

Avengers Assemble! A Study of the Marvel “JEWniverse

Grades 9-12

Are you a fan of the Marvel Universe? Then come and study the Marvel “Jew”niverse! In this fun and interactive class, we will be exploring characters such as Captain America, Iron Man, and the Hulk, finding out what they can teach us and what Judaism has to say about their personalities and powers!

Learning Through the Cinematic Lens

Grades 9-12

Learning through a visual narrative offers a series of layers that will enhance your process of learning. We all know the adage that states: “A picture is worth a thousand words”. We will learn to understand just how true this is. Here's some of the films (or clips) that will help us learn how to “read” a movie: *Schindler's List*; *Shoah*; *The Jazz Singer*; *Annie Hall*; *A Serious Man*; *Gentlemen's Agreement*; *Exodus*; *Crossing Delancey*; *The Golem*; ...

The Holocaust Through the Eyes of Maus

Grades 8-9

Art Spiegelman's Pulitzer prize winning book, *Maus*, is one of many works about the Holocaust. But *Maus* is unique in being a graphic novel – ok, it's a comic strip – that depicts Jews as mice, and Nazis as cats. We will be studying *Maus* to learn about the Holocaust through one man's experience while also raising questions about appropriate ways of preserving the memory of the Holocaust in art – whether in novels, films, paintings or historical research.

Jews in Sports

Grades 8-9

For many years, jokes have been made about the lack of Jews in sports. Well, the joke is on them. In this action-packed class, you will learn about the numerous Jewish athletes who have been on the court, ice, and field. You will learn about the impact that various Jewish people had in the world of sports. Come prepared to learn and have fun in this energetic class.

Disney and Judaism

Grades 8-9

Disney is known for great movies, awesome soundtracks, and stories involving Jewish ideals and Biblical themes. (Wait...what??) Shocking, isn't it? Test your knowledge of Disney and Torah as we watch clips from some of the best-loved Disney movies and delve into Jewish texts, discovering common themes or similar story lines between the two. Perhaps Walt Disney and his staff weren't as original and innovative as they claimed to have been.

Jerusalem of Gold

Grades 10-12

Whose Jerusalem? Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. Palestinians dream of making Jerusalem the capital of a future Palestinian state. We will explore the historical, religious, and political basis for this competing narrative.

Muggles, Magic, and Matzah Balls

Grades 8-9

Step into the magical world of Hogwarts as we explore Judaism through the lens of Harry Potter. Explore classic Potter themes such as immortality, good vs. evil, love, and prejudice. Plus find out whether Hippogriffs, Unicorns, and Thestrals really exist!!!!

Netflix and Jews

Grades 8-9

Let's binge learn something that matters. Explore parallels between Netflix's most popular shows and the current week's Torah portion. This is a skill building class where students will increase their familiarity with finding the appropriate text and commentary while learning b'chevruta (in pairs). Students will also be expected to develop their public speaking skills as they present a short weekly D'var Torah on the portion that they learned that day.