

KENESETH ISRAEL ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2018-19
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Welcome to the KI Adult Education program. This year we have over 50 **fabulous** programs. The registration fee is \$60 for each member of KI, \$100 for each member of another religious institution and \$150 for the unaffiliated. If you do not choose to register for all the programs, please bring a check for \$10 made out to KI when you attend a program. If you do not register for any programs and are not a member of KI or a speaker, and you want to remain on the e-mail list, please send a \$10.00 contribution to KI and please let me know that you have done so.

Please watch your e-mail for any changes in times or dates.

If you want a printed copy of this information, please go to the KI office and ask Lindsay to print this for you.

I am looking forward to seeing this community of learners and friends regularly.
Caryl

Wednesday, September 12, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., room 104.

MEMOIR SHARING

MARILYN BOBRIN and JERRY WAXLER

This dedicated group meets on two Wednesdays of each month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The purpose of the group is to help motivate you to write and share stories of your life. Group members bring their pieces to read aloud, pass out copies and ask for feedback from others. *The group is full now but if you would like to get on the waiting list, please call Marilyn Bobrin at 215-284-4230.* Registration fee is \$10.00 payable to Keneseth Israel.

Thursday, September 13 11:30 a.m.

WOMEN IN ART

DEENA GERSON

Whose story is the history of art? Art history survey books should be titled "History of mostly Male Art"! Let's explore together women artists through the centuries and why haven't more women been considered great artists throughout Western history! In fact, most people have trouble naming five or six female artists. *Deena Gerson is an independent art historian with over forty years of experience sharing numerous themes in art American Art, African- American art, Impressionism, Art and Appetite (food in art), Jewish Artists and more as well as*

talks on individual artists of special interest to groups. Deena is known for asking questions...being very interactive, knowledgeable and humorous.

Thursday, September 20 11:30 a.m.

MYTHS AND MONSTERS

NATALIE ISSER

SPONSORED BY CLAIRE TUCKMAN

All cultures present stories that explain creation, the founding of a nation, the struggle with nature, the problems of love and change and especially fear of death. These myths persist throughout time and in all cultures. They have become embodied in our literature art and even history. They also become a tool for the creative artists and are an intrinsic part of both our high culture and popular media. *Natalie Isser is Professor Emerita of the Pennsylvania State University, where she taught history and Women's Studies at the Abington campus. She has written two books about French anti-Semitism, and French public opinion and diplomacy during the Second Empire.*

Wednesday, September 26 and Wednesday, October 3 1:00 p.m.

CANASTA

BARBARA BRONSTEIN

Adult Ed registrants only.

You must RSVP to caryllevin@gmail.com to be in this class.

Thursday, September 27 11:30 a.m.

GRACE KELLY – BEYOND THE ICON

JOSEPH CICCARELLI -- MICHENER MUSEUM DOCENT

This will be a biographical presentation about the Philadelphia born actress and Princess of Monaco. Speaker will share Grace Kelly's childhood connections to the Philadelphia region, her theater and film career, royal marriage, and legacy. An introduction to the Michener Art Museum is also included. *Joseph Ciccarelli joined the Michener Art Museum docents in 2016 after many years as a guide at Winterthur and Fonthill. He has a BA from LaSalle University, MS from Drexel university and is a retired teacher from Buckingham Friends School where he taught 3rd grade. He is passionate about American Decorative Arts and Museums and shares his passion with visitors on acclaimed guided tours.*

Thursday, October 4 11:30 a.m.

SEPHARDIC VIGNETTES –BALKAN MICROHISTORIES

DR. JOSEPH BENATOV

How was a Sephardi Rabbi able to save his town – and possibly the whole region – from a cholera epidemic? And how did another Rabbi save the Bulgarian capital from arson? Why did the Austrian Emperor Joseph II banish the notable Ariele family, who went on to establish one of the most successful and influential Jewish dynasties on the Balkans? Come hear Dr. Benatov speak about these and other notable moments from the rich history of Jewish life in Ottoman Salonica, Sarajevo, Macedonia, and Bulgaria. *Joseph Benatov holds a doctorate in comparative literature from the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches Hebrew. He has written on competing national narratives of the saving of the Bulgarian Jews during World War II; Jewish identity politics in Philip Roth's early fiction; and the sensationalism of U.S. representations of life behind the Iron Curtain. He has translated fiction, poetry, and drama, including several plays staged to wide acclaim in Sofia, Bulgaria. He is also the English translator of the contemporary Bulgarian novel Zift. Every summer Dr. Benatov leads Sephardic trips to the Balkans.*

Dr. Benatov's trips --

Western Balkans: Bosnia, Croatia, Slovenia, and Trieste

May 6–17 2019

27 May–June 7 2019

Details: <https://sephardicbalkans.com/croatia/>

Sephardic Balkans: Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Northern Greece

June 13–24 2019

Details: <https://sephardicbalkans.com/bulgaria/>

Thursday, October 4 7:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES SPEAK

The Social Justice committee, working with the League of Women Voters, is presenting the candidates for local and national offices.

