

STUDY! WORSHIP! CREATE!

"THE PERFECT BLEND OF CREATING MEANINGFUL JEWISH MOMENTS AND BRINGING OUT THE ARTIST IN EACH PARTICIPANT."

Rabbi Rick Winer — Temple Beth Israel (Fresno, CA)

PAPER MIDRASH

ART WORKSHOPS & POP CULTURE TORAH



Isaac & Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik have a powerful one-two punch, bringing together contemporary art, pop culture, and Jewish scholarship in workshops and residencies customized for your community.

WE OFFER MANY DIFFERENT PROGRAMS, BUT OUR MOST POPULAR OFFERINGS ARE:

PAPERCUTTING WORKSHOPS

Three-hour art workshops with authentic text study. Designed for adults and appropriate for high school age and up, this is a unique experience that will delight your community. **Knives + Torah + Comics = Paper Midrash!**

DYNAMIC PRESENTATIONS

Conversations between a rabbi and an artist on a wide range of engaging topics (see page five), presented with thoughtful, humorous visuals. From 20 minutes to an hour, for any audience.

PLUS: VISUAL SERMONS, TALLIT-MAKING, PRE-B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAMS AND MORE

IMAGINE WHAT A PAPER MIDRASH WEEKEND COULD LOOK LIKE...

FRIDAY

Isaac & Rabbi Shawna deliver a **visual sermon**, and provide their unique **visual t'filah** (created in partnership with the CCAR) for clergy to use in services.

SATURDAY

A three-hour **hands-on papercutting workshop** for teens and/or adults. Each participant creates their own paper midrash, or create custom artwork for your synagogue.

A dynamic visual presentation (suitable for evening entertainment or adult education) on a topic such as "**Women of Valor and Other Super Heroes.**"

SUNDAY

A 90-minute visual program for your pre-b'nai mitzvah students and their parents on midrash and "Getting More Out of Your Torah Portion," focused on Isaac's process as analogous to the writing of a speech for b'nai mitzvah.



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“I want to thank you again for creating such a meaningful and wonderful Scholars-in-Residence Shabbat experience. Everyone who was lucky enough to participate sang your praises, and loved the two of you and everything you did.”

RABBI JASON GWASDOFF — TEMPLE ISRAEL (STOCKTON, CA)

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...a scintillating intersection of unique midrashim and contemporary commentary juxtaposed with well known and old time comic book archetypes. The resulting repartee, between these two scholars of the ancient and modern, illuminated truths that were at once fascinating, uncomfortable and totally relevant to our current conundrums.

RABBI PAUL KIPNES — CONGREGATION OR AMI (CALABASAS, CA)



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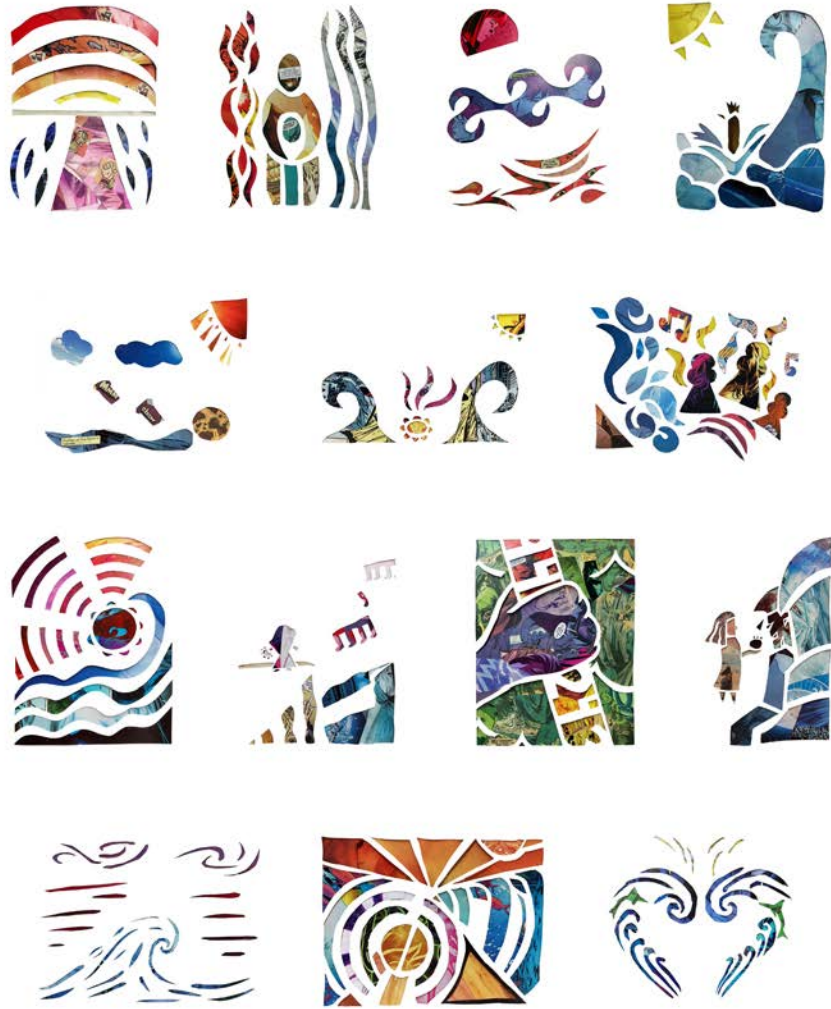
Thank you for leading and teaching our congregation. People are still talking about how great the weekend was and how much they enjoyed the paper midrash project... What a powerful experience for our community!

RABBI MOLLY PLOTNIK — PENINSULA TEMPLE SHOLOM (BURLINGAME, CA)



Workshop Participant Artwork (9" x 12")

"'Adonai went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light' (Shemot 13:21). I worked with a midrash about God caring for the Israelites as a mother does her child."



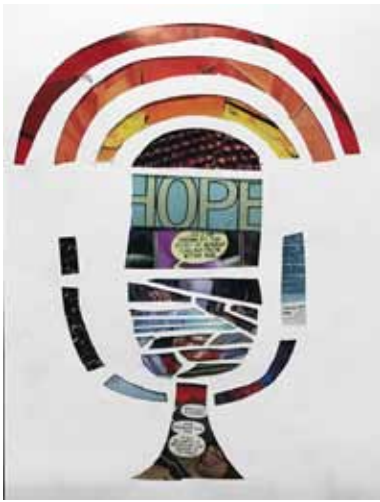
Shirat HaYam שירת הים

PENINSULA TEMPLE SHOLOM
congregational retreat 2013

Workshop Participant Artwork Poster (24" x 36")



Inter-Generational Tallit Projects



Social Justice Stencil Art and Papercutting



Dynamic visual sermons and entertaining presentations on the weekly Torah portions and other topics, including:

Intro to Midrash:
Jewish Fan Fiction

Judaism and Art:
History, Interpretation, Practice

Women of Valor
and Other Super Heroes

Damaged Heroes:
Midrash and Pop Culture Mythology

Under the Chuppah
with Superman and Lois Lane

Lech L'cha: Boldly Go

Saving the World:
Superman, Batman and Noah

Paper Tefillah: Prayer and Art

Making Midrash:
Interpretation and Artistic Process

People of the Comic Book:
A History of Jews and Comics

The Twelve Tribes:
An Exploration of Peoplehood

Maccabees and Other Super Heroes
[Hanukkah]

Revelation and the Hero Code
[Shavuot]

Redemption and T'shuvah in Comic
Books and Holy Books [Selichot]