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Guide to Cultural and Educational Programs

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I present this *Guide to Cultural and Educational Programs, 2011-2012* to you on behalf of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel. This *Guide* clearly and fully documents the incredible vitality of our synagogue. The course and program selection here are nothing short of remarkable for an institution of our size. It indicates the level of commitment to excellence and enrichment which resides both among our educational leaders as well as the whole congregation's interest in life long learning.

At least ten different Program departments at KI participate in offering the special programs and events presented in this book. They include our Adult Education Program, Cultural Council 60+, Israel Committee, WRJ/Sisterhood, KI Library, Sacred Music, Music Arts, Theater at KI and the Temple Judea Museum. Each department offer a wide variety of high quality offerings which in the aggregate helps make our congregation unique both in the quantity and quality of adult learning and cultural opportunities. There is literally something here for everybody.

I, too, am very proud to participate in KI's adult educational programming. As in years past, I will be rotating on Saturday mornings with Rabbi Kleinman at Torah Study Havurah. For this year's Lunch N'Learn, I will be giving ten talks on "Israelite Prophecy" from a historical perspective as well as some discussion of the artistic representation of the prophets in our sanctuary. For the Fall Rabbi's Forum, I have prepared a three part series on the history of the Palestinian people to serve as background reports around the time when the UN will be taking up the very controversial topic of Palestinian statehood. In the Spring, the Rabbi's Forum will focus on Judaism's relationship with three other religious traditions: Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. How we have and continue to interact with our neighbor's traditions is a topic of endless fascina-

tion for me.

I am also working on three new historical sermons on the Jews and Napoleon, Stalin and Martin Luther King, Jr. These talks will add to the corpus of the first twelve historical talks I have developed for KI from Benjamin Franklin to LBJ and lots of stops in between. Finally, I am developing a pilot program with Dr. Marc Rabinowitz entitled "L'Chaim: Judaism and Preventative Medicine," a brand new area for me. Can you imagine a healthy approach to eating during Passover or recasting Shabbat as a way of improving your mental health? Come and learn the basics of Judaism and good health at our opening program on Wed, October 12 at 10AM.

And, all of this is just the tip of the iceberg of cultural and educational opportunities at KI from grand concerts to exciting discussions by young authors to the incredible art displayed by our Museum. Its all here and all waiting for you to enjoy. So, sign up and come often to KI, your life long learning synagogue.

Shana Tova,

Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D.

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**TORAH L'CHA-
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Lifelong Learning
@KI



Registration: KI Adult Ed Lectures and Classes

Names: Adult 1 _____

Adult 2 _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

A one-time registration fee allows you to attend all Adult Education lectures and classes except where otherwise indicated.

This includes the Lectures and Classes that fall under the Adult Education heading AND the Rabbi's Fall and Spring Forums.

There will be a charge of \$10 per program for those who are not registered.

\$36/person (KI members),
\$75/person (members of other synagogues),
\$100/person (non-members of any
synagogue)

Please be a FRIEND for \$54 or \$72.

Total enclosed \$ _____

Enclose check payable to Keneseth Israel, Adult Education:

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel
Attn: Caryl Levin
8339 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

Rabbi's Forums

Six Lectures by Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D.
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

THE PALESTINIANS

September 25, 2011
**The Origins of the
Palestinian People to the End
of World War I**

October 2
**The Palestinians: The
Mandate Years**

October 9
The Palestinians Since 1948

JUDAISM & WORLD RELIGION

April 15, 2012
**Ancient Wisdom, Modern
Faiths: Hinduism and Judaism**

April 22
**Do We Have Nothing in
Common: Buddhism and
Judaism**

April 29
**Two People, One God: Islam
and Judaism**

Historical Sermons

Join us for Shabbat services at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, January 13
Martin Luther King, Jr and the Jews

Friday, March 9
Stalin and the Jews

Friday, July 20
Napoleon and the Jews

Lunch ‘n’ Learn

Center City Lunch ‘n’ Learn with Rabbi Sussman

Third Thursday (usually) of September-May – noon to 1:30 p.m. Join Rabbi Lance Sussman in Center City for the new series, “**The Prophetic Message**,” beginning September 15.

Lunch will be provided (\$10/person).

To volunteer to host one of these sessions at your office, to join the e-mail notification list, and/or to RSVP (by the day before at noon), contact (215)887-8702 or Barbara@kenesethisrael.org. All are welcome. No prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary.

DATES & TOPICS

-September 15

“**An Introduction to Israelite Prophecy**”

-October 19 [WED]

“**Preclassical Prophets: From Samuel to the Judges**”

-November 17

“**Amos: Prophet of Justice**”

-December 22

“**Hosea: Prophet of Love**”

-January 19

“**Isaiah: The Covenant with David and Jerusalem**”

-February 16

“**Jeremiah: Prophet of Doom**”

-March 15

“**Second Isaiah: Message of Hope**”

-April 19

“**Ezekiel: Envisioning the Future**”

-May 17

“**The End of Prophecy**”

Torah Study Havurah

Saturday mornings throughout the year

9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Library

Rabbi Lance J. Sussman and Rabbi Kevin M. Kleinman

Join us in the library for an informal and informative study session on the weekly *Torah* portion led by KI Clergy.

Discussion is highly interactive and always interesting. No preparation or prior knowledge is required. Dress is casual. The *Torah Study Havurah* meets weekly. Refreshments are served. No fee or registration are required for these sessions.

Social Action Opportunities

The following are the ongoing Social Action Projects at KI in 2011-2012. Please contact the Assistant Rabbi or the chair of the Social Action Committee to find out how to get involved in any of these initiatives to repair the world.

High Holiday Food Drive -

Canned food is collected between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to give to Philabundance for distribution throughout the Philadelphia region.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers needed to acquire bags, staple cover letter, and distribute on Yom Kippur morning.

Time Commitment: Several hours once a year

Lowell Elementary School -

mentoring/tutoring and assisting in other ways, along with collecting school supplies and needed clothing items. This will be an ongoing project that people can volunteer for at any time during the year.

Volunteer Opportunities: Reading to students

Time Commitment: Varies from volunteer to volunteer

Requirements: State and national clearance forms

Sefer Book Project - Collection of "gently used" books in Rothschild Lobby. Books have gone to Philadelphia Reads, to various Philadelphia schools, and to the local public libraries.