Sunday, October 7 10:00 A.M.

GOLDA'S BALCONY

Women of KI and KI's Adult Education committee will be hosting a delicious brunch and the Broadway show, "Golda's Balcony." Show and Brunch = \$36; Show = \$25 (Starts at 11:00.) For further information please contact Lynore

Eisman @ 215-676-1812 lynore@comcast.net. or Caryl Levin 215-635-7078 caryllevin@gmail.com. **Your check to Keneseth Isreal (KI) is your reservation.** Send to KI, [8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8339+Old+York+Road,+Elkins+Park,+PA+19027)
attn: Golda brunch, by 10/1/18.

Sunday, October 14 10:00 a.m.

**RABBI SUSSMAN'S FALL FORUM: KARL MARX: OUT OF LEFT FIELD
RABBI DR. LANCE J. SUSSMAN with JOAN MYERSON SHRAGER
SPONSORED BY THE ROSENAU FUND**

Karl Marx (1818-1883), baptized at age six, was the descendant of rabbis on both sides of his family. He became one of the chief architects of modern secularism. Widely known for his analyses of class, capital and labor, he is viewed as the principal theorist of communism. His revolutionary idea helped reshape 20th century geopolitics and stimulated the development of modern social sciences. For nearly two centuries he has been considered the leading intellectual opponent of capitalism and fascism.

Monday, October 15 10:30 a.m. (set up at 10:00)

STALIN AND THE JEWS

DR. ALLAN SCHWARTZ

Josef Stalin (1879-1953) "Man of Steel," followed Lenin's concept of Anti-Jewish Pogroms. From shtetls to the gulag, Jews were caught between Hitler and Stalin in WW II. Discussion will include Stalin and "Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee," Yiddish Theater, Golda, Israel plan. What caused Anti-Semitism in USSR? What was "Jewish Doctors' Plot?" What was Stalin's mystery brain disease? *Allan B. Schwartz, M.D., Prof. Medicine, Drexel U. was Vice-Chair, Dept. of Medicine and Director of Student Clinical education/Medical Residency and Nephrology & Hypertension Clinical Service B. He now teaches at Temple U. OLLI and publishes on "World Leaders/United States Presidents' Secret Illnesses Influence on World History, Politics and Wars.*

Monday, October 22 10:30 a.m.

SUSANNA DICKINSON

DR. NINA HAYDEL

Dr. Nina Haydel's monologue presents the essence of Susanna Dickinson who, hiding with her baby daughter Angelina, was the last woman survivor of the Battle of the Alamo, in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Haydel vividly shares Santa Ana's mayhem and Dickinson's experiences with Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie during

several harrowing days while hiding in the Alamo. Susanna is credited with providing information that allowed General Sam Houston and his army of Texans to eventually defeat the Mexicans. This led to the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

Thursday, October 25 11:30 a.m.

THE LINDBERGH BABY KIDNAPPING

ART SEIDNER

After his famous flight, Lindbergh became the most celebrated living person to ever walk on the face of the Earth. To have his young son kidnapped from his home shocked the nation and the world. This talk relives the events surrounding the kidnapping and its aftermath, and the audience will see why this case is called “The Crime of The Century” *Art Seidner is a retired attorney. His hobbies include Bridge, history, the arts and Phila sports. He is a Board member of Philadelphia association for the blind and is chairman of the Lighthouse committee in Philadelphia.*

Monday, October 29 10:30 a.m.

