We offer a variety of opportunities to celebrate the Festival of Lights, as well as to participate in tikkun olam (repairing the world), this Hanukkah season.

With the success of last year’s Mitzvah Menorah, we will be collecting for nine different local organizations (one for each candle on the Hanukkiah) throughout the holiday. Let’s share our blessings with others this Hanukkah, and give to people in need.

Another way to help others and the KI community this season is by giving the gift of free membership to a friend or family member. At no cost to you, you can share your love of our synagogue by gifting a membership to someone local, who has not been a member of KI for at least five years. Reach out to those who may be looking for the support of a warm, caring community.

See pages 6-7 for more ways to share Hanukkah with your KI family.
Words can have a great impact. About a year ago, I was in a conversation with someone about Israel, and was surprised by her comments. She said that Israel has “oppressive” and “apartheid” policies toward the Palestinians.

I knew that there is a section of the Jewish world that feels that Israel’s military superiority over its Arab neighbors is overdone. I strongly disagree with that belief. Yet I understand how she might draw that conclusion from the limited history of the last several years.

At that time, I decided to “put my money where my mouth was.” I joined AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the leading American lobbying organization for the state of Israel. I have been attending local meetings, and attended the national meeting in Washington, DC last March.

The major topic at the AIPAC meeting this year was Iran, and the efforts being made by the United States and Israel to stop Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. This struggle has gone on for several years. The information available to most of the world about the true nature of the Iranian nuclear project, and how close they are to a serviceable weapon, is very muddy.

At AIPAC, there was a great deal of rhetoric vigorously saying that Iran must be prevented from obtaining a nuclear weapon, but very few concrete comments about how to prevent this, other than the economic sanctions of the last several years. Most of us realize that military action, either on the part of Israel, the US, or both, is a daunting task, and one without a clear path to achieving its goals.

Regardless of whether or not Iran is close to developing a nuclear weapon, the ongoing tension between Iran, the United States and Israel has the potential to be the greatest foreign policy challenge for Israel and the US. Iran is a large and powerful nation, one with a different culture and history than the Arab world. In spite of our disgust and fear of the statements of its former President, it remains a force to be reckoned with. I would argue that no meaningful peace in the Middle East could occur without a resolution of the tension between Iran and the United States and Israel.

This is why I am encouraged by the comments of Hassan Rouhani, the new President of Iran. On Rosh Hashanah, he issued a greeting to the Jewish people and in particular, the very small Jewish community of Iran. But my inspiration for this article is when President Obama picked up a telephone, still a valuable instrument for our times, and had the first conversation between an Iranian leader and a US President in 32 years.

I am aware that many conservatives will accuse the President of being naïve, and say that Iran is only engaging in this conversation to bide time to develop its nuclear weapon, and that the economic sanctions are having an effect. However, didn’t we want the sanctions to have an effect? I have been very critical of Mr. Obama in the past, but in this case, he is demonstrating leadership. It is easy to negotiate with your friends; the real test of leadership is to negotiate with your enemies. I think Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin proved that more than 30 years ago.

So let’s support this effort to bring long-term enemies to the negotiating table. Comparisons between this rapprochement and Neville Chamberlain and Hitler are so flawed as to not be worthy of comment. In our liturgy, we often say that Shalom, or Peace, is God’s greatest gift. As Ben Franklin once said: “There never was a good war, or a bad peace.”

Let me know if you agree or disagree with me -- I welcome your comments on our KI Facebook page.
Under God: The Complex Relationship of Church and State in the U.S.

On November 19th we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. Along with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, it is one of the three foundational texts of our country. Its terse, clear presentation of the case for a democratic society said over the graves of the fallen at Gettysburg has touched the minds and hearts of Americans for generations. As students we memorized it. As adults we remain open to its clarion call for devoted citizenship.

Two words in the Gettysburg Address, “under God,” have proven to be controversial. No one takes exception to Lincoln’s use of this phrase, especially in the context of a cemetery dedication. However, when these two words were inserted into the “Pledge of Allegiance” in June, 1954, all types of objections followed. Do the words “under God” constitute “an establishment of religion?” Is it permissible and legal to desist from saying the Pledge without being charged with treason? Why can’t the Pledge remain as it was originally formulated as a non-religious statement? These are all important questions without simple answers. As a small religious community, we have a heightened interest in the outcome of these deliberations.

The crux of the matter is the meaning of “under God.” One theory is that it is a poetic way of saying “God willing.” Others argue it was inserted as an anti-Communist saying at the height of the Cold War. Still others respond by saying if it is religiously meaningless, then it is a case of taking God’s name in vain and therefore blasphemous to believers of all stripes.