Volunteer Opportunities: Bring in children's books, pack them, donate them

American Red Cross Blood

Drives – KI organizes a blood drive for the ARC once every four months

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers are needed prior to each drive to call and schedule potential donors.

Time Commitment: Every 4 months

Requirements: Be able to make phone calls

Canned food collection – The collection in the lobby goes to the Abington Food Pantry

Volunteer Opportunities: Bring a can of food to synagogue each time you come.

Social Action Opportunities

Hanukkah Dinner for Federation Housing residents

– Sharing is Caring prepares and serves a Hanukkah dinner to residents of Federation housing .

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers needed to cook ahead of time, and set up and serve on the day of the event.

Time Commitment: Several hours once a year

Requirements: Be able to prepare and/or serve food

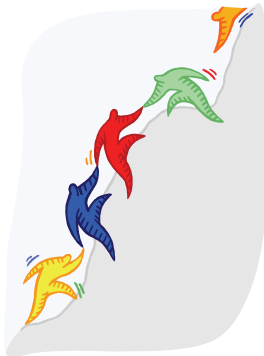
Christmas Day Hunger Relief Project

– KI members make bags of non-perishable food to deliver to charities in the region who distribute them to people in need. This year KI partnered with PEC and Arch Street Methodist Church.

Volunteer Opportunities: Organize food ahead of time, bag and deliver food on **Dec. 25** .

Time Commitment: Several hours once a year

Requirements: Be able to prepare and/or serve food .



If you would like to be involved in any of these projects, please contact Rabbi Kevin Kleinman at (215) 887-8702 or rabbikleinman@kenesethisrael.org.

Please check e-KI every week for other opportunities throughout the year.

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**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

Chaired by: Caryl Levin

Beth Abrams, Doris Elaine Adler, Alan Bloom, Vechey Bloom, Marilyn Bobrin, Dr. Arnold Brenman, Jeanne Brenman, Norman Brody, Kay Brylawski, Shelia & Giacomo DeAnnuntis, Elaine Ellison, Ruth Erie, Lois & Marvin Finkelstein, Emily Greenberg, Beletta Grohsman, Meredith Hecht, Steve Hecht, Grace Hurwitz, Sonnie Katz, Elaine Kline, Marilyn Koff, Evonne Kruger, Isaak Kruger, Ginger Lane, Selma Langer, Mickie Levin, Renee Levin, Anita Lipson, Lila London, Matt London, Linda Nesvisky, Dr. Norman Olson, Sallie Olson, Earnie Philips, Sandi Philips, Shanlee Pollack, Andy Rieder, Jay Rosen, Helen Schneeberg, Marlene Sellers, Ann Slifkin, Art Silverman, Carol Silverman, Ellen Sklaroff, Ruth Spergel, Ann Solis-Cohen, Lesley Solomon, Bobbie Weiss, Dr. Richard Weiss, Andrea Yarnoff

Israel Cultural & Advocacy Committee

The Israel Committee will be featuring three Israeli films in 2011 and one in 2012. Listed below are the dates and titles. All films will be shown in the KG on at **3:00 p.m.** Amiram Amitai will continue to be our moderator with a brief synopsis before the film and a Q&A discussion after.

Sunday, September 18

“Precious Life”

Sunday, November 20

“The Debt”

Sunday, December 11

“Summer of Aviya”

Sunday, April 15

“The Band”

Israel Cultural and Advocacy Committee:

Chaired by: Sonnie Katz

Alan Paul, Ann & Dick Brown, Bill Dodies, Lois & Marvin Finkelstein, Emily & Howard Greenberg, Bob Katz, Marilyn & Howard Koff, Sallie & Norm Olson, Doris Parker, Dave & Sandy Rosenthal, Helen Schneeberg, Carol & Art Silverman, William Schur,
Rabbi Lance J. Sussman



Cultural Council

Lunch and Program at
11:30 a.m., Thursdays
Charge: \$12 for KI Members
\$15 Guests with a timely
reservations;\$17 at the door

October
No Meeting: Holiday

November 10
Seniors in the Peace Corps
Dr. Jack Lutz: Retired
Educator and Administrator for
The United Nations

December 8
Musical Performance by the
Cheltenham High School
Traveling Choir

January and February 2012
No Meetings because of
Weather Possibilities

March 8
A Little Humor Never Hurts
You, Could Even Help!
Dr. Joel L Schwartz: The Stress
Less Shrink

April 12
Politics, Elections and
Governing 2012
Susan Myers:
Popular Lecturer and Teacher

May 10
The History of Jews and
Elections
Rabbi Lance J. Sussman

June 14
Sing and Dance: Collecting
Yiddish Music
Mollie and Bob Freedman

Guest speakers are sponsored by the Rosenau Fund

Cultural Council

Co-chairs: Doris Parker & Irv Matusow
Joan Brantz, Ann & Dick Brown, Steve Cherashore, Beletta Grohsmann, Selma
Langer, Shanlee Pollack, Barbara Rudnick, Ruth Schoenberg

WRJ/KI Sisterhood

Gift Shop Opening

Online Gift Shop –
Judaica Beautiful
www.kenesethisrael.judaicabeautiful.com

Friday, September 16

6:30 pm

Wine Tasting for Your Rosh Hashanah Table

Followed by **Sabbath for the Soul**
at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 18

10:00 a.m.

Food for Thought: Digesting the Tough Issues

Rabbi Michael Namath,
Director, RAC
“Green Table” Brunch
\$5/pp donation
Hosted by Sisterhood,
Brotherhood & KI Social Action &
Library Committee
Your check to KI Sisterhood is
your reservation. Send to Mickie
Levin by 9/12/11, 8339 Old York
Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Sunday, October 16

2:00 p.m.

Our Class

At the Wilma Theater.
Followed by Group Discussion
Based on true events in Poland
1925. Inspired in part by Jan
Gross’ controversial book *Neigh-*

bor. Transportation on
Own/ Carpooling Optional.
\$40/person.

Your check to KI Sisterhood is
your reservation. Send checks by
10/7/11 to Lynore Eisman, KI,
8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park,
PA 19027

Monday, October 17

8:30 a.m.

Coffee Break in the Sukkah

Richard E. Rudolph Preschool
Parent(s), Guardian(s),
Grandparent(s) come have
breakfast with Sisterhood.