IQ ZOO

MARILYN WITTENSTEIN

This talk will be about a couple who studied under Skinner and started a zoo in Arkansas where they trained animals. Raccoons played basketball and a chicken played the piano. They never met an animal that could not be trained. Marilyn also talks about animals as spies from the 1200s to present times *Marilyn grew up in the Bronx, near the Yankee Stadium. Attended CCNY, Acadia for Masters plus 60 extra credits to become a Senior Career Teacher in the Phila. School System. Taught in The Mentally Gifted Program and loved every minute of it.*

Thursday, November 1 11:30 a.m.,

MAIMONIDES CAFÉ

The format for this program is changing. Instead of a conversation about a word, it will be an informal discussion about important issues. The facilitator or the participants will introduce subjects and the facilitator will keep the group focused. Some articles and editorials that may add to the discussion will be provided by the facilitator or the participants may bring an article they want to share. The participants will introduce themselves and briefly describe their interests. Topics to be discussed could include: What happened this week? What should we do about the wage and wealth gap? Global warming. New technology. Book recommendation.

SOCIAL STUDIES CHAT ROOM Andrew Marantz Article in The New Yorker April 9, 2018 “In 1727, when Benjamin Franklin was 21, he and a few friends formed a conversation club called the Junto. The rules required that ‘every member, in his turn, should produce one or more queries on any point of Morals, Politics or Natural Philosophy, to be discussed by the company.’ Franklin’s solution to the increasing incivility problem was structured, secular chitchat, ‘conducted in the sincere spirit of inquiry after truth, without fondness for dispute, or desire of victory.’” Benfranklincircles.org

The following quotes are from *Socrates Café – A Fresh Taste of Philosophy* Christopher Philips, 1959. “There had been an upsurge of interest in the irrational the likes of which has not been seen since a similar fascination contributed to the demise of the short-lived ‘golden age of reason’ of the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations. Millions of people still embrace such irrational phenomena as astrology. Even military commanders and politicians – even first ladies of the US – quite often resort to this method to predict whether a crucial battle or competition or significant event will have a favorable outcome.”

“People have turned and bolted from the idea of personal responsibility, “better the rigid determinism of astrological Fate than the terrifying burden of daily responsibility. The fear of and flight from freedom – which goes hand in glove with a fear of honest questioning – that is taking place today does not simply parallel what happened in ancient times. Rather it seems to be the same fear and the same flight. Today we’re not so much experiencing a return of the irrational as we are an upsurge in irrational foundations of quicksand, and proclivities for destruction and self-idealization – that are part of the human fabric.”

“The view that all men are created equal did not originate with the Declaration. The English materialist and empiricist Thomas Hobbes developed in his famous work, *Leviathan*, published in 1651, a philosophy of ‘natural equality’ in which all men by nature are equal in physical and mental capacities. Not that they possess the exact same degree of mental and physical ability in every regard, but, according to Hobbes, the deficiencies of each in one area are compensated for in others. Baruch Spinoza wrote in 1670 that a democracy is ‘of all forms of government the most natural and the most consonant with individual liberty because ‘all men remain equals as they were in the state of nature.’ In 1690, the English philosopher John Locke, set forth his political theory that all men are ‘by nature, all free, equal and independent.’ Rousseau also implied in his writing that ‘man is born free.’ The writers of the constitution of Massachusetts took Rousseau’s passage and made clear what he implied: ‘All men are born free and equal and have certain natural, essential and unalienable rights.’”

Friday, November 2

LECTURE LUNCHEON and CONCERT

The lecture begins at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch at 12:30 and the concert at 2:00 \$90.00. Contact Fran Schwartz @ franrschwartz@yahoo.com

Program and speakers are:

David Afkham, Conductor Guest Lecturer: Hugh Sung, Concert pianist,
Lecturer **Seong-Jin Cho**, Piano Staff pianist Curtis Institute
BEETHOVEN Overture, *Coriolan* Celebrity Guest: Nitzan Haroz, Principal
Trombone,
MOZART The
Philadelphia Orchestra
Piano Concerto No. 20, K. 466
BRAHMS Symphony No. 1

Sunday, November 4 10:00 a.m.

RABBI SUSSMAN'S FALL FORUM—FREUD: IT'S YOUR MOTHER'S FAULT

RABBI DR. LANCE J SUSSMAN with JOAN MYERSON SHRAGER
SPONSORED BY THE ROSENAU FUND

Monday, November 5 10:30 a.m.

