

# JONAH COMIC: CLASSES

**DOV SMILEY, AUTHOR AND ARTIST OF THE JONAH COMIC BOOKS RUNS CLASSES ON COMIC BOOK ART AND JEWISH VALUES. THESE CLASSES RUN FOR ALL AGE GROUPS AND GIVE INCITES INTO HOW COMIC BOOKS HELP US DEFINE OUR JEWISH VALUES.**



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## **AS A SPEAKER...**

**...DOV SMILEY IS A TRAINED AND ACCREDITED COMIC BOOK ARTIST. HE HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH SYNAGOGUES, YOUTH GROUPS AND CAMPS. DOV HAS BEEN A YOUTH ADVISOR, STAFFED RELIGIOUS SUMMER PROGRAMS AND HAS WORKED WITH GROUPS LARGE AND SMALL TO ENGAGE YOUTH AND TEENS IN RELIGIOUS PROGRAMING FROM AN ARTISTIC STANDPOINT.**

**NOW THAT HIS JONAH COMIC BOOK SERIES REACHES THOUSANDS OF NEW FAMILIES EACH YEAR, HE IS SHARING THE EXPERIENCE WITH GROUPS LOOKING TO BRING THE JOYS OF PRODUCING COMICS TO LIFE.**

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## FOR THE CLASS...

... DOV CREATES AN INTERACTIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT COMIC BOOKS AND HOW THEY RELATE TO JEWISH VALUES. DOV GOES OVER HOW MAINSTREAM COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS HAVE APPROPRIATED **JEWISH IDEAS** INTO THEIR CREATION.

THE DISCUSSION USES ART TO LAY THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR CREATIVE IDEAS, AND STRUCTURE THOSE IDEAS INTO THE VALUES BEING TAUGHT AT **YOUR SCHOOL, SYNAGOGUE OR CAMP.**

**DOV CUSTOMIZES EVERY CLASS TO THE GROUP HE IS SPEAKING TO, WITH THE NEEDS OF THE EDUCATORS ON SITE.**



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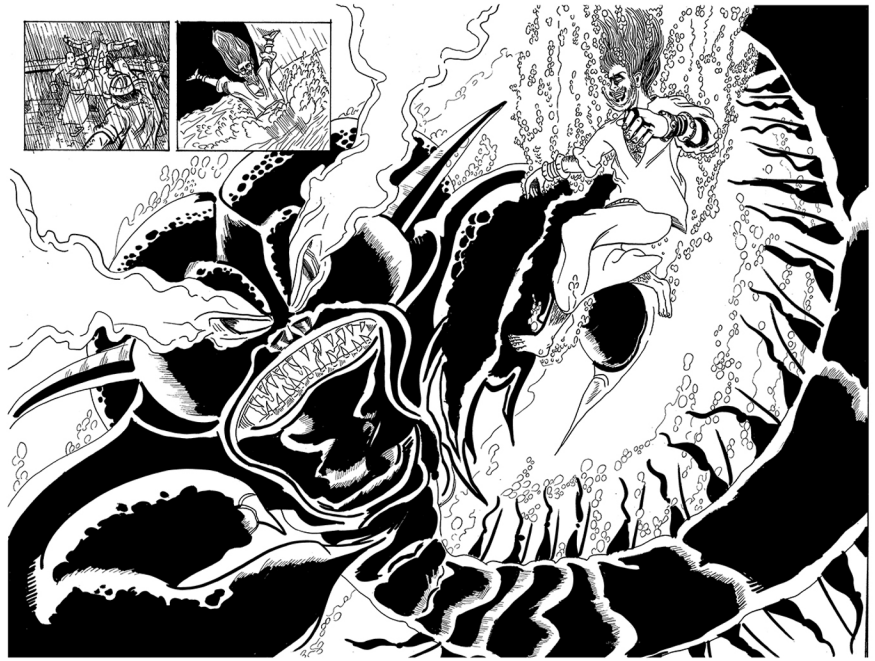
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**DOV GOES OVER HIS ARTWORK AND HOW HE INTERPRETS THE BIBLE STORIES OF JONAH, RUTH AND OTHERS. THE GROUP LEARNS WHAT VALUES WE CAN FIND IN THOSE STORIES AND HOW WE CAN USE ART TO BRING THOSE IDEAS TO LIFE.**

**THE DISCUSSION GROWS SO THAT THE GROUP CAN ASK QUESTIONS THAT THEY HAVE WHILE READING THE BOOKS, WITH DOV ON SITE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS DERIVED FROM THE TEXT.**

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## TAKING THE KIDS' ART...

...DOV TAKES SEVERAL OF THE GROUPS DRAWINGS, AND DRAWS THEM IN HIS STYLE. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO HAVE THE GROUP SEE THEIR IDEAS REALIZED AND HAVE A PERSONAL AND MEANINGFUL TAKEAWAY FROM THE PROGRAM.



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## THE GOAL OF THE CLASS...

**... IS TO CREATE A CREATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH TO BRIDGE THEIR LOVE OF COMICS AND ANIMATION INTO THE JEWISH VALUES THEY ARE EXPLORING. GETTING TO WORK WITH A TRAINED COMIC BOOK ARTIST ALLOWS KIDS OF ALL AGES TO SEE THAT ANY GOAL IS POSSIBLE IF THE DESIRE IS THERE.**

**NOW THAT JEWISH EDUCATION IS FINDING ITS WAY TO NEW MEDIUMS, UNLOCKING A YOUNG GROUP'S POTENTIAL TO LEARN IN NEW WAYS HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE COMICS THE RESOURCE KIDS RESPOND TO IN ORDER TO CONNECT TO THEIR HERITAGE.**

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