.

Facilitator introduces the game: *“If our world were stable, we could just build on our accomplishments. But, our world is in flux. Influences and opportunities rapidly confront us. We are using these Tarot cards to help us pay attention to the factors that will impact us as we shape the future.”* (2 minutes for all instructions)

### Play the Game:

**Step 1:** Facilitator instructs each player to select the top **3 factors** that he or she feels will have the most influence on the future of Jewish education in his or her community. (2 minutes)

If a player is “feeling” a factor that is not on an existing card, select a blank. Write that factor on the blank card.

**Step 2:** This step has three rounds:

**Round One:** Facilitator asks each person to put card “word-side-up” with the most pressing factor they selected.

Facilitator invites each participant to explain what that factor means to them, and why they chose it. (5 minutes)

Place cards on top of one another that are a “match.”

**Round two:** Facilitator instructs players to place on the table a second most influential factor and explain why it was selected. Place cards on top of one another that are a “match.” (5 minutes)

**Round three:** Continue for a final round, same as round two. Note trends. (5 minutes)

**Read the Cards:** Together read the cards. What’s speaking to your gut/kishka? As a group, select the top **3** factors that the community needs to attend to when shaping the future of Jewish Education. Pay attention to the cards that were selected by more than one participant to help guide your decision. And when doing a card reading, pay attention to *the unexpected*. (9 minutes)

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### Suggested Follow-Up when using Tarot Cards at Congregation

You may want to debrief by considering the following questions:

If we build on our accomplishments and respond effectively to the influences around us, *what do you imagine Jewish education might look like for your congregation/institution?*

- What are some images of what you might see/want to see in the next few years?
- What might be different from today?
- What will it take (resources, capacity, leadership, etc.) to get to the future that we envision?
- What can be our first action steps toward the future we want to see?

Other Tips:

- The game works best with a facilitator and small groups
- Times are set up for a 30 minute conversation, but if you include follow up questions it would last longer