RETRACING THE COLUMBIA RIVER JOURNEY OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

RUTH HARTZ

The Lewis and Clark Expedition is the most universally known event of American exploration. Ruth will give her impressions of the sites they traversed along the Columbia and Snake Rivers, now in the State of Washington, as she and her life partner, Barry Zimmerman, cruised along on a modern River Paddle Boat. *Ruth grew up in Paris, France after having survived the Nazi occupation during WWII. After emigrating to the United States, she taught French for over 30 years at the Springside School, Bryn Mawr College, Middlebury and Arcadia universities. She loves to travel and has always been interested in the History of the United States and how the West was discovered.*

.Sunday, November 18 10:00 a.m.

RABBI SUSSMAN'S FALL FORUM – EINSTEIN: RELATIVELY SPEAKING

RABBI DR. LANCE J. SUSSMAN with JOAN MYERSON SHRAGER
SPONSORED BY THE ROSENAU FUND

Monday, November 19 10:30 a.m.

SUPREME COURT AND ITS EXERCISE OF JUDICIAL RESTRAINT

ALAN GERSHENSON

“The Supreme Court is supposed to exercise judicial restraint and to follow its own precedent except in exceptional circumstances. But does it? How do we define judicial restraint, and what is, and what should be, the role of precedent in Supreme Court decision making?” *Alan Gershenson graduated from Penn State in 1967 and from Harvard Law School in 1971. Mr. Gershenson practiced law, mostly as a commercial litigator, for 42 years. Recently, he has taught a course on the Judicial Process at both OLLI at Temple U and at Chautauqua.*

Monday, November 26 10:30 a.m.

LUCKY BOY by Shanthi Sekaran

BEV ROSEN

Shanthi Sekaran is an American -born author of Indian descent who puts a human face on such timely issues as immigration, identity, infertility, motherhood and the pursuit of the American Dream. The story is seen through the eyes of two women from very different backgrounds who love the same little boy. The novel explores the lives of these women: Solimar Castro Valdez, who enters the United States illegally and is made to give up her infant son Ignacio/Nacho, and American-born Kavya Reddy, a middle class resident of Berkeley, California who wants to adopt the baby she calls Iggy. The author writes that this is a story without a "right ending." Why? And do you agree or disagree? **Please try to read the book in advance of Bev's talk.** *Bev Rosen is a dynamic and popular leader in the cultural community. She presents literature, film and theater reviews to diverse audiences and leads a number of book discussion groups throughout the greater Philadelphia region.*

Wednesday, November 28 7:30 p.m.

RABBI SUSSMAN'S FORUM: THE WISDOM OF ECCLESIASTES

The Wednesday night forums are free to KI members and \$10.00 for non-members. You must register in advance with Pam

Thursday, November 29 11:30 a.m.

GOD FOR GROWNUPS

RABBI SHIMEON MASLIN

In reaction to the childish notions that so many people, including religious leaders, have about God, Rabbi Maslin is completing a book entitled "God for Grownups." He will read selections from his book and looks forward to the reactions of the audience. *Rabbi Maslin served as Senior Rabbi of KI and served also as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He has degrees from Harvard, the University of PA, and Chicago Theological Seminary.*

Monday, December 3 10:30 a.m.

THE TEMPLE MOUNT

BARRY STEIN

This special site, holy to both Muslims and Jews, continues to be an ongoing source of contention and friction. We'll review its history from biblical times to the present and tackle the following questions: Who owns it? Who should control it? Will the current controversial Jewish access and prayer compromise hold?

Dr. Barry Stein received a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Pennsylvania and was Executive Vice President of the Ben Franklin Technology Partners, a public-private company that invests in young technology companies. He currently is a consultant, teaching middle and high school science teachers the science of Nanotechnology

Monday, December 10 10:30 a.m.

DEFENDING AMERICA: WHAT IS OUR NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY?

IRA COOPERMAN

The four pillars of the current administration's security and defense strategy are:

- Protect the Homeland
- Promote America's Prosperity
- Preserve Peace through Strength
- Advance America's Influence in the World.

We will examine and question these themes and compare them with the strategies of former administrations. Come join our discussion of U.S. Security Strategies as we consider what should be our nation's security goals.

Ira Cooperman is a former intelligence officer who has worked with the CIA, NSA and the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He has lectured at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, taught National Security courses for over 10 years at the Chautauqua Institution, and also has been on the faculty of the State University of NY and Temple University's Life-Long Learning Program. Formerly a news

reporter for The Los Angeles Times, Ira is a graduate of San Francisco State University and the Armed Forces Air Intelligence Training Center.

Thursday, December 13 11:30 a.m.

REFUGEES: A THREAT TO EUROPE'S JEWS?

