

# Punchlines with Boundaries and Opportunities



The famous Jewish comedian, Jackie Mason, began his career as a Rabbi Jack Maza. His Bar Mitzvah speech was fairly sophisticated and later published in his father's rabbinic work. His story was later immortalized in an episode of *The Simpsons* where Krusty the Clown confronts his disappointed rabbinic father, Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky. Jackie Mason played the voice of Krusty's father. In the episode, Krusty, after choosing a career in comedy, is disowned by his father.

**Lisa:** Excuse us, Rabbi Krustofsky?

**Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky:** Oh, what can I do for you, my young friends?

**Bart:** We came to talk to you about your son.

**Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky:** I have no son! (*slams the door*)

**Bart:** Oh, great. We came all this way and it's the wrong guy.

**Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky:** I didn't mean that literally. (*slams the door again*)