Wednesday, November 9

12:30 p.m.

Lunch at Bourse Food Court

2:00 pm

Visit to National Museum of American Jewish History

Our very own Rabbi Lance
Sussman will be touring with 10
lucky lottery winners. All other
participants will be with a highly
qualified docent.
\$15/Member, \$5 donation for each
NMAJH member is requested.
Your check to KI Sisterhood is
your reservation. Send check by
10/28/11 to Diane Miller, KI, 8339
Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA
19027. Any Questions call Diane
at 215-464-1381.

WRJ/KI Sisterhood

Sunday, November 13

11:00 a.m.

Hanukkah Celebration & Global Day of Jewish Learning

Buy your Hanukkah gifts, SCRIP – Gift Cards, and toys for preschool aged children. Followed by a week of holiday buying.

Sunday, November 13

3:00 p.m.

Sacred Table

Hosted by Library, Museum, and Sisterhood

Sunday, December 4

4:00 p.m.

KINGO

with WRJ/KI Sisterhood Support

Friday, December 23

10:00 a.m.

LatkePalooza

Sisterhood makes latkes with the children of preschool.

Sunday, March 4

10:00 a.m.

Purim Carnival WRJ/KI Sisterhood Support

Friday, March 16

7:15 p.m.

Wine Tasting for Your Passover Table

Followed by 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sunday, March 25

2:30 p.m.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Clothing Sale

In January, Sisterhood will begin collecting gently used children's Bar/Bat Mitzvah clothing and accessories to sell to the community. Please bring your clothing to the back of the coat closet. Donation letters are available.

Tuesday, April 3

11:00 a.m.

Annual Interfaith Program

"Impact of Yoga on Religion: Panel Discussion"

Please join us for a lively panel discussion with a variety of religious leaders and luncheon. RSVP by 3/26/11 to Mickie Levin at 215-698-0314 or mickie6832@comcast.net.



WRJ/KI Sisterhood

Thursday, April 26

7:00 p.m.

**The Feminine Mystique –
50 Years Later**

What has happened over the years? Where are we now? Refreshments will be served.

RSVP by 4/22/11 to Janice Schwartz-Donahue at 215-576-5802 or janicedonahue98@comcast.net

Sunday, May 13

**Pink Hats Fund Raiser \$18/hat
Mitzvah for Moms**

Susan G. Komen Event
Bus to go to the walk maybe available. Plant Garden. Clean Up Old York Road. RSVP by 5/1/11 to Lynore Eisman for information.

Friday, May 18

8:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Shabbat

MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 30th 4:30 p.m.
Opening General Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday, August 30th 6:30 p.m.
Sisterhood Dessert and Wine Get Together. Cantor Levy will be Joining Us!

Sunday, October 2nd 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, November 6th 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, December 11th 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, January 8th 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, February 5th 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, March 11th 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, April 15th 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting
Hebrew School Plants Seeds in Classrooms

Sunday, May 6th 10:00 a.m.
General Sisterhood Meeting

Sisterhood Executive Board

President: Lynore Eisman; Vice Presidents: Marlene Glass, Janice Schwartz-Donahue, and Sue Fried

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Ilene Bomze

Corresponding Secretary: Diane Miller; Recording Secretary: Mindi Glachman

Meyers Library

FAQ's About KI's Meyers Library

1. **Where is it?** The library is located on the second floor and is easily reached by the stairs or elevator.

2. When is it open?

Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. when there is Religious School).

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:4:00 p.m.

Sunday: (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

3. **Can I get a book at any other time?** Yes! Book carts with the newest in contemporary fiction are brought to the Oneg Shabbat on to other congregational activities.

4. **Tell me about the Judaica collection.** The Meyers library has over 5000 volumes of contemporary Jewish literature including Reference and Judaica selections. The Juvenile section, for example, has more than 800 Jewish children's books! It is one of the most impressive synagogue libraries in the city. We continuously add new titles to our Judaica collection paying special attention to those that will Supplement religious school curriculum and bring enjoyment to students and preschoolers.

5. Is there a collection of contemporary fiction and nonfiction?

We carry a large selection of both, constantly adding new titles. ALL are available for KI members to borrow for two weeks FREE OF CHARGE!

6. **The Meyers Library sounds like a perfect place in which to do**

work, search for a great new book or spend quiet time while waiting for my child who is in religious school. Yes! We have comfortable chairs, free Wi-Fi and a Keurig coffee maker with a selection of gourmet coffees. You might also meet people who share a love of reading!

To reserve a book call (215) 887-8700 or email library@kenesethisrael.org

Library Hours

The library is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on Religious School days); Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 12:30 (on Religious School days). Book carts with the latest in contemporary fiction are brought to the Oneg Shabbat on Friday evenings and to other congregational activities. To reserve a book, please call 215-887-8700, Ext. 122 or email: library@kenesethisrael.org.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 18

Co-sponsored with WRJ

FOOD FOR THOUGHT;

DIGESTING THE TOUGH ISSUES

Rabbi Michael Namath of the RAC in Washington is the guest speaker.

Meyers Library

The Meyers library will sell copies of the book *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic* edited by Mary L. Zamore containing articles by Rabbis Lance J. Sussman, Kevin Kleinman and Simeon Maslin. The book will be sold before and after the event.

Sunday, October 30
ONE BOOK, ONE JEWISH COMMUNITY
THE LIST by MARTIN FLETCHER

At Congregation Beth Or in Maple Glen hear author Martin Fletcher speak and discuss his wonderful book and perhaps have your copy signed.

You may purchase a copy in the main office after October, 11. Fletcher's other books are available in Meyers Library.

Bev Cohen will discuss this book at KI on Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Sunday, November 13, 2011
1:00 p.m.

Spoken and Seen: Words Interpreted

Janet Maslin, wife of Rabbi Emeritus, Simeon Maslin, is the author of *Golden Hands* a memoir about her father, Dr. Herman Blumberg.

Sunday December 11
12:00 p.m.

Family Pizza; Hanukkah Menorah Workshop; and the Meyers Library Storytelling Troupe

Co-sponsored with the Temple Judea Museum

Sunday January 22
11:00 a.m.

The Art of Personal Memoir
Co-Sponsored with the Temple Judea Museum and the KI Archives Committee

Tuesday March 13
7:00 p.m.