JULIA MEYER GROSS

The so-called refugee crisis (2015) has not only brought financial and infrastructural challenges with itself, but also caused a debate over the safety of Europe's Jews. *Julia Meyer-Gross graduated from Otto-von-Guericke-Universität in Magdeburg, Germany, and received her Bachelors and Masters in European Cultural History. She specialized in War History, Jewish History and History in the Media and has published a book on a German war movie and its impact on historical achievements. She is currently working on her Ph.D., focusing on the experiences of Jewish women from the Philadelphia area, and volunteers at the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. She lives with her husband and her two sons in Elkins Park.*

Thursday, January 10 10:00 a.m.

MOVIE: SIXTY-SIX (2009)

ELLEN TILMAN

Wednesday, January 16 7:30 p.m.

IN SEARCH OF MIDRASH

RABBI DR. LANCE J. SUSSMAN

Thursday, January 17 10:00 a.m.

MOVIE: A STRANGER AMONG US (2012)

ELLEN TILMAN

Thursday, January 24 10:00 a.m.

MOVIE: DOUGH (2016)

Monday, March 11 10:30 a.m.

THE AMERICAN MUSLIM EXPERIENCE AND ISLAM IN PHILADELPHIA

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Dr. AHMET SELIM TEKELIOGLU

Issues related to Muslims in the United States continue to be part of a national debate. In the post-9/11 era, Muslim life in the U.S. has fundamentally altered.

This course starts out with a historical overview of American Muslim story – starting with the slave trade, it moves onto early 20th century immigration, and attends to African American Islam as well as immigrant communities’ experiences. The presentation next delves into the current dynamics shaping American Muslim communities. From conversion to inter-generational shifts in religiosity and identity construction, from post 9/11 challenges to multiple norms of religiosity, it explores a variety of issues from multiple perspectives. It intends to build greater religious literacy and an additional insight into Philadelphia metro area’s rich Muslim landscape. ***Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu*** is an academic and activist. *He holds a PhD in Political Science from Boston University where his research focused on the American religious landscape, politics of ethno-religious identities, and identity construction among American Muslims. He conducted fieldwork with Muslim congregations in Boston, San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles, working for Notre Dame University’s Contending Modernities program. As the Outreach and Education Director with CAIR-Philadelphia, he has been cooperating with Historical Society of Pennsylvania to feature Philadelphia’s Muslim landscape in public events. In addition, he directs, and is the editor-in-chief of www.themaydan.com, a digital scholarship project housed at George Mason University’s Center for Global Islamic Studies.*

Thursday, March 14 11:30

THE GREAT GATSBY by F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

ELLEN SKLAROFF

Ernest Hemingway wrote that “The Great Gatsby” is the finest work of American literature. Ellen Sklaroff will speak about “The Great Gatsby,” its author and its place in American fiction. What makes this book so great? *Ellen is a former instructor of English at Temple and Arcadia universities and a teacher of English at Cheltenham High School for twenty-seven years. She has been a member of KI for fifty years and continues to be an active member. She is a writer and editor and is currently involved with several outstanding book clubs*
Please try to read the book before the discussion.

Sunday, March 17

RED HOT MAMA: THE LIFE OF SOPHIE TUCKER by LAUREN SKLAROFF

LAUREN SKLAROFF

Brunch sponsored by The Meyers Library; Women of KI; The Adult Education Committee; and the Sklaroff family.

Monday, March 18 10:30

A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER'S STORY

JIM RUBILLO

The story of a long-forgotten Philadelphia native who fought and survived four years of fighting including Gettysburg, Stone Mountain, Fredericksburg, Atlanta, and Sherman's March to the Sea. After marching over 1000 miles, he went on to live his life with pain and quiet dignity. His story has been passed down in family folklore, but the tale has been documented through easily accessible internet records. *Jim Rubillo is a retired college dean, professor, and non-profit CEO. He is a well-travelled speaker having presented over 800 talks, at least one in every state and Canadian province. Jim has an intense interest in local history and now serves on the board of the Old York Road Historical Society.*

Thursday, March 21 11:30 a.m.

MOVIE

EVONNE AND ISAAK KRUGER

Monday, March 25 10:30 a.m.

THE NEANDERTHALS

THERESA WEISSINGER

Neanderthals are our closest extinct human relations. Find out the most recent scientific discoveries about the lifestyle of these early humans.

