

**TEMPLE BETH EL PRESENTS OUR SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE  
RABBI HARRY MANHOFF**

**January 18, 19, 20**



**Thursday, January 18, 7 PM: The Jewish Roots of Christianity**

**Friday, January 19, 7:30 PM: Words of Torah during Shabbat Service**

**Saturday, January 20, 5 PM: Jews and Comic Books**

**Rabbi Harry A. Manhoff** was ordained at the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in 1979. He has a BA from Yale, an MAHL from HUC and earned a PhD in New Testament and Christian Origins from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Manhoff sees the New Testament as a Jewish book written for Israel, by teachers of Israel, about a Messiah of the people of Israel. He has co-authored a book, *A Place In the Tent: Intermarriage and Conservative Judaism* regarding intermarriage and acceptance.

**Rabbi Manhoff** is also a huge fan of comic books. He owns every Superman comic book going back some 40 years, and every Batman comic for the past 35. And that's just part of his collection, which now comprises more than 17,000 comics. Manhoff started collecting in 1992, but his love of comics goes back much further, to his many summers spent at Camp Roosevelt in Monticello, N.Y., starting at age 4. His father was part owner of the camp, and at the end of the summer, the young Harry would help clean up the cabins after the campers were gone. That's how he built up a stockpile of New York Yankees baseball cards (he had every Yankee card from 1958 through 1974), as well as a decent collection of comic books.

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