Looking at the words from a theological angle, we can deduce that the words “under God” reject both atheism and statism, that is, the absolute power of the State. It could also mean that the United States is under the protection of God. If so, is this what politicians mean when they end a speech with the words “God bless America?” Alternatively is all of humanity “under God” and only states like North Korea, who are self-exempting polities and do not speak for their people anyway, not “under God”?

No wonder there has been so much judicial and legislative activity around these two little words!

For us as American Jews, we need to be vigilant that religious maximalists do not seek to use these words as a Trojan horse to “baptize” the Constitution. We also need to be careful not to support radicalized separationists who want to make the case that the American state should be aggressively secularizing our society. Most of us walk the fine line between the poles of theocracy and the aggressively secular state. Much the same can be said about a Jewish view of Thanksgiving, a profoundly religious holiday created by a secular state in a non-denominational fashion. So this year, it seems, we will be celebrating Hanukkah and Thanksgiving in a land which is correctly proud of its belief in the separation of church and state under God. Sounds confusing? It also sounds just about right to me.

Shabbat Shalom, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Shabbat Shalom, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Thanksgiving!
I am thrilled to invite you to our community’s annual Hanukkah celebration, on Wednesday, December 4th at 7 pm, in the Gratz College auditorium. For the eighth year, the Cantors of the Old York Road Congregations have collaborated to produce our annual musical celebration of Hanukkah.

This year, we are very excited to present the internationally famous six member Jewish a cappella group, Six13. Six13’s music delights and inspires audiences wherever they sing! The group’s mission is to connect Jews around the globe with their heritage through music, fueled by strong, Jewish identity, and anchored by thumping beatbox, intricate arrangements, and soulful harmonies. Six13 brings an unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage, with songs ranging from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems. The members of this New York-based group sound like a full band – while using nothing but their voices. They have recorded four award-winning albums, whose songs have been played all over Jewish radio. Among the top Jewish music artists on iTunes, Six13 has received distinctions and accolades from the National Council of Young Israel and Moment Magazine, and awards from the Harmony Sweepstakes and the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America. They were chosen from hundreds of groups, both Jewish and secular, as finalists for NBC’s hit prime-time television series The Sing-Off. Recent tour highlights include the New York City Salute to Israel Parade, the North American Jewish Choral Festival, and six appearances at Jewish Heritage Days for major league sports teams at Shea Stadium, Citi Field and Madison Square Garden in New York, and Dolphin Stadium in Florida.

The Hanukkah program brings together all of the Children’s and Adult Choirs of the Old York Road Kehillah, including the KI Choirs. Shir KI, our outstanding adult choir, is conducted by Hazzan David F. Tilman, creator of the Annual OYR Hanukkah Concert. The combined Children’s and Adult Choirs, more than 150 singers ages seven years to 80+, will sing a set of their own music and will join Six13 for their original version of Al Hanissim, written in the infectious beatbox a cappella style.

Seating is very limited in the Gratz auditorium. Tickets will be on sale very shortly in the KI office. Please reserve December 4th for an unforgettable evening of music, “sounds of the beat box,” jelly donuts, and apple cider!!

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**Sabbath for the Soul**

Spirituality through Sound and Image

Friday, November 15

Feat. Ross M. Levy and the Levites

Shabbat Evening at 7pm

Wine and Cheese at 6:30pm
Worship

Torah Time - Shabbat Readings

November 2013/5774

Judaism is a religion of “the Book.” Every Shabbat and holiday is enhanced with a selection from the Torah and related portions from other sections of Tanach (the Hebrew Bible). The following includes citations for the reading of Scripture in the synagogue for the month ahead as well as a brief summary of the parashot and haftarot. For more extensive investigation of the weekly Torah portion, please consider attending KI’s lively Torah Study Havurah, which meets every Saturday morning in the Meyers library at 9:00 a.m. and is led by our Rabbinic staff.

Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D.

Torah for Toledot

November 2
Gen. 25:19
Plaut, p. 173

Toledot or “generations” is a key term in Jewish life. In this portion, we learn about a new generation, the generation of Jacob and Esau, and their struggle over their “birthright.” The deception of Isaac by his wife, Rebecca, and son, Jacob, presents a difficult moral situation for readers to ponder and a challenge to any understanding of the family as a social system. The Haftarah begins with a reference to the enmity between the twin brothers, Jacob and Esau.

Torah for Vayetzei

November 9
Gen. 28:10
Plaut, p. 194

Vayetze, which means, “and he sent,” begins with the familiar story of Jacob’s ladder and then traces Jacob’s journey to the East. Jacob settles with a kinsman, Laban, and begins a renewable period of service in return for marriage to Laban’s daughters, Leah and Rachel. The Haftarah refers to Jacob’s flight from Esau and his service for a wife while living in exile in Aram.