Theresa Gildea Weissinger earned a B.A. from Skidmore College. She retired after teaching elementary students for 41 years in Philadelphia and Catholic schools. Her life-long quest has been to discover why people behave the way they do.

Thursday, March 28 11:30 a.m.

TRUTH, LIES, AND REBUILDING TRUST

SANDRA CLARK, MBA Vice President for News and Civic Dialogue, WHYY

Media is challenged more than ever by declining revenue, changing technologies and consumer habits, and by unrelenting efforts by political leaders to diminish trust of journalists. How can journalists rebuild trust amid such a disruptive climate? *Sandra Clark is vice president for news and civic dialogue at WHYY, overseeing the news operation for radio, TV, and digital at the Philadelphia region's leading public media outlet. She also is responsible for events and partnerships that engage the public on issues of interest to them. Clark, who joined WHYY in 2016, was previously managing editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Under her leadership, the Inquirer won a Pulitzer Prize for criticism in 2014.*

Monday, April 1 10:30 a.m.

THE CANTOR IN THE MOVIES
HAZZAN DAVID TILMAN

In the 20th century, there have been movies featuring the Cantor as spiritual leader, singer, transmitter of family lineage, and iconic Jewish religious leader! Let us examine a few video clips that are profound, moving, tragic, and oh so funny! We shall look at all three versions of the Jazz Singer, starring Al Jolson, Danny Thomas, and Neil Diamond. And we shall view the complete short film, "The Cantor on Trial," starring Cantor Leibele Waldman, that examines the oh so dignified process of engaging a Cantor for the High Holidays! You will laugh and laugh!! . *Hazzan David F. Tilman is a graduate of Columbia College, the Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Juilliard School. For 36 years, he was Hazzan and Music Director of Beth Sholom Congregation, teaching thousands of children and adults, and creating a world class choral program of four choirs. Since 2011, he has been director of Shir KI, the adult choir of Keneseth Israel, and, together with Cantor Levy, has led major presentations of Jewish music in our Shabbat and High Holiday services, as well as programs, lectures, and concerts.*

Thursday, April 4 11:30 a.m.

MAIMONIDES CAFÉ
RABBI STACY RIGLER

Monday, April 8 10:30 a.m.

**GENOCIDE BY ANOTHER NAME? THE 150 YEAR EVOLUTION OF
CONVICT LEASING TO MASS INCARCERATION**
BARBARA McNEIL

"The term genocide does not necessarily mean the immediate destruction of a people, it can also mean a coordinated plan of actions aimed at the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating the groups themselves." The U.N. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide recognizes that acts such as killing members of a racial group, causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group, may constitute the crime of genocide.

There are legal standards that must be met to establish genocide and, historically, these standards are not easily met. However, this framework provides a lens for examining the operation of the criminal justice system in the United States that has led to the current crisis of mass incarceration and police killings. We will explore, among other sources, the work of Douglas A. Blammon (*Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to WWII*) and Michelle Alexander (*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*) to try to assess the current reality of how law enforcement is impacting black communities today. *Barbara Mc Neil is an independent consultant who works with non-profit organizations, particularly schools. The focus of her work is board governance, regulatory compliance, employment and labor law. Barbara is admitted to the Pennsylvania bar and earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College.*

Thursday, April 11 11:30 a.m.

RAOUL WALLENBERG

BURTON ABRAMS

Raoul Wallenberg was a Swedish diplomat assigned to Hungary near the end of World War II with the specific task of saving as many Jews as possible from Hitler's death camps. He was eminently successful at that task, despite having to contend with Adolf Eichmann and the Iron Cross Hungarian Nazis.

Burt Abrams is a retired engineer with many other interests -- synagogue activity (past president and gabbai at Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun), singing in Cantor Tilman's Old York Road K'hillah Chorale, reading and writing medical journal articles, REAP. His interest in Raoul Wallenberg was rekindled after visiting the memorial to Raoul Wallenberg in Stockholm.

Monday, April 15 10:30 a.m.

JEWISH ARTISTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

MARVIN KREITHEN

This talk is an overview of the work of noted Jewish artists who are included in the collections of the world's top museums. Part II (from about 1940 to the present) describes the Modern Jewish Artists who have been recognized as the leading

artists of our time. *Marvin Kreithen was Vice President of the Computerized Manufacturing Systems division of Bridgeport Machines, holder of 6 patents, Administrative Couple for Marriage Encounter Weekends in the 1980's. He and his wife Leslie have rafted the Grand Canyon, canoed 70 miles of the Allagash River in northern Maine, backpacked in the Tetons and Canyon de Chelly, and hiked coast to coast in England. He has driven Philly to LA/SF seven times. He has no formal art credentials, other than that he has visited most of the top fifty art museums in Europe and the U.S. and in college was Art Editor of the Drexel Institute Technical Journal.*

Wednesday, April 17 7:30 p.m.

