

# Adult Education

**Thursday, October 6  
11:15 a.m.**

## **MAIMONIDES CAFÉ**

Launch the new Maimonides Café with Rabbi Lance Sussman for enlightened discussion .

This program will take place the first Thursday of the month in co-operation with the WORDworks exhibition at the Temple Judea Museum and the Meyers Library. This wonderful experience is free and an opportunity to use your philosophical side! Facilitators vary

**Thursday, October 6  
7:30 p.m.**

## **FLORALS AND NUDES**

A play reading

This new comedy shows the conflict that arises when a young painter of both florals and nudes finds himself romantically involved with two women who prefer a different style!

*Albert Fried Cassorla is an English teacher in Philadelphia, a playwright and a philosopher.*

**Sundays, October 16, 23, 30,  
November 6, 13  
9:45 a.m.**

## **BEGINNER'S HEBREW**

Designed for beginners wishing to acquire basic competency reading Hebrew starting with Aleph-Bet as well as some vocabulary.

Students will learn skills in order to read and understand selections from our prayer book.

*Fran Nodiff retired in 1999 after a career at KI that included principal of the mildweek program and Director of the Bar/Bat Program.*

\*Note: there is a \$25.00 fee for this Beginner's Hebrew in addition to your registration fee. If you take this class and nothing else, the cost is \$50.00. If the class continues beyond five lessons there will be a fee of \$10.00 per week

**Wednesday, October 19  
2:30 p.m.**

## **MAURICE SENDAK; THE PICASSO OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE**

Marilyn Wittenstein will discuss the life and books of Maurice Sendak, a Jewish author and illustrator whose works are archived in Philadelphia's Rosenbach Museum. Books such as *Where the Wild Things Are* and

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*In the Night Kitchen* deal with the real and frightening world of children. *Marilyn Wittenstein* was a teacher of gifted students in the Philadelphia school system. In 1992 she was awarded the Rose Lindenbaum Teacher of the Year award.

**Wednesday, October 26**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**THE GREATEST ART HOAX OF THE 20TH C., THE FORGERER'S SPELL AND THE MAN WHO MADE VERMEERS**

You'll find yourself intrigued by a fascinating story of a art forger during 1945 who intended to pass off Vermeers as originals. Hear how he perpetrated what has been considered the greatest art hoax of the 20th century!

*Dr. Rita C. Altman is well known at KI for her excellent lectures*

**Thursday, November 3**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**MAIMONIDES CAFÉ**

Facilitator, Rabbi Stacy Rigler

**Wednesday, November 30**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**VAGABONDS OF THE WORLD;  
HISTORY OF THE JEWISH  
PEOPLE IN OVER 120 LANDS .**

Dr. Michaels will speak about the history of Jews in various countries, focusing on Iran and will be available to discuss any country of interest. He will show a video of the Iranian-Jewish community.

*Dr. Michaels is a physician, author and a lecturer on Jewish history and events.*

**Thursday, December 1**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**MAIMONIDES CAFE**

Facilitator, Rita Rosen Poley

**Wednesday, December 7**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**"WHO DUNNITS? " WITH A  
JEWISH FLAVOR**

Let's discuss the genre of mystery writing through a Jewish lens. Why are we attracted to these books? We'll discuss Kemelman, Kellerman and Bata Gur, the Israeli mystery writer. Bring your favorite Jewish mystery to share with the group.

*Ellen Tilman is the Director of Library Services for the Meyers Library at KI. She has an MBA from Northwestern University and an MSS from Bryn Mawr College.*

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**Thursday, December 15**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**TWO AMERICANS IN JORDAN**

Two American professors describe their experiences living and working in Jordan prior to that country's current relationship with Israel. Their lecture is a wonderful opportunity to hear experiences as told by exceptional people.

*Belmont Haydel is a former military officer who received two Fulbright Lecture Awards, Nina served a United States Academic Specialist.*

**Thursday, January 5, 2012**  
**11:00 p.m.**

**SONGS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW**

Richard Kaufman will sing songs you thought you knew, some with guitar, some with concertina and some a cappella. Song sheets will be provided. You may be surprised at some of the lyrics but not by the fun you have!

*Richard Kaufman is a graduate of Drexel University.*

**Thursday, January 5**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**MAIMONIDES CAFÉ**

Facilitator, Caryl Levin

**Thursday, January 19**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**METALLIC BLUES**

This is one of those rare Israeli films not dealing with war or the Palestinian conflict. Instead, it is a bitter-sweet story concerning daily life in modern Israel in a unique way. A shiny blue Lincoln Continental is purchased by two partners hoping it will change their lives and the change is not what they anticipated.

*Linda Nesvisky is an artist and writer who has been showing films with Jewish themes in various venues for many years.*

**Wednesdays, January 25 through April 4**

**HEBREW: ADVANCED BEGINNERS**  
**SEFER HAAGGADAH**  
**THE BOOK OF LEGENDS**

"Aggadah was the principal form of the Jewish People, the classic expression of their spirit." (Bialik). If you can read a line of Siddur Hebrew, enjoy our stories and moral teachings enjoy our stories and moral teachings with other members of the KI community of learners. *Rabbi Rav Soloff has been teaching (with great joy) in the Adult Education program of Keneseth Israel of 12 years. In 1976 he was awarded a Ph.D. by Drew University and in 1975 an honorary*

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doctorate of Divinity of HUCJIR.

