

JEWISH TEXT AND ART

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GRANDFRIENDS TEXT & ART ACTIVITY

Course Description: Jewish Text and Art is an opportunity for students to find new meaning in Jewish text and tradition through artistic expression. Students will consider what it means for art to be Jewish, and how art can be used to interpret Jewish text and tradition, and help grow and express their own Jewish identities.

ACTIVITY 1- WHAT IS "JEWISH ART"?

Step 1- Discuss together what you think makes something "Jewish art". Create a brief definition.

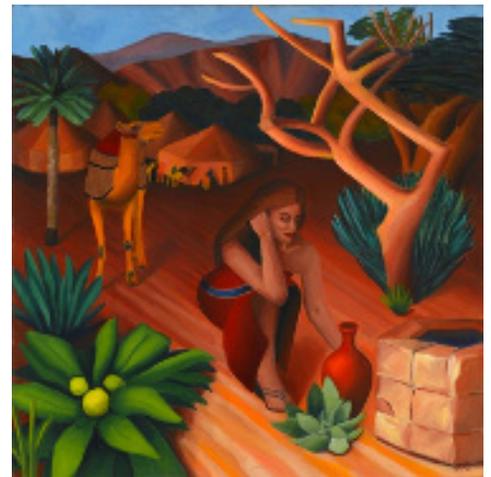
Step 2- Gallery Walk

For each of the pieces of art below, consider the following questions:

1. Is this a piece of Jewish Art? Why or Why not?
2. Does this piece fit into your definition of "Jewish art"? Why or Why not?
3. Do you need to reconsider your definition of "Jewish Art" after looking at these pieces?

Step 3- Create Your Own Found Object Jewish Art

- Found Object art is art made from materials not normally considered "art" materials.
- Working together, create a piece of Jewish found object art from materials you find around you.
- Suggestions:
 - Limit yourself to 10-15 items
 - Think outside the box.
 - Consider unusual ways to use everyday objects
- Give your piece a title.
- Write a brief description of your piece and what makes it Jewish Art.
- Take a picture of your art and description and share them with communications@frankelja.org



¹ Rebecca, Orit Arfa

² White Crucifixion, Marc Chagall

³ Captain America Comics #1, Jack Kirby