Torah for Vayishlah

November 16
Gen. 32:4
Plaut, p. 217

Jacob prepares to return to his native land. He divides his camp and remains behind. That night, he wrestles with a mysterious stranger who renames him Israel at daybreak. Jacob and Esau have a successful reunion but Jacob’s daughter, Dinah, is assaulted by a local Canaanite after her family resettles on the land. The Haftarah continues the theme of return and alludes to Jacob’s wrestling with the angel. (Hosea 12:5)

Torah for Vayeshev

November 23
Gen. 37:1
Plaut, p. 244

The character of Joseph, with his coat of many colors and his ability to interpret dreams, is introduced this week. Joseph’s bragging earns him the contempt of his brothers, who stage his death and send him off into Egyptian captivity. Initial success is met with disaster when Joseph is sent to jail for alleged misbehavior in the home of his master, Potiphar. In prison, Joseph again begins to interpret dreams, and this proves to be his salvation. The Haftarah elaborates on the wrongs of Israel during the reign of King Jeroboam II and compares them to problems in Joseph’s day. Torah is softened by another Haftarah of Consolation. Again, the prophet Isaiah announces that Israel, long punished for its ancient misbehavior, will face a brighter future. “Arise, shine,” the Haftarah begins, “for your light has dawned!”

Torah for Miketz - Shabbat Hanukkah

November 30
Gen. 41:1
Plaut, p. 264

In this portion, Pharaoh has a series of dreams about cows and corn being swallowed by their own kind. No one in the court is able to explain the meaning of the dreams to the Egyptian ruler until Joseph is brought from jail to talk to the Pharaoh. Meanwhile, back in famine-stricken Canaan, Jacob makes the decision to send members of his family to Egypt in search of food. The Haftarah relates the story of the building and dedication of the First Temple.

New Editor for Shalom KI

I am pleased to announce that Shalom KI has a new editor. Donna Bleznak Keller, an active member of KI for five years, is taking over for Ellen Tilman. Donna has 15 years of experience in public relations, including writing and editing various publications and marketing pieces.

We are so grateful to Ellen Tilman for all of her hard work on Shalom KI, and in particular, for overseeing the renaming and redesign of the newsletter within the last year. Thank you, Ellen, for your dedication to the project and for taking Shalom KI to the next level!

Brian Rissinger
Executive Director

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**Hanukkah at KI**

Hanukkah, meaning “dedication” in Hebrew, is the joyous eight-day holiday during which Jews recall the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E., and the “re-dedication” of the Temple in Jerusalem. The modern home celebration of Hanukkah centers around the lighting of the hanukkiah, a special menorah for Hanukkah, eating foods cooked with oil, (especially latkes and jelly doughnuts), and playing dreidel.

### Hanukkah Blessings

Hanukkah begins on Wednesday evening, November 27, 2013. The candles are placed in the Hanukkah, the Hanukkah Menorah from right to left, but are lit from left to right! Light the Shamas, the helper candle first. Then, use the helper to light the other candles. Light the newest candle first. After lighting the candles, sing or say the following blessings:

**Baruch atah Adonai**

Eloheinu melech ha-olam
Asher kideshanu b’mitzvotav
Vitzivanu
Shehecheyanu la’avoteinu
Ba-yamin ha-heim
Ba-z’man ha-zeh
Baruch atah Adonai
Eloheinu melech ha-olam
Shehisah nissim la’avoteinu
Ba-yamin ha-beim
Ba-z’man ha-zeh

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For the first night only:

**Baruch atah Adonai**

Eloheinu melech ha-olam
Shehecheyanu
v’ki-y’manu
v’higiyanu
lazman hazeh

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Translation from URJ.

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**Help Others This Holiday Season**

This year KI members will have the opportunity to volunteer as meal servers at Broad Street Ministry on Sat., Nov. 30th (10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) and Tues., Dec. 24 (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Volunteer space is limited and children need to be at least 16 years old to serve. Please contact Melissa DeFreece directly to sign up at melissa@broadstreetministry.org.

Rabbi Kleinman will be there on both days. We will also be collecting new socks and undergarments for Broad Street Ministry during Hanukkah events at KI. Please contact the clergy office with questions at 215-887-8702.
Mitzvah Menorah Returns

We are reviving the Mitzvah Menorah this year, and asking everyone to give what they can. Categories and grade levels are listed below. Collections will take place in the lobby during the 8 days of Hanukkah. Questions: Contact the clergy office at 215-887-8702.