Cooking Demonstration and Cookbook Extravaganza

A special guest chef will share new recipes for Passover. Check e-KI and the KI website for more details.

Other Library Events

The Library hosts a visiting author each year. Details available soon. Check e-KI and the KI website for details about these and other Library programs and activities.



Library Committee
Director of Library Services: Ellen Tilman, Committee Chair: Lynn Rosen

JCC Lifelong Learning at KI

Sponsored by the Raymond & Miriam Klein JCC
Tuesday and Wednesday Classes
\$55 per class
Registration fee per semester \$20
Special Packages
Tuesday package - two classes
\$90
Wednesday package - two classes
\$90
Look for Brochure in KI information
Kiosk mid-September
For information and reservations
please call Joanne Beck,
215-887-8496 or contact her at
jbeck@kleinJCC.org

SEPTEMBER MINI SERIES

Wednesday, September 14
10:00 a.m.

What Does Your History Say About Your Future?

Dr. Marc Rabinowitz will discuss
medical science and genetics and
their role in prevention, diagnosis
and treatment.

Wednesday, September 14
11:15 a.m.

Your Jewish Hit Parade

A sample of Jewish music and
songs with KI's own Cantor Amy
Levy.

Thursday, September 15
10:00 a.m.

Book Review: *The Murderer's Daughter*

Review by Irene Reiter

Thursday, September 15
11:15 a.m.

Art History I

From DaVinci to Braque with
Dr. Sheldon Weintraub.

Tuesday, September 20
10:00 a.m.

Understanding the Changing Financial Environment II

A lecture and discussion about
current financial concerns with Da-
vid Kerchner, retirement
planning specialist.

Tuesday, September 20
11:15 a.m.

Musical Overtures II: Encore

An encore of the Great White Way
with Gene Shay.

Wednesday, September 21
10:00 a.m.

From Generation to Generation

A look into Jewish customs, rituals
and practice concerning the end of
life with Elliot Rosen, funeral
director.

JCC Lifelong Learning at KI

Wednesday, September 21
11:15 a.m.

Cultural Pluralism

Discuss new patterns of assimilation vs. ethnicity in the US with Natalie Isser.

Thursday, September 22
10:00 a.m.

The Life & Times of Winston Churchill

Discussion with KI's senior rabbi, Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D.

Thursday, September 22
11:15 a.m.

Art History II

From DaVinci to Braque with Dr. Sheldon Weintraub.

TUESDAYS AT KI

October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Movie Talk and Theater, Too!

8 sessions \$55

Every week a film playing in the area is assigned for discussion in the next class. *Dr. Moylan Mills, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Integrative Arts, Pennsylvania State University*

October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13

11:00am–12:00pm

Short Stories

8 sessions: \$55

Come along on an adventure of reading American Short Stories with Irene Reiter. Text used: *The Best American Short Stories of the Century* (paperback) by Katrina Kenison. Anthology available at your local bookstore.

Dr. Irene Reiter, Ph.D., Retired Head English Dept., Northeast High School

WEDNESDAYS AT KI

October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14

9:30 – 10:30 am

Middle East Diplomacy in the 20th Century

8 sessions \$55

A Brief Historical Examination of the roles that geopolitics and imperialism played in the development of the present day Middle Eastern Crisis.

Natalie Isser, Professor Emeritus, Pennsylvania State University

JCC Lifelong Learning at KI

**October 26,
November 2, 9, 16, 23
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

Jewish Life

A discussion based format with group participation.

5 sessions \$50

PRAYER

The physical, spiritual, and emotional benefits of prayer.

ISRAEL

The two state solution and its impact on the Jewish state. Change the topic Israel the two state solution to Israel: On the cutting edge of technology.

NOTABLE JEWS

How they've changed the world
Synagogue Affiliation The reasons for its decline and the impact this has on the American Jewish Community.

JEWISH HUMOR

Its history and its importance in our society.

Francesca Axe is a Jewish educator. She has been bringing her riveting programs to Jewish Community Centers and Retirement Communities for fifteen years. In addition, she has been a Religious School teacher for twenty years.

**November 30, December 7, 14
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

Biblical History

TEXTUAL MAGIC, TEXTUAL MIRACLES:

3 sessions \$40

We will begin by looking at Biblical stories of miracles performed by the Prophet Elijah and his protégée, the prophet Elisha. We will then explore the role that these prophets and their miracles play in both Jewish and Christian thought and tradition.

Rabbi Robyn Frisch, Spiritual Leader of Temple Menorah Keneseth Chai. In addition to her synagogue responsibilities, Rabbi Frisch is the Rabbinic Family Educator for the Perelman Jewish Day School..

Jewish Arts & Culture @ KI



Schalom Hirschenzohn
1851-1914

Sacred Music

Fridays, at 8:00 p.m.
September 16, November 18,
January 20, 2012, March 23*

**Sabbaths for the Soul —
Four Sabbaths, All Soul**

Join us for four amazing Sabbaths where we bond together as a community to experience spirituality through sound and image, a multi-media Sabbath with our clergy and Ross M. Levy and the Levites Band.

*On March 23 join us at 7:15 p.m. for Wine & Schmooze followed by 8:00 p.m. service.

Wednesday, October 12
7:15 p.m.

**Sukkot & Simchat Torah
Celebrations**

Sukkot Services followed by a Coffee House Oneg featuring our talented teen musicians at an open mic in the Sukkah!

Friday, October 14

8:00 p.m.

Sukkot Shabbat Services followed by a Sukkah Hop Oneg in our Sukkah with our very own Jewveniles band, made up of KI's talented adult musicians.

Wednesday, October 19
6:45 p.m.

Klezmer Simchat Torah
Services with Shir Joy

**Shabbats with our
Adult Volunteer Choir led by
Hazzan Tilman**

Fridays, 8:00 p.m.

Join us at the following Shabbats filled with the rich choral tradition of the Reform Movement:

October 28 — InterFaithways
Shabbat

December 23 — Hanukkah
Shabbat

January 27, 2012

February 24 — Honoring
Sonnie Katz, Sacred Music Chair

March 30

May 11 — Israel Shabbat

Saturday, November 5

7:00 p.m.

**Ross M. Levy & Chana Rothman
Live in Concert**

Saturday, January 23

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Sleepy Time and Lullabies with
Cantor Amy Levy**

Preschool families join together for dinner, and then let the cantor tuck your children in with beautiful Jewish lullabies.

