



Temple Tuesdays

Jews and Comics

Presented by Rabbi Adam Grossman and Eddy Zeno

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

7:00-8:00 P.M. (coffee and desserts follow)

Superheroes, whether through comic books, radio, television, or movies, have been prominently featured in American pop culture throughout the years. Yet deep within the stories and characters of Superman, Batman, and X-Men is a greater Jewish story. By looking through the art, writing, and history of these comic book artists, this presentation will analyze the seminal role Jews played in the industry's development, as well as the way in which Jewish comic book artists utilized the comic book to address identity issues facing American Jewry over the last two-thirds of the twentieth century.

Rabbi Adam Grossman began his tenure at Temple Israel in June of 2008. Rabbi Grossman earned his Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and was ordained on May 31, 2008. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from The Ohio State University and a Master of Education Administration with a Specialization in Jewish Education from Xavier University. He served as a Graduate Assistant at the University of Cincinnati, a Rabbinic Intern at Temple Israel in Dayton, Ohio, and an Education Liaison for the American Jewish Archives. Rabbi Grossman and his wife, Amy, have two children.



Eddy Zeno has found the ultimate hobby. A lifelong lover of both the fine and popular arts, he has enjoyed the art of the comic book since the age of seven. Along the way, he discovered that many of the early superhero artists, writers, and editors were accessible and full of historical information not only about their craft, but how the evolution of the comic book has paralleled changes in American society as a whole. It turns out that many of them were also Jewish.

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