KI COMMUNITY
- Canned food for Abington Interfaith Food Cupboard
- KI Preschool: New size 0-12 month clothes for The Baby Bureau
- Kindergarten and 1st Grades: Cans of tuna or peanut butter for the JRA
- 2nd Grade: Unwrapped toys or blue school uniform shirts for Travelers Aide Family Residence
- 3rd and 4th Grades: New toiletries for JCC Klein seniors
- 5th Grade: New toiletries for Delaware Valley State Veterans Home
- 6th Grade: Hats, gloves and coats for Lowell Elementary School
- 7th and 8th Grades: Sweat pants for Widener Memorial School for Disabled Teenagers
- 9th and 10th Grades: New packs of socks, undergarments for Broad Street Ministry

Friday, Nov. 22, 6:00 p.m.
“Latkes & Looming” Blue Bell Hanukkah Shabbat with Ross M. Levy

Sunday, Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
JQuest Hanukkah Buddy Day

Wednesday, Nov. 27 – Wednesday, Dec. 4
Mitzvah Menorah collection - Lobby (See opposite for details.)

Friday, Nov. 29, 5:45-9:00 p.m.
“Latkes & Laughter” Congregational Hanukkah/Shabbat Dinner, Candlelighting, Family-Friendly Service & Oneg - K/G & Sanctuary (See below.)

Saturday, Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Volunteering at Broad Street Ministry (See p. 6)

Tuesday, Dec 3, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Federation Hanukkah Dinner - K/G

Wednesday, Dec 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Kehillah Hanukkah Concert - Gratz College Auditorium – Tickets Required
New books for Hanukkah

Children enjoy hearing Hanukkah stories all year long. The Meyers Library just added these NEW Hanukkah titles to our collection. **ABC Hanukkah Hunt** by Tilda Balsley is a rhyming book with Hanukkah words for each letter of the English alphabet. In *Esther's Hanukkah Disaster* by Jane Sutton, a gorilla named Esther struggles to find an appropriate Hanukkah gift for each of her animal friends. She learns that sometimes the best gifts are those that are shared. *Sadie's Almost Marvelous Menorah* by Jamie Korngold tells the story of Sadie, who made a Hanukkah Menorah in class. It breaks before she gets it home. She learns that even her broken menorah can be part of the family holiday celebration. Come to the Meyers Library to explore our Hanukkah section for your family's holiday celebration.

**Sifriyat Pijama Program**

The Meyers library is now a proud partner in *Sifriyat Pijama B'America* (SP-BA). This program mails FREE high quality Hebrew Children's literature and music to families with children ages 2 – 8 throughout the year. It is a PJ Library program for Hebrew speaking and reading families! As a partner, we will host four Hebrew story hours and activity programs during the year (open to the public), using the SP-BA books. The first Meyers Library SP-BA Hebrew Story and Activity program will take place on Sunday morning, November 3 at 10 a.m. in the library. See the separate article on SP-BA on page 9 for more information.

**Adult Book Discussion Group**

The Meyers Library is again hosting our very popular Adult Book Discussion Group. The only requirement to join this group is that you have read the book. This is a moderated book discussion and not a book review. Participants are expected to share their insights, reactions, and comments with others who have also read the book. We will meet on **Tuesday, December 3 at 1:30 pm to discuss** *Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots* by Jessica Soffer. Save the following dates for future Adult Book Discussion Group sessions: February 4, April 1 and June 10. All books are available in the Meyers Library.

**New Books and DVDs**

*I can’t wait to read* *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. The story takes place in 1942 Paris. A well-known architect is hired to design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man. The architect cannot resist the challenge of foiling the Nazis. As the plan unravels, we are asked the question “what do people owe each other?”

As the weather gets colder and you start to spend more time indoors, remember that the Meyers Library has a collection of DVDs that can be borrowed. We recently acquired two versions of “The Debt.” The original Israeli-made film stars Gila Almagor and the 2010 version stars Helen Mirren. In 1965 Israeli Mossad agents go to East Berlin to apprehend a Nazi war criminal. Many years later, the success of the mission is questioned. One agent returns to Germany to make things right.

Did you miss the film, “The Gatekeepers” about Israel’s Secret Service, the Shin Bet, during its run in Philadelphia? This documentary features fascinating interviews with six former heads of Israel’s Secret Service. The Meyers Library also has this DVD.

In order to share our newest acquisitions with the KI community, we now list these titles on e-KI and the KI website. We also post notices on the KI Facebook page. If you would like to receive information on new acquisitions, library events and updates please send your email address to library@kenesethisrael.org. and ask to be added to our special Meyers Library list.

**Become a Book Reviewer**

Have you noticed the book recommendations appearing in Shalom KI? Have you read a Jewish book that you recommend others read? Would you like to see your name in print? Contact Ellen about becoming a Book Reviewer for our “Good Reads” column.

