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Vigilant Video

YouTube program explores the dimensions of Torah learning.

What do an Orthodox rabbi, a tattooed talk-show host and a videographer with a dream have in common?

YouTube.

More specifically, "TorahTalk," a biweekly exploration of Torah portions and related topics. The show (at youtube.com/torahtalk) aims to bring Jewish learning to the masses, albeit not in the typical YouTube way.

There are plenty of videos out there on Torah topics, but "TorahTalk" takes a different tack. "It's not the same tired old guy with a beard talking about the *parshah* [weekly Torah portion]. It's something living and different and contemporary," says Mark Goldberg,

Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum: "It's not like we close the discussion like a Hollywood movie, with a happy ending. The discussion is open; it leaves room for further discussion."

owner of the local production company Spectrum Productions.

Goldberg says he looks at "TorahTalk" as a way to bring his skills as a videographer to bear in the service of a bigger vision. "I feel that I am doing something that helps to bring value to the world," he says.

The same might be said of Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum of Congregation Kneseth Israel in Annapolis. The YouTube program takes its name from an emerging series of books published by the rabbi, including "Table Talk" and "Ruth Talk," both of which aim to illuminate Jewish topics with what author Elie Wiesel has called "stimulating commentaries [and] deep insights."

The third member of the "TorahTalk" triumvirate is Michael Bogart. A tattooed trumpet player, he

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