RABBI SUSSMAN'S FORUM: THE STRANGE WORLD OF I.B. SINGER
RABBI DR. LANCE J. SUSSMAN

Monday, April 22 10:30 a.m.

ART TOUR OF TEXAS
ARLENE DIANE SPECTOR

Did you know that *Travel + Leisure* Magazine designated the Modern Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas as “one of the most beautiful art museums” in the world? Or that an indoor shopping mall in Dallas has fifty-two major large-scale modern art works (donated by Jewish real estate developer Raymond Nasher and his wife Patsy Rabinowitz Nasher)? Or that there are three different modern museums--one in Dallas, in Fort Worth, and in Houston--all designed by the Italian architect Renzo Piano? Or that the Mark Rothko Chapel in Houston is an interfaith sanctuary that contains fourteen of Rothko's paintings? My lecture, “The Art Tour of Texas,” is a personal art and architectural tour of what's happening in the art world in one of our largest states—including sites in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and Houston. Join the program to learn more about these special places. *Arlene Diane Spector received a B.A. in English and French Literatures from Temple University; studied art history at the Institut d'Art et d'Archéologie, in Paris, France; and has an M.A. in Art History from Wellesley College. As a Kress fellow, she spent a summer in Paris working on her thesis on surrealism in graphic arts. In addition, Arlene has presented talks at K.I. on the Art Tours of France, Spain, New England and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, AR.*

Thursday, April 25 11:30 a.m.

KOREA
DR. LESLEY SOLOMON

How did we get to the place where a dictator in a small and economically backward nation can threaten the peace of the Pacific region and beyond? We will discuss briefly the history of this beautiful peninsula, separating myth from fact. We'll consider the reason why Korea became two nations, one with a vibrant economy and democratic government and the other with a nuclear-armed dictatorship. Finally, we'll analyze the relationship between the Kim family and recent American presidents, ending with President Trump. *Dr. Lesley Solomon received an M.A. in history and a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania. She has taught a variety of subjects including world history, English and international relations. Currently, she instructs teachers in a program called Teach East Asia.*

Monday, April 29 10:30 a.m.

MOVIE

EVONNE AND ISAAK KRUGER

Thursday, May 2 11:30 a.m.

MAIMONIDES CAFÉ

RABBI DR. LANCE J. SUSSMAN

Monday, May 6 10:30 a.m.

PHOTOJOURNALISM

AND THE PLIGHT OF THE FARMERS DURING THE DEPRESSION

STAN SINGER

In the 1930's, the Farm Security Administration commissioned talented photographers to document the plight and travails of the farmers in the dustbowl section of the U.S. Examples of their compelling work and an explanation of the causes and impact on our citizens will be covered in this documentary talk. *Stan Singer is an Investment and Financial Advisor by occupation and a photographer by avocation. He is a long-time member of KI and continues to serve in leadership positions. His photographs hang in the Fineshriber Foyer at KI.*

Thursday, May 9 11:30 a.m.

WOODROW WILSON AND THE GREAT WAR

NEILL HARTLEY is president Woodrow Wilson in this captivating and exciting one-man show set in the turbulent days leading up to World War I. Woodrow Wilson, a former college professor, somehow defied the odds and became President of the United States. But early success in office was soon overshadowed as Europe exploded into the most

brutal war mankind had ever fought. The world became filled with international intrigue, deadly u-boat attacks and secret diplomatic communiqués that would slowly draw America into war.

See Woodrow Wilson as he struggles to protect democracy and promote peace through the League of Nations. Watch as the president and his advisors work out the details of war. Hear the moving declarations of one of the most famous American orators. Experience first-hand the extraordinary times that shaped our nation then and today.

Following the performance, there is a short informational section about the early life of Woodrow Wilson, and the many technological innovations that evolved during the time period. A question and answer period will conclude the presentation.

Neill Hartley is professional actor who has performed with many local and regional theaters and is on the theater faculty of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA.