**One Book One Jewish Community**

Keneseth Israel is again a partner in the citywide “One Book One Jewish Community” program. This year’s selection is *The Wanting* by Michael Lavigne. The story takes place in Israel in the late 1990’s. The book is a work of fiction, yet raises a lot of important questions about modern Jewish life and Israel. The citywide program includes a Conversation with the Author on **Sunday January 26, 2014**. The location has yet to be determined.
Lifelong Learning

From the Meyers Library

You may purchase a copy of *The Wanting* at your favorite bookstore or on Amazon.com. If you need assistance making an Internet purchase, please contact me. The Meyers Library has several copies of the book available for borrowing. We also have Lavigne's previous novel, *Net Me*, in our collection.

Become A Library Volunteer

We need YOU! The Meyers Library is a wonderful resource, with a huge selection of books for your reading and research, a comfortable environment, and good coffee! Join the friendly volunteers who keep our library up to date! We have jobs you can do either in the library or from home. If you would like to volunteer, e-mail library@kenesethisrael.org or call: 215-887-8700, x 122.

The Meyers Library is a wireless computer zone. Bring your laptop, enjoy a cup of gourmet coffee and explore the latest book arrivals in your KI home. The Library is open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are also open on Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., whenever JQuest is in session. Visit our book carts Friday evenings before and after services. Make the KI Library your home away from home.

Ellen Tilman
Director of Library Services

Sifriyat Pijama Comes To KI

The Meyers Library is pleased to announce that we just became a partner in *Sifriyat Pijama B’America* (SP-BA). This program mails FREE high quality Hebrew Children’s literature and music to families with children ages 2 – 8 throughout the year. It is a PJ Library program for Hebrew-speaking and reading families! It is totally free and open to the entire community. Please help us spread the word among the Hebrew-speaking community in the greater Philadelphia area. To register to receive SP-BA books go to: http://www.sp-ba.org/online-registration. Be sure to name the Meyers Library as the place where you heard about *Sifriyat Pijama*. Let us (library@kenesethisrael.org) know that you are registering so that we can share the details of our SP-BA programs.

The Meyers Library will host four SP-BA Hebrew Story and Activity programs during the year. They will take place on Sundays, November 3, December 15, February 2, and March 23. Invite your Hebrew-speaking friends and family to participate in SP-BA. We want to reach as many Hebrew-speaking families as possible!

In addition to the SP-BA books, the Meyers Library has beautifully illustrated and written books in Hebrew. We even have Hebrew translations of favorites such as *The Giving Tree* or *Goodnight Moon*. For more information please contact the Meyers Library: library@kenesethisrael.org or call 215-887-8700 x122.

Good Reads

In August of 1974, I sat in a room filled with teenagers at our Jewish overnight camp, and we listened to the radio as Richard Nixon resigned. Meg Wolitzer’s novel, *The Interestings*, begins that same summer, with six Jewish teenagers at an overnight camp, where they watch Nixon’s resignation speech on a black-and-white television set. I was drawn to this book for obvious reasons – it is a tale of my contemporaries, following them from their youth into middle age.

The main characters in the story, as teenagers who meet at camp, dub themselves “The Interestings,” and they are full of expectations for their future. As time passes, they experience the manipulation of friends by the Unification Church in the ‘70s and the loss of friends to AIDS in the ‘80s. They move from the point in life when everything is imaginable to the point when they are their “finalized adult selves, with almost no chance for reinvention.” For those of us who came of age with them, their dialogue is true and their experiences are recognizable.

Wolitzer presents a story about how friendship develops, matures, and adapts to differing levels of success. Likewise, it explores how expectations change over time and what ultimately makes life interesting. The book is thought-provoking and enjoyable and, having read it, I am anxious to see what Wolitzer has to offer in her previous novels. Meanwhile, I highly recommend this good read.

Sharon Buckingham

More than 60 people gathered on a Sunday morning to learn how to preserve traditions in a family cookbook, as part of the culinary morning program co-sponsored by The Meyers Library, Women of KI, and The Temple Judea Museum. Cookbook panelists are: (standing l to r) Sharon Buckingham, co-chair of the library and moderator; Janice Schwartz-Donahue; Ellen Tilman; Pam Saltzburg; (Seated l to r) Samantha Krauss; and Burt Horn.
Dear Carl, By (sic) Carrots, Love Mollie: When Jewish Food was the Family Business is an exhibition about Jewish food as a family business. For any of you who do not already know it, our own Rabbi, Lance J. Sussman, comes from such a family.

On Sunday, December 8th, at 10:00 a.m., Rabbi Sussman will kick off a day of closing programs for the exhibition with a talk on the American Jewish Deli and the heritage of our culinary traditions. Following that, at 11:00 a.m., stay with us for a “Pastrami Tasting with Andy Schloss”*, followed by a deli lunch.