Sacred Music

Friday, February 3

7:15 p.m.

Tu BiShvat Seder

Join us for our annual Tu BiShvat Seder, led by our 9th grade, where we experience our gratitude for the earth in prayer, song, and story.

Wednesday, March 7

7:00 p.m.

Purim with the Jewveniles

Another great Purim with the Jewveniles band! Come sing along with Shir Joy and our band as we celebrate Purim with a rocking community spirit.

Friday, May 18

8:00 p.m.

**Sisterhood Shabbat with
Otzmat Nashim**

Otzmat Nashim is a beautiful all women's singing group that blesses our Sisterhood Shabbat with the empowering voices of women, led by Liz Sussman

Friday, June 1

7:15 p.m.

**Classic Rock Shabbat with the
Jewveniles**

Theatre at KI

April 14

8:00 p.m.

New Jerusalem

***"The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah
Congregation: Amsterdam, July 27, 1656"***

As the Inquisition threatens them, a small Jewish community flees Portugal and finds a fragile peace in liberal Amsterdam. But Spinoza, a favorite son of the congregation and the rabbi's heir apparent, is outspoken. When the boldness of his ideas strains Amsterdam's professed tolerance, it leads to a dangerous confrontation between powerful political forces and his own beloved Jewish community. This play is based on true events in the life of one of the greatest philosophers in history. This recent off-Broadway hit by playwright David Ives challenges traditional political and religious thinking with conviction, passion, and humor.

(This play will be a staged reading performed by professional actors.)

Theatre at KI co-chairs: Earnie and Sandi Phillips

Music Arts

The Music Arts Committee has planned five diverse and wonderful programs for the Keneseth Israel Community for the 2011- 2012 year. Each promises to bring a unique musical experience to listeners.

Two events are followed by dinner and one is followed by a dessert buffet. Mark your calendars now as KI's Musical presentations are well attended and reservations are made early!

Sunday, November 13
5:00 p.m.

The De Pue Brothers Band

KI Music Arts honors this Veterans Day Weekend with a concert designed to please everyone. Four violinists who are brothers will capture a vivid blend of bluegrass, jazz, rock and classical melodies during their concert. They have been making music as a family for over twenty-five years. Two of the three are members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, while another is an Emmy Award composer and another was in a nationally televised PBS special. What a wonderful opportunity to bring your entire family, your friends and neighbors to hear and see incredible talent right here in Elkins Park. This concert is appropriate for all ages and

will be followed by a light supper. Special family prices are Available.

Saturday, December 17
7:45 p.m.

Curtis Opera Cabaret

The Curtis Institute of Music will provide a new galaxy of rising stars to delight you with your favorite arias, duets, and trios from beloved operas. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 29, 2012
3:00 p.m.

Jonathan Beyer, Baritone

Jonathan Beyer, baritone, who recently joined the Metropolitan Opera Company will be in recital here at Keneseth Israel prior to his Carnegie Hall Debut on February 4.

Saturday, April 21
7:45 p.m.

Great American Songbook Cabaret

The concert will be followed by a Viennese dessert buffet.

Music Arts

Saturday, May 5, 2012

7:45 p.m.

Follow the Rising Stars

Ray Chen, violinist and pianist, winner of many international prizes views Keneseth Israel as his "home" venue. It was at KI that he first performed before playing before international audiences! Ray now records for

Sony Classical Records. His concert is appropriate for ages 8 and above. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN THE KI BULLETIN.

Music Arts Committee

Chaired by: Ellen Bildersee

Doris Elaine Adler, Bob Bildersee, Alan Bloom, Veachey Bloom, Jean Brenman, Norm & Doris Brody, Anne & Dick Brown, Steve & Lauri Capin, Lorraine & Steve Cherashore, Dulcey Fischer, Mort Freedman, Mark, Robin & Loren Furman, Harvey & Darlene Gilbert, Beletta Grohsman, Ruth Hartz, Steve & Merrie Hecht, Joan & Phil Kamen, Phil Kates, Elaine Kline, Jackie Kovach, Evonne & Isaac Kruger, Caryl Levin, Cantor Amy Levy, Fay Lichtman, Anita Lipson, Irv Matusow, Lois Meyers, Bernice Miller, Diane & Murray Miller, Lynn Neigut, Doris Parker, Herman & Sylvia Parris, Earnie & Sandi Philips, Shanlee Pollock, Evelyn Rosenfeld, Myrna and Fred Rosenau, Fran Schwartz, Marlene Sellers, Phyllis Drucker Sichel, Art and Carol Silverman, Shirley Sivitz, Ralph & Lillian Tekel, Edythe Weiss.



Temple Judea Museum

NOTE: All programs are on Sundays unless noted

September 24– February 5

WORDworks: Precious Heritage

EXHIBITION:

Guest Curator: Lynne Bloom
Books, documents, photographs, objects, ephemera, Judaica and art work from the collections of The Temple Judea Museum; The KI Archives; The Meyers Library; Rabbi Sussman, and significant loans.

SOUNDworks: Gallery soundtrack: Guest Curator: Marlene D'Orazio Adler with the assistance of Norman Olson. Narrated readings by KI members and guests

FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS:

October 16

3:00 p.m.

WORDworks

Exhibition opening

Calligraphy and Paper Cut Art Demonstration with Talk

Karen Shain Schloss, Master Calligrapher and Paper-Cut Artist, will demonstrate her exquisite techniques and will also give an illustrated talk about the Arts of Calligraphy and Paper-Cuts.

Reception to follow at 4:00 p.m.

RECEPTION: In honor of Phyllis Sichel, David and Estelle Steinberg

and the TJMuseum volunteers.

October 23

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

PATRONS of the Temple Judea Museum event (RSVP)

Dr. William Dever, world renowned Biblical archaeologist selected the museum's collection of rare and important archaeology. He will join us to revisit the collection, re-evaluate it, explain his choices and open our eyes to the story of life in ancient Israel.

Event at a private home (to be announced) with gala reception. Herb Altman will be honored for his leadership and support of the museum.

November 13

1:00 p.m.

TJMuseum and the Meyers Library event (Reception to follow)

Author's Illustrated Talk: Judith Blumberg Maslin

Golden Hands: The Secular and Sacred Legacy of Daniel Blumberg
Daniel Blumberg was an exquisite silversmith and among his works is a legacy of treasured Judaica.