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**THE LIST by MARTIN FLETCHER\***

\*This book was chosen to be the One book, One Jewish community selection of the year. Join us to discuss *The List* a first novel from NBC correspondent Martin Fletcher who follows the lives of Austrian refugees expecting their first child in a post-WWII climate unfriendly to Jews. Traveling to London and Palestine, they desperately search for relatives and prepare for an uncertain future.

*Bev Cohen is Professor Emerita at Bucks County College and a member of the One Book, One Jewish Community Implementation team.*

**Thursday, Feb. 2**

**11:15 a.m.**

**MAIMONIDES CAFÉ**

Facilitator:

Rabbi Kevin M. Kleinman

**Thursday, Feb. 16**

**7:30 p.m.**

**“TIN MEN”**

Movie discussion led by Isaac Kruger

*Tin Men* with Danny DeVito and Richard Dreyfuss, goes for borderline farce in its continued

examination of the Baltimore Jewish community.

*Isaak Kruger has his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Temple University. He is the Administrator for Surgery at St. Peters University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ.*

**Thursday, Feb. 23**

**7:30 p.m.**

**“GARBO TALKS” –  
A TRIBUTE TO SIDNEY  
LUMET**

Movie discussion led by Evonne Kruger

Sidney Lumet, had a long and distinguished career as an American film director. We will see one of his few comedies, *Garbo Talks* Jewish mother Estelle Rolfe (Anne Bancroft) is dying and her last wish is to meet Garbo!

*Evonne Jonas Kruger MBA and Ph.D. in business from Temple University. She teaches in the School of Business and the Jewish Studies Program at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.*

**Thursday, March 1**

**11:15 a.m.**

**MAIMONIDES CAFÉ**

Facilitator: Maybe YOU!

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**Thursday, March 15**

**11:15 a.m.**

**REPRESENTATIVE  
GOVERNMENT AND THE RULE  
OF LAW: WHAT OUR  
FOUNDING FATHERS KNEW**

Dr. Stephen Ward will discuss Machiavelli's analysis of politics - he actually favored republics - and the English Civil War, which brought us the concept of Rule of Law.

*Stephen Ward is a retired physician and a past president of the Medical Staff of Abington Memorial Hospital and The Delaware Valley Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.*

**Thursday, March 22**

**11:30 a.m.**

**EAST ASIA: FRIEND OR FOE**

Dr. Lesley Solomon

This talk will consider future relations between our country and China, Japan, and North and South Korea. China and Japan are among the world's leading economies with South Korea rising quickly. In addition, we will think about the changing role of the United States in the emerging multi-polar world.

*Dr. Lesley Solomon has a PhD in International Relations with a focus on East Asian history and government. She teaches a course on the history and culture of East Asia for K-12 teachers in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.*

**Thursday, March 29**

**11:15 a.m.**

**STARTING YOUR  
MEMOIRS**

In this class you will plan and begin memoir writing and learn the various approaches to doing so. We will discuss the ethics of writing a memoir and learn specific writing exercises to help you retrieve your memories and to counter writer's block.

*Janet Ruth Falon, MLA is an award-winning writer and writing teacher.*

**Thursday, April 4**

**11:15 a.m.**

**MAIMONIDES CAFÉ**

Facilitator: Joan Myerson Shrager

**Thursday, April 19**

**11:15 a.m.**

**THE ROSENBACH MUSEUM  
OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Participants in this program will be treated to a history of the Rosenbach Museum as well as several pieces of its collection which is located in Philadelphia.

*Marketta Reich is a docent at the Rosenbach Museum and library for over fifteen years*

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**Thursday, April 26**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**DIEGO RIVERA**

Using information culled from his autobiography, additional resources, including a trip to the Diego Rivera Museum in Guanajuato, Andrea Clyman will speak about the life and work of this creative, controversial artist.

*Andrea Clyman was a teacher and counselor in the Philadelphia School District.*

**Sunday, April 29**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**

"Shall we Dance" traces the history of dance music for the piano from Baroque dance, the minuet, the waltz and various national dances. Commentary introduces pieces by most of your favorite composers providing a delightful musical afternoon.

*Fran Schwartz holds a Master of Music in Music Performance and*

*has been presenting concerts with commentary for over twenty years.*

**Thursday, May 3**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**CONCLUDING LUNCHEON FOR  
REGULAR MAIMONIDES CAFÉ  
ATTENDEES (REGISTRANTS ONLY)**

Home of Caryl and Mike Levin

**Thursday, May 17**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**THE DOME OF THE TEMPLE:  
BYZANTINE ARCHITECTURE**

This fascinating lecture provides a history of the origins of Byzantine architecture, its design and construction. Highlighted are some synagogues that are built in this style.

*Shanlee Pollack is a retired docent of the Philadelphia Museum of Art*

Adult Education Committee

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