To whet your appetite for the events of the 8th, here is Rabbi Sussman’s story from the exhibition about his family’s Jewish food business:

SUSSMAN & LEV: BALTIMORE’S BEST JEWISH DELI

My grandfather, Jacob H. Sussman, died several years before I was born. However, family stories about his deli lived on and were an important part of my childhood. By far the favorite story was about my father’s brother Harold. As a boy, Harold would carve holiday turkeys and then, with toothpicks, reassemble the cooked bird as if a knife had never touched it. No surprise to learn Uncle Harold became a highly skilled and respected surgeon. Watching him carve the ‘bird’ at major family meals was always a highlight.

A few photographs of Jacob Sussman’s Deli have survived and have even been published in various historical works. The photograph of the storefront on display with messages in English, Russian and Hebrew is from before 1922, when Jacob became a partner with a cousin. The second picture, a Yiddish advertisement for the High Holy Days, is from after 1922 when the business was called “Sussman & Lev,” its name until it closed in the early 1950s.

My own father was very proud of his Dad and his business successes. Young Jacob Sussman came to America from Belorus before World War I. At first, he lived in New York and later settled in Baltimore. He learned to speak enough English to run a business but always read the Forwards newspaper in Yiddish. His deli survived the Depression and later experienced increasing success. It was always located at 923 E. Baltimore Street in downtown Baltimore, a part of Corned Beef Row. As I heard it, it was the best in town. A little bit of Corned Beef Row was still left when I was growing up in the 1950s and early ‘60s. I can still remember sampling pickled onions, halvah and exotic cuts of meat whose origins thankfully remained unknown to me.

Back in the late 1990s when eBay was still a relatively new phenomenon, I decided to take a chance and see if any memorabilia from the Sussman & Lev Deli were still available. To my surprise, a collector in Kansas had matchbooks, napkins and other small items. I wrote to him and told him I was a grandchild of Jacob Sussman and would be glad to buy everything he had from the deli. To my delight, the e-merchant wrote that he wanted to give me the materials and was happy to know they ended up with their family of origin. After they arrived, I put them out on the dining table following a family dinner to everyone’s total surprise. It’s just remarkable how important a matchbook and a napkin can be.

Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D.

* The Rabbi’s talk is free and open to the community. The Pastrami Tasting and Lunch are $12 for FRIENDS of TJM, $15 for all others. Please contact us at TJMuseum@kenesethisrael.org, or 215-887-2027 to reserve.

JQuest Gets Behind-the-Scenes Look at TJ Museum

Museum Director/Curator Rita Rosen Poley shares treasures of the Temple Judea Museum with JQuest students during a tour of the inner workings of the museum.
Israel Committee: The Ladder

The Torah portion – “Va Yets Ev”, the “Ladder,” tells of Jacob having a dream: a “stairway” or “ladder” reaching to the sky. The Lord was standing beside him and he said, “I am the Lord, the God, of your father Abraham… the ground on which you are lying I will give to you and your offspring.”

This “ladder” is really Israel itself. From a meeting on the sands of the not-yet-named Tel Aviv, to the modern, growing metropolis of today; from an agricultural landmark to a network of kibbutzim, towns and moshavim; Medinat Yisrael -- the modern state of Israel -- is a marvel of accomplishment. Educational institutions, hi-tech industries and cultural activities are all part of this almost impossible-to-comprehend country – all after a mere 100 years of development.

Step by step, we go up, despite tremendous international obstacles, despite never-ending anti-Semitism, Israel climbs the ladder to fulfill Jacob’s message, “I will give the land to you and your offspring.”

There is a wonderful book, “Start Up Nation” by Senor and Singer, which tells the story of the remarkable progress Israel has made. AIPAC has given copies of this book to every member of congress - hopefully the book’s lesson will be understood and embraced.

May Israel, with our help, continue to climb Jacob’s ladder. May it flourish. May this country founded on democratic principles become stronger and be a beacon for our world.

The “ladder” goes ever upward. In 1967 when Ruth and I first went to Israel, we brought Kleenex, tuna, toothpaste and all sorts of necessities. Not anymore! It’s all there now, and there are many advances we have yet to discover. Truly, Jacob’s ladder went to the sky. Given the freedom to expand, the freedom to grow, Israel will climb the ladder -- I know it will.

Shalom and l’hitraot,
Bill Dodies

Book Authors To Discuss Anti-Israel Skew In Media

The Israel Committee has invited authors Lee S. Bender, and Jerome R. Verlin, to discuss their book PRESSING ISRAEL: Media Bias Exposed from A to Z on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 pm.

Please RSVP by December 1.
For more information, contact Sonnie Katz at skatz28521@verizon.net.
Location to be determined; there will be someone in the lobby to direct you.

