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## THE RETURN OF TEMPLE TUESDAYS!

**Tuesday, January 10, 7 pm**

Temple Tuesdays returns with wonderful one-hour learning sessions, followed by a dessert reception, sponsored by the Museum Committee, in the Temple Museum. January's Temple Tuesdays will focus on Art and Jewish Expression, looking at Jewish papercutting, comic book writing, and strudel making.

### Paper Tefillah presented by Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik

Paper Tefillah (prayer) was created to premier at Temple Israel's museum and is an artistic interpretation of the elements of a contemporary American progressive Jewish prayer service, with 16 papercuts representing major prayers. Isaac's work brings together the traditional Jewish art of paper cutting with a modern sensibility. In this series, Isaac works with our liturgy, exploring the role and value of prayer in our lives. While he is primarily inspired by the words of the prayers and the feelings generated in prayer, his work is also heavily influenced by elements of the natural world that are touched by the Divine: the burning bush, the parting of the Red Sea, the orbits of the planets, the revelation at Sinai. He also incorporates bits and pieces of cut-up comic books, drawing upon the predominantly Jewish-created mythologies of that medium to reveal patterns and parallels with the theological underpinnings of the prayer service. Isaac will discuss the pieces as well as the art of paper cutting. He began working in paper in the mid-1990s while living in Jerusalem with his wife, now a rabbi in the Reform movement.



Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik

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### Jews and Comics presented by Rabbi Adam Grossman and Eddy Zeno



Rabbi Grossman

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.

Eddy Zeno has found the ultimate hobby. A lifelong lover of both the fine and popular arts, he has, since the age of seven, enjoyed the art of the comic book. 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.



Eddy Zeno

### The Art of Making Strudel presented by Billie Pelts

Apple Strudel is a beautiful and delicious comfort food which has had a place at Jewish tables around the world for centuries. Making a good strudel is all about technique, and when Billie Pelts, owner of Simply Delicious Catering, was a little girl, she used to love to watch her mother make it. Her mother passed the recipe, which she still has in her handwriting, on to Billie! Now Billie's children like to make it with her. Join Billie for a hands-on lesson that just might start a tradition in your own home.



Billie Pelts

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