"The world must be made safe for democracy."
Woodrow Wilson 1917

Friday, May 10

LECTURE LUNCHEON AND CONCERT

DoubleTree Hotel and Kimmel Center

The lecture begins at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch at 12:30 and the concert at 2:00

Cost is \$90.00 per person which includes both L/L and concert

Contact Fran Schwartz: franschwartz@yahoo.com - for reservations

Yannick Nezet-Seguin, Conductor

Guest Lecturer: Jamie Bernstein

Writer, Concert Narrator, Filmmaker

Author *Famous Father Girl*

Celebrity Guest: Julia Li

First Violin, The Philadelphia Orchestra

Program:

MAHLER Symphony No. 9

Monday, May 13 10:30 a.m.

MY DAYS AS A PHILADELPHIA EAGLE

STEVE EBBECKE

Growing up, Steve Ebbecke was always an Eagles fan. After being captain of the Villanova football team, he was a 13th round draft choice of the Philadelphia Eagles. He went to Eagles camp in 1976. Steve will tell us his experiences on the team that is intertwined with so many Philadelphians' identity. *As a Certified Financial Planner, a Chartered Life Underwriter and a Certified Financial Consultant, Steve has been the recipient of Lincoln Financial's prestigious American Award (2015).*

Thursday, May 16 11:30 a.m.

FRED HARVEY AND THE HARVEY GIRLS

SUSAN ADLER

Fred Harvey was a nineteenth century entrepreneur who brought fine dining to the "Wild West" by establishing high quality restaurants along the rail lines of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. The young women he eventually hired to serve in his establishments, the "Harvey Girls," became respected professionals who often married local men and became part of the communities in which they lived. *Susan is a retired social studies teacher and teacher educator. Much of her career was spent at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she was director of teacher education. She was a visiting professor at the National Institute of Education in Singapore 2010-2011.*

Monday, May 20 10:30 a.m.

A NEW LOOK AT BENEDICT ARNOLD

DR. RITA ALTMAN

"Historian Brumwell offers a provocative explanation for one of the enduring mysteries of the American Revolution: why did Benedict Arnold, one of 'Washington's most celebrated and valued subordinates,' become a traitor in 1780? . . . Open-minded readers will appreciate his dissenting view that Arnold may have

'genuinely had his country's well-being at heart,' a view that Brumwell believes 'merits careful consideration within any balanced re-examination of America's most infamous traitor.'" *Knowledgeable in so many subjects, Dr. Rita Altman is a perennial KI Adult Education favorite.*

Thursday, May 23 11:30 a.m.

WHISTLE-BLOWERS

FREDERICK LIPMAN

Fred Lipman will be discussing whistleblowers based upon his book entitled “Whistleblowers: Incentives, Disincentives, and Protection Strategies” (John Wiley & Sons, Inc. – 2012), which advances the proposition that corporate disasters ranging from Enron to Wells Fargo could have been avoided had these organizations had a robust whistleblowers policy which encouraged and rewarded internal whistleblowers. The Madoff scandal also is partly the result of the failure of the SEC to properly respond to an external whistleblower who advised them that Madoff was a fraud, ten years before investors lost approximately \$50 billion

Fred Lipman is the author of seventeen books. He is a partner at Blank Rome LLP, and previously taught in the Wharton MBA program and at both the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Temple University Law School. He has appeared on CNN, CNBC, Bloomberg, and Chinese television and has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, USA Today, Forbes, and many other business publications. He has lectured in China, Thailand, India, Australia, and at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Thursday, May 30 11:30 a.m.

HOW TO BE FUNNIER?

DR. JOEL SCHWARTZ

Suffering from ADHD? (Adult Deficient Humor Disorder). Here is the cure. Learn the basics for creating humor. Take your grandchildren’s remarks and turn them into a great standup routine. Turn our life’s messages into comedy success. Come and explore how to express yourself through humor.

Dr. Joel Schwartz taught Sunday school at KI. He is a child/adolescent and adult psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. He is one of the most popular KI Adult Education speakers and certainly the funniest.

I highly recommend his book, “Shrink Unwrapped” if you want to laugh out loud.

Thursday, June 6 11:30 a.m.

RABBI LANCE J. SUSSMAN

**BEYOND JUDAISM: JEWS IN THE SECULAR ARTS
AMERICAN JEWS, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
AND MARTIN LUTHUR KING, JR.**

The 2019-2020 Adult Education programs will be on Mondays
at 10:00.