Broadway & Opera Favorites Featured in Music Arts Show

Another Opening, Another Show is a great song from Cole Porter’s Kiss Me, Kate. More songs from Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber and other Broadway greats will be featured in KI Music Arts Committee Presents: The Community Family Concert Series Annual “Broadway and a Bit of Opera Cabaret.” The show will thrill you with gorgeous arias, duets, trios and quartets from your favorite Broadway shows and popular operas. Featured will be four wonderful singers and a pianist from the opera department at The Curtis Institute of Music. Dinner by Cafe La Fontana includes salad, a choice of brisket, chicken or eggplant parmesan, two side vegetables, plus dessert and beverages.

The program will be presented on Saturday evening, December 7, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and show at 7:45 p.m. Adult Show Ticket $30, Dinner $15. Students 23 and younger: Dinner $15, show free. Dinner by advance reservation only, by December 4. It promises to be a sellout, so please, put together a table of 8-12 for you and your friends, and send your reservations all together to reserve your table.

That’s it for this month.
Ellen Bildersee

Lifelong Learning

Adult Education at KI

If you are not part of the KI Adult Education community of learners and friends, you are missing a FABULOUS experience. The programs have been interesting, informative and fun. It’s not too late to join us. Look at what we offer in late November and December:

- Sunday, November 17 - 10:15 a.m. Rabbi Sussman’s Fall Forum: FDR and the Jews: Has the Jury Reached a Verdict?
- Thursday, November 21 - 11:15 a.m. Laugh and Live Longer. Dr. Joel Schwartz will help us find humor in everyday life thereby making us physically and emotionally healthier.
- Sunday, November 24 - 10:15 a.m. Rabbi Sussman’s Fall Forum: Lincoln and the Jews
- Thursday, December 5 - 11:15 a.m. Maimonides Cafe
- Friday, December 6 - 12:00 p.m. Jewish Connections in Art
- Friday, December 13 - 10:45 a.m. Lecture/Luncheon at the Doubletree and Concert at the Kimmel
- Thursday, December 19 - 11:15 a.m. Art Tour of France
- Sunday, December 22 - 10:15 a.m. Rabbi Sussman’s Fall Forum: Ronald Reagan and the Jews

How can you resist? For more information, please contact me at caryl.levin@verizon.net.
Caryl Levin
Mazel Tov to our Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students

My name is Seth Joseph Arinsberg. My passion is basketball. I played in the Cheltenham Basketball League, and for my Mitzvah Project I helped coach the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade teams. I helped coach twice a week and got a lot out of the experience. I’m in 7th grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. My hobbies and favorite sports include playing basketball, riding my bike, playing video games, hanging out and playing sports with my friends. My parents are Meryl and Larry Arinsberg.

My name is Jacob Michael Brandt. For my Mitzvah Project I did the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. I ran the 5K and raised more than $3000 for breast cancer research. I attend Abington Junior High School. My hobbies are my sports, which are baseball, football and basketball. My parents are Michele and Randy Brandt.

My name is Jared Aaron Glass. My Mitzvah Project is volunteering at the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA). Since its founding in Philadelphia in 2000, JRA has been bringing together individuals of all means, ages and backgrounds each month in a spirit of community and tikkun olam. I helped package food boxes, then delivered them to families in need. I also helped with the High Holiday food drive at KI. I am in 7th grade at Wissahickon Middle School. I enjoy soccer, swimming, karate, and going to the beach. My parents are David and Elaine Glass and my brother is Ethan.

My name is Donya Aliza Mishkin. For my Mitzvah Project I was working with Peaceplayers International, a basketball tournament organized to raise money for peace in the Middle East. I attend Wissahickon Middle School. I like hanging out with friends, watching movies, gymnastics, basketball, playing sports, listening to music and running. My favorite sports are field hockey, gymnastics, basketball and running. My parents are Bill Mishkin and Miryam Mishkin.

My name is Evan William Nitroy. For my Mitzvah Project I collected baseball clothes and equipment for Pitch in for Baseball. I was so glad to be able to collect items for children who cannot afford equipment. I attend Abington Junior High School. I love to play baseball and basketball. I spend my spare time hanging out with my friends and my summers at Camp Winadu in Massachusetts. Most importantly I enjoy spending time with my family, grandparents, pops and Mum. My parents are Laurie Nitroy and Troy Nitroy.

My name is Matthew Henry Rosen. For my Mitzvah Project, my family and I will be cooking, serving and cleaning up dinner for the families of ill children staying at the Ronald McDonald House. I attend Abington Jr. High School. My hobbies include playing with my dog, playing ping-pong and watching movies. My favorite sport is tennis. My parents are Glenn and Rachel Rosen.