The Temple Judea Museum is proud to own a number of his creations and we are equally proud to welcome his daughter Judy, the

founding director of the Temple Judea Museum, to share her book about her father and his life's work.

Temple Judea Museum

November 20

11:00 a.m.

The SOUNDworks Project

Curator Marlene Adler with the assistance of Norman Olson

Readings, Musings and Memories by SOUNDworks Narrators

As a very special part of the **WORDworks** exhibition visitors to the Museum are treated to a recording of KI members reading from their favorite passages. Come and meet them and hear their touching, fun and unusual reasons for their choices. PLEASE bring your own favorite written passages to share.

Free Light Brunch for Friends of the Temple Judea Museum (RSVP to TJM office)

Brunch charge for non TJM Friends: \$10. (By prior reservation to TJM office)

December 11

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

TJMuseum and the Meyers

Library event - In Memory of Dot Freedman

Pre-registration required

Pizza, Story-telling and Hanukkah Menorah Workshop – A KI Family Event

Story-telling by KI Library Volunteers

Menorah Workshop led by Morty Freedman and Karen Shain Schloss, TJMuseum Chair. Children are invited to make their own fabulous Hanukkah Menorot.

NO CHARGE FOR MENORAH SUPPLIES

Attendance by Registration by December 1st at School or Museum (Room 110) Office

LUNCH: Pizza, drinks etc will be sold. Cookies provided.

Thursday January 12

11:00 a.m.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum

***Friends of TJMuseum event**

Discover the treasures of our exquisite collection of fine textiles in preparation for our spring exhibition: **“Historic Textiles: Contemporary Conversation”**

January 22

10:30 a.m.

TJMuseum, KI Archives and the Meyers Library event

Bagels and coffee, Program at 11:00 a.m.

READINGS AND DISCUSSION: The Art of the Personal Memoir: Selected Memoirs from the Myers’ Library Collection and from the KI Archives: Rabbi Krauskopf’s Travel Diaries: His Trip to Russia, 1894, and his Around the World Trip, 1913-14

Temple Judea Museum

February 5
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
WORDworks Exhibition
Closing Event

CURATORIAL CONVERSATION:
A free-wheeling, illustrated
exploration of the wide world of a
curator's work, from auctions to
historic preservation; museum
exhibitions to collecting; from
the legal to the laudable and
even the laughable.

Speakers

Emily Cooperman, M.S., Ph. D.,
Emily is the Principal of ARCH
Preservation Consulting, and is an
architectural and landscape
historian and historic preservation
consultant. She has worked with
Beth Sholom Synagogue since
2005 and directed its Visitor Center
project.

Aaron Goldblatt, BFA, MFA, Partner,
Metcalf Architecture &
Design. Previously, he was respon-
sible for the design of all exhibits at
Please Touch Museum and also
served as the Director of Exhibits
for the Academy of Natural
Sciences. He is an adjunct
professor of Museum Studies at the
University of the Arts. Among his
prize winning projects is the Tree
Canopy Walk at Morris Arboretum.

Judith Blumberg Maslin, M. A. in
Art History. She is the author of,

Golden Hands: The Secular and
Sacred Legacy of Daniel
Blumberg 2011. She is a
freelance art lecturer and teacher
and has lectured throughout the
world on Jewish art. She is the
Founding Director/Curator of
TJMuseum (1984-1996). She was a
researcher at the Philadelphia
Museum of Art from 1981-1984 and
researched and wrote the
catalogue essay on biblical tiles for
Dutch Tiles 1984.

Rita Rosen Poley, B.S., M.Ed.,
Director/Curator of TJMuseum
since 1999. She was Art Education
Consultant for Gratz College and
lecturer in art education. She
developed the Arthur and Rita Po-
ley Gallery at Delaware Valley Col-
lege, the first such gallery for on-
campus exhibitions of college
history. She developed and
directed, "ENTOURAGE:
Exhibitions," a company for the
travel of exhibitions to colleges and
museums. She was a columnist for
the Jewish Exponent. She was
curator for Moss Rehab's
international exhibitions. She
served on the Design Committee
for the Beth Sholom FLW Visitors'
Center. She supervises the Anolic
Israel Travel Scholarship for college
art students.

Sunday, March 11 — Sunday,
July 14

Temple Judea Museum

“Historic Textiles: Contemporary Conversation”

EXHIBITION:

In the spring of 2012 The Temple Judea Museum (TJM) will participate in a city-wide project, FIBER PHILADELPHIA 2012, in which a number of galleries and museums will celebrate the Fiber Arts. The TJMuseum exhibition will include selections from the museum’s exceptional collection of Judaic textiles as well as contemporary fabric works by members of the KI Artists’ Collaborative. As a cooperative effort, at the same time, The Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art at Congregation Rodeph Sholom will present, “The New Sacred: Ritual Textiles by Rachel Kanter.” Among the works in “The New Sacred” will be two that were inspired by the artist’s visit to the TJM collection.

Sunday March 11

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SPRING PROGRAMS:

Behind the Studio Door

Exhibition Opening event

Come and meet the members of the KI ARTISTS’ Collaborative

See their work and hear their stories .

April 22

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

***FRIENDS OF THE TEMPLE JUDEA MUSEUM Event**

A PERSONAL VIEW - TWO WONDERS OF JEWISH ART AND EPHEMERA

Speaker: Rita Rosen Poley,
TJMuseum Director/curator

“The Synagogue Murals at Dura Europus, Syria: Jewish Art Before the Printing Press and Computer Graphics AKA, the Jewish Sistine Chapel”

“The Cairo Genizah and the Jewish Indiana Jones: The Key that Unlocked the Mystery of Centuries of Jewish Life”

***FRIENDS of the Temple Judea Museum events are open to the community for an \$18 fee.**

For more information and reservations for events, please contact the Temple Judea Museum at (215) 887-2027 or TJMuseum@kenesethisrael.org

Temple Judea Museum Committee

Museum Director: Rita Rosen Poley; Chaired by : Karen Schloss

Marlene Adler, Herb Altman, Norman Brody, Ruth Colten Rhea Dennis, Morrie Finkel, Sonnie Katz, Connie Kay, Renee Levin, Anita Lipson, Judy Maslin, Lori Mukai, Shanlee Pollack, Myrna Ruby, Ruth Schwerin, Claire Schweriner, Natalie Shamberg, Estelle & David Steinberg, Ann Swern, Mili Weiss, Joan Myerson Shrager

