

# Congregation Beth David CBD Jewish Artists Group

## Monthly Discussion Group

Usually the 4th Saturday each month, after Shabbat lunch, 1 pm-ish to 3 pm  
Feel free to join us for lunch before the meeting. Lunch begins around 12 noon.  
Open to all who want to discuss Art, Judaica, Jewish artists,  
Jewish Ritual Objects, and Jewish Music and Theater and more.  
Everyone is welcome

July 22, 2017 **Jews and Sci-Fi**

Presented by Valerie Estelle Frankel



Jews have appeared in science fiction and fantasy since the beginning, creating, starring in, and otherwise adding their touch. Many know Leonard Nimoy (Spock) brought the Vulcan salute to *Star Trek* straight from the Kohanim. X-Man Magneto and Fantastic Four's The Thing are of the tribe, like their creator Stan Lee. Also Batwoman and Harley Quinn. But what of *Harry Potter*, *Superman*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Doctor Who*? How are these perfect allegories for the Jewish experience and what can we learn from them? What Hebrew appears in *Avatar*? In *Sandman*? Who's the one Jewish Disney hero (aside from Dreamworks' Moses), and who's the one rabbis most love to teach?

Valerie Estelle Frankel, author of over 50 books on pop culture, will discuss all this and more. Her book *Jews and Science Fiction* is coming soon. [www.vefrankel.com](http://www.vefrankel.com)

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