Objective: The objective of this class is to take a hard look at how Jews are portrayed in the media and pop culture. Over the years in television and movies there have been many Jewish characters, themes and plot lines. In this class we are going to explore if these portrayals are accurate and fair. Every week we will watch a different TV show or movie that depicts Jewish life and culture and we will discuss what we watched using these questions to guide us:

- Was the portrayal of the Jewish character or theme accurate? Why or why not?
- What about the piece was either misleading or disconcerting for you?
- How would you have liked to see the writer or director change the piece so it is more accurate?
- Do you think this portrayal puts Jews in a positive or negative light?

The following list is some of the shows/movies we will be watching:

- The Simpsons
- South Park
- Brooklyn Bridge
- Seinfeld
- Curb Your Enthusiasm
- The Goldbergs
- Thirtysomething
- Northern Exposure
- The Nanny
- Will and Grace
- Dharma and Greg
- Mad About You

Location: Class will meet in the Sanctuary at Hillel

Grades: Grades will be given based on attendance and a short final paper

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