<u>Year at a Glance</u>			
<u>Month, Day</u>	<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Page</u>
<u>September</u>			
14	Health Discussion	10:00 a.m.	25
14	Jewish Hit Parade	11:15 a.m.	25
15	Book Review	10:00 a.m.	25
15	Lunch n' Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
16	Art History I	11:15 a.m.	25
16	Wine Tasting	6:30 p.m.	20
16	Sabbath for the Soul	8:00 p.m.	29
18	"Food for Thought"	10:00 a.m.	20, 23
18	Film "Precious Life"	3:00 p.m.	19
20	Finance Discussion	10:00 a.m.	25
20	Musical Overtures II	11:15 a.m.	25
21	Generation to Generation	10:00 a.m.	25
21	Cultural Pluralism	11:15 a.m.	26
22	Winston Churchill Lecture	10:00 a.m.	26
22	Art History II	11:15 a.m.	26
25	Rabbi's Forum	10:00 a.m.	8
<u>October</u>			
2	Rabbi's Forum	10:00 a.m.	8
6	Maimonides Café	11:15 a.m.	12
6	Florals & Nudes	7:30 p.m.	12
9	Rabbi's Forum	10:00 a.m.	8
12	Blue Jean Sukkot & Coffeehouse	7:15 p.m.	29
14	Sukkah Hop Oneg	8:00 p.m.	29
16	Beginner's Hebrew	9:45 a.m.	12
16	<i>Our Class</i>	2:00 p.m.	20
16	WordWorks	3:00 p.m.	33
17	Coffee Break in Sukkah	8:30 a.m.	20
19	Maurice Sendak	2:30 p.m.	12
19	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
19	Klezmer Simchat Torah	6:45 p.m.	29
23	Beginner's Hebrew	9:45 a.m.	12
23	TJM Patron's Event	12:00 p.m.	33
25	Movie Talk	9:45 a.m.	26
25	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
26	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m..	26
26	Jewish Life	10:45 a.m.	27
26	The Greatest Art Hoax	2:30 p.m.	13
28	InterFaithways Shabbat	8:00 p.m.	29
30	Beginner's Hebrew	9:45 a.m.	12
30	One Book		24

November

1	Movie Talk	9:45 a.m.	25
1	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
2	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m.	26
2	Jewish Life	10:45 a.m.	27
3	Maimonides Café	11:15 a.m.	13
5	Ross M. Levy & Chana Rothman Concert	7:00 p.m.	29
6	Beginner's Hebrew	9:45 a.m.	12
8	Movie Talk	9:45 a.m.	26
8	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
9	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m.	27
9	Jewish Life	10:45 a.m.	27
9	Sisterhood Trip	12:30 p.m.	20
10	Seniors in the Peace Corps	11:30 p.m.	19
13	Beginner's Hebrew	9:45 a.m.	12
13	Spoken:Written & Seen	1:00 p.m.	24
13	<i>Sacred Table</i>	3:00 p.m.	21
13	The DePue Brothers Band	5:00 p.m.	31
15	Movie Talk	9:45 a.m.	26
15	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
16	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m.	26
16	Jewish Life	10:45 a.m.	27
17	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
18	Sabbath for the Soul	8:00 p.m.	29
20	SoundWorks	11:00 a.m.	34
20	Film "The Debt"	3:00 p.m.	18
22	Movie Talk	9:45 a.m.	26
22	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
23	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m.	26
23	Jewish Life	10:45 a.m.	27
29	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m.	26
29	Movie Talk	9:45 a.m.	26
29	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
30	Biblical History	10:45 a.m.	27
30	Vagabonds of the World	2:30 p.m.	13

December

1	Maimonides Café	12:00 p.m.	13
4	KINGO	4:00 p.m.	21
6	Movie Talk	9:45 a.m.	26
7	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m.	26
7	Biblical History	10:45 a.m.	27
7	"Who Dunnits"	11:30 a.m.	13

8	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
8	Cheltenham High Choir	11:30 a.m.	19
11	Family Night	12:00 p.m.	24
11	Film "Summer of Aviya"	3:00 p.m.	18
13	Movie Talk	9:45 p.m.	26
13	Short Stories	11:00 a.m.	26
14	Mid East Diplomacy	9:30 a.m.	26
14	Biblical History	10:45 a.m.	27
15	Two Americans in Jordan	11:15 a.m.	14
17	Curtis Opera Cabaret	7:45 p.m.	31
22	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
23	LatkePalooza	10:00 a.m.	21
23	Hanukkah Shabbat	8:00 p.m.	29
25	Hunger Relief Project		11

January

5	Songs You Thought		
	You Knew	11:00 a.m.	14
5	Maimonides Café	11:15 a.m.	14
13	MLK & the Jews	8:00 p.m.	8
19	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
19	Metallic Blues	11:15 a.m.	14
20	Sabbath for the Soul	8:00 p.m.	29
22	The Art of Personal Memoir	11:00 a.m.	24
23	Sleepy Time/Lullabies	5:30 p.m.	29
26	<i>The List</i>	11:30 a.m.	15
29	Jonathan Boyer: Baritone	3:00 p.m.	31

February

3	Tu BiShvat Seder	7:15 p.m.	30
5	WordWorks Closing Event	1:00 p.m.	35
16	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
16	<i>Tin Men</i>	7:30 p.m.	15
23	Garbo Talks	7:30 p.m.	15
24	Honorary Shabbat	8:00 p.m.	29

