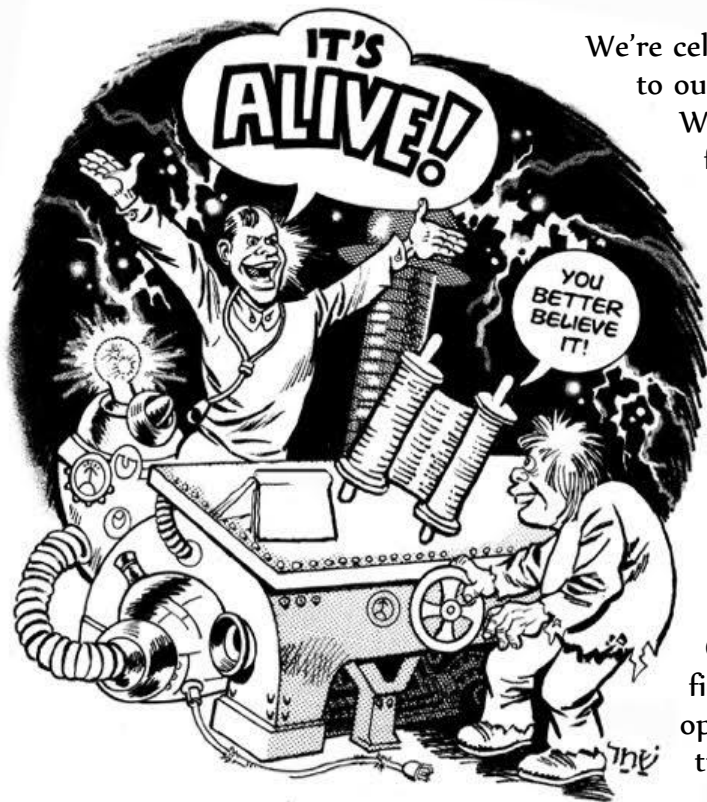


# SCIENCE FICTION, JUDAISM & RELIGIOUS IMAGINATION

## PART 2: SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER, 2017

Founded by Baltimore Science Fiction Society members 30 years ago, Congregation Beit Tikvah is the only North American synagogue ever born from a science fiction society.



We're celebrating our anniversary with a love letter to our roots in both Judaism and science fiction. We'll look at religious and philosophical ideas flowing hidden in nearly all science fiction. Using science fiction stories and films, Jewish source texts, and contemporary essays, we'll examine messiahs and improving humankind, why some people fail the Turing Test, dreams of justice and a kinder universe, God writ large and small, artificial intelligence, aliens and "otherness," time travel, conservation of human consciousness, and other themes intriguing to both SF and religious thinkers.

Our Rabbi Larry Pinsker, a lifelong science fiction fan and educator, has created a great opportunity to learn about both science fiction and Judaism, even if you have little or no familiarity with either.

### Congregation Beit Tikvah

At the Corner Community Center

5802 Roland Avenue (at Bellemore) – Baltimore 21210

Shabbat Service, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Kiddush light repast follows; \$10 per session with preregistration only

Science Fiction & Judaism 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Register/more information: 410-464-9402 or [Avodah@beittikvah.org](mailto:Avodah@beittikvah.org)

Session #	Date	Topic
8	Sept 9	<b>Life On Other Worlds Part 1: Each Star Is a Separate World</b>
9	Oct 14	<b>Life on Other Worlds Part 2: The Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe</b>
10	Nov 11	<b>Jews In Space: We Carry Our Worlds With Us</b>
11	Dec 9	<b>Utopia is Somewhere Else</b>