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<u>March</u>			
1	Maimonides Café	11:15 a.m.	15
4	Purim Carnival	10:00 a.m.	21
7	Purim with the Jewveniles	7:00 p.m.	30
8	A Little Humor Never Hurts	11:30 a.m.	19
9	Stalin & the Jews	8:00 p.m.	8
11	Behind the Studio Door	3:00 p.m.	36
13	Cooking Demonstration	7:00 p.m.	24
15	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
15	Representative Government	11:15 a.m.	16
15	Wine Tasting for Passover	7:15 p.m.	21
22	East Asia: Friend or Foe	11:30 p.m.	16
23	Wine & Schmooze	7:00 p.m.	29
25	B'nai Mitzvah Clothing Sale	2:30 p.m.	21
29	Starting Your Memoirs	11:15 a.m.	16
<u>April</u>			
3	Interfaith Program	11:00 a.m.	21
4	Maimonides Café	11:15 a.m.	16
12	Politics, Elections & Governing	11:30 a.m.	19
14	Theatre at KI	8:00 p.m.	30
15	Rabbi's Forum	10:00 a.m.	8
15	Film "The Band"	3:00 p.m.	18
19	The Rosenbach Museum	11:15 a.m.	16
19	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
21	Great American Songbook	7:45 p.m.	31
22	Rabbi's Forum	10:00 a.m.	8
22	Friend of TJM Event	12:30 p.m.	36
26	Diego Rivera	11:30 a.m.	17
26	The Feminine Mystique	7:00 p.m.	22
29	Rabbi's Forum	10:00 a.m.	8
29	Shall We Dance	3:00 p.m.	17

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<u>May</u>			
3	Maimonides Café	11:15 a.m.	17
5	Follow the Rising Stars	7:45 p.m.	31
10	The History of Jews & Elections	11:30 a.m.	19
11	Israel Shabbat	8:00 p.m.	29
13	Pink Hat Fundraiser		22
17	The Dome of the Temple	11:15 a.m.	17
17	Lunch 'n Learn	12:00 p.m.	9
18	Sisterhood Shabbat	8:00 p.m.	22, 30
<u>June</u>			
1	Rock Shabbat w/Jewveniles	7:15 p.m.	30
14	Yiddish Music	11:30 a.m.	19
<u>July</u>			
20	Napoleon & the Jews	8:00 p.m.	8



OUR VISION: 2009-2019

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel is an historic, visionary synagogue-community with an inspired future. We envision a multi-campus “synagogue center” that will offer the best in contemporary worship, transformational lifelong Jewish learning, meaningful arts and cultural programming, continuing opportunities for deeds of social justice and enhanced connections to Israel and the Jewish world. Deeply committed to our goals and to one another, we will continue to expand our national as well as local reputations and make KI the heart of Reform Judaism in Greater Philadelphia.

OUR CORE VALUES

Kehillah

(Community)

Nurturing and sustaining a strong sense of community and personal belonging in our synagogue.

T'fillot

(Prayer and Spirituality)

Creating diverse, compelling religious services and providing pastoral support for our members and their families.

Limmud

(Sacred Learning)

Providing life-long transformative Jewish learning experiences.

Tikkun Olam

(Social Justice/Repair of the World)

Strengthening social justice through programs both within KI and extending into the larger community.

Ahavat Yisrael

(Jewish Pride/Love of Israel)

Building a strong connection with Israel and the global Jewish community.

Hiddur Mitzvah

(Arts and Culture)

Fostering a deeper appreciation of Jewish living through cultural programming and the arts.

Yahadut Mitkademit

(Reform Judaism)

Maintaining and enriching our historic ties to the Reform Movement.

OUR HISTORY

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, widely called KI, was founded in March 1847, the fourth congregation to be established by the expanding Jewish community of Philadelphia. KI adopted Reform in 1855 and thus became the first progressive congregation in Philadelphia. For almost 40 years, KI was the only Reform congregation in Philadelphia.

KI has been led by only eight senior rabbis through its long and distinguished history. Dr. David Einhorn, one of the greatest Jewish intellectuals of his day, a firebrand abolitionist and author of the prayer book which formed the original basis of the Union Prayer Book, was our Rabbi from 1861 to 1866. He was succeeded by Dr. Samuel Hirsch, the former Chief Rabbi of Luxembourg, who was both a scholar and a pioneer in Jewish social services in Philadelphia. Dr. Hirsch was followed by Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, a member of the first graduating class of the Hebrew Union College. Under Dr. Krauskopf, KI briefly became the largest synagogue in the United States. Krauskopf founded the National Farm School (Delaware Valley College) in 1896 and attracted large crowds to his Sunday lectures. In 1924 Dr. William H. Fineshriber was called to the pulpit of Keneseth Israel. He was the first American-born rabbi to serve the congregation and introduced both the Union Prayer Book and the Bar Mitzvah to KI. Dr. Fineshriber was succeeded in 1949 by Dr. Bertram W. Korn, who grew up in KI. Dr. Korn was the first rabbi in American history to have been promoted to “flag” rank as a Rear Admiral in the Navy. Dr. Korn was well-known for his scholarship on Jews in the American Civil War. Rabbi Simeon J. Maslin, elected the sixth Senior Rabbi in 1980, was educated at Harvard University and served as the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1995-1997. Rabbi Maslin edited *Gates of Mitzvah: Life Cycle* (1979) and *One God, Sixteen Houses* (1990). Previously, Rabbi Maslin served pulpits in Curacao and Chicago. Rabbi Bradley N. Bleefeld followed Rabbi Maslin and served the Congregation from June, 1997 to June, 2000.

Rabbi Lance J. Sussman became Keneseth Israel's eighth Senior Rabbi in July, 2001. He earned his Ph.D. at the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion (Cincinnati) and has written several books and numerous articles on American Jewish History. Rabbi Sussman currently serves as national Chair of Publishing for the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). He is a Trustee of the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Advanced Judaic Studies and Delaware Valley College. Rabbi Sussman has taught at SUNY-Binghamton, HUC-JIR (New York) and Princeton. He currently teaches at Temple University. In 1993, the Senior Rabbinic Pulpit at KI was endowed by Dr. and Mrs. Harry Ginsburg, z"l to perpetuate the memory of his mother, Rose K. Ginsburg.

In addition to our Senior Rabbi, KI has an Assistant Rabbi, Kevin M. Kleinman, who was ordained at HUC-JIR (New York) in 2009. Cantor Amy E. Levy came to KI from Tulsa, OK, in 2004. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Kansas and graduated from HUC-JIR (New York) in 2000 as a cantor. Brian D. Rissinger joined the Senior Staff as Executive Director in 2006. He previously served at Main Line Reform Temple and Federation Early Learning Services and brought to KI 28 years of non-profit management experience. Our Director of Religious Education is Rabbi Stacy Eskovitz Rigler (HUC-JIR, New York, 2003), who also holds a Master of Arts in Jewish Education. The director of the Richard E. Rudolph, Jr., Preschool, Beth Berman, holds an M.S. in Early Childhood Education from the University of Pennsylvania.

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