My name is Jacqueline Hana Westrom. I like to be called Jackie. For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered at Sebastian Riding Associates, a therapeutic and educational horseback riding program for people with disabilities. I will continue to help even after my Bat Mitzvah. I also raised money for Parkinson’s Disease (which my grandfather has) by participating in a 5K race. I attend Indian Valley Middle School. My hobbies include playing piano and singing in chorus at school. My favorite sports are horseback riding and dance. I am a member of the Lederach Dance Company. My parents are Anne and Mike Westrom.

ARZA

The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) will hold its Annual Meeting and Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Reception on Wednesday, December 11 during the URJ 72nd North American Biennial in San Diego, California. We hope you will join us!

For more information visit ARZA.org or send an email to: ARZA@ARZA.org

Trees for Israel

If you wish to purchase a tree in the KI Forest in Israel, please contact Beryl Halpern (215-635-0452). She will be glad to mail a beautiful tree certificate for you. The cost is $10.75 per tree. Mail checks, payable to: KI Forest, Keneseth Israel, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027. Attn: Beryl Halpern.

Life Cycles and Spotlights
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**Life Cycles**

Mazel Tov to the following congregants on their special Simchas . . .

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah**
- **Saturday, November 2**
  Jacob Michael Philip Brandt, son of Michele and Randy Brandt
- **Saturday, November 9**
  Seth Joseph Arinsberg, son of Meryl and Larry Arinsberg
- **Saturday, November 16**
  Jared Aaron Glass, son of Elaine and David Glass
- **Saturday, November 23**
  Donya Aliza Mishkin, daughter of William Mishkin and Miryam Mishkin

**Weddings**
- Nicole Grubman to Mark Stein and Matthew Grubman to Teruyo Suzuki. Nicole and Matthew are the children of our members Toby & Joel Grubman, the grandchildren of our member Albert Finestone, and the niece & nephew of our members Jay Finestone & Randy Schwartz.
- Melanie Kates & Andrew Rosenbloom. Melanie is the granddaughter of our member Frances L. Nodiff.
- Sarah Ann Brown & Sam Thomas. Sarah is the daughter of our members Elizabeth & Jeffrey Brown.
- Josh Sussman and Sheri Narvaez. Josh is the son of our very own Rabbi Lance J. and Liz Sussman and the grandson of our member Freda Sussman.

**Births**
- Evan Jacob Payne, son of Elise Carlin & Matthew Payne, and grandson of our members Barbara & Michael Payne.
- Charles Jonah Silverman, son of Sara & Andrew Silverman, and grandson of our members Miriam & Ricky Silverman.

**Helping Hands, Helpful Hats...**

How did Danyelle Adelman combine her desire to learn knitting with her Torah portion’s theme of gift-giving? She made it her Mitzvah Project! KI member Libbie Guy connected Danyelle with the NICU at Temple University Hospital, where there was a need for hats for premature babies. First, Danyelle’s grandmother, Anita Lieberman, taught both Danyelle and her mother, Sharyn, to knit. Before long, together they had knit more than 50 tiny hats! To date, they have sent three bags of hats to the NICU and even visited some of the babies receiving their gifts. They have decided to keep knitting hats, creating a family legacy of gift-giving in this meaningful way. Danyelle recently sent hats to her cousin in California, who gave birth to twins eight weeks premature. Well done, Danyelle! From left to right are: Sharyn Adelman, Anita Lieberman, Danyelle, Haley (Danyelle’s sister), and Lorajane Braunasar, Maternity Nurse Manager at Temple University Hospital.

**We mark with sorrow the passing of . . .**

- Randy Weinstock, nephew of our member Marlene Glass.
- Jean Kotloff, mother of our member Robert (Debra) Kotloff.
- Seymour Hernes, our member and the husband of our member Babe Hernes.
- Arthur Toll Stevens, son of our members Lillian & Ralph Tekel.
- Gloria Kremer, our member.
- Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Zucker, mother of our member Andrew (Nicole) Zucker.

- Edith Skalsky, mother of our member, Michelle (Michael Simon) Skalsky.
- Barbara Gershman, grandmother of our member Eric (Andrea) Gershman.
- Elly Feldman, grandmother of our member Joe (Rosalyn) Karlin.
- Shirley Sivitz, our member and the wife of our member Jay Sivitz.
As I write this, our JQuest program has been running for about six weeks. While all beginnings can be challenging I want to share some of the successes of the new program.

1. **Student Engagement:** Each grade K-6 participates in a grade level “quest.” Kids are writing books to welcome new families to the synagogue, creating family heirlooms for “Thanks-Anukkah,” creating a Holiness exhibit in our Museum, to name a few. The enthusiasm is contagious. Recently the 5th grade class asked if they could stay in class and not be interrupted – they had so much work to be done. By using student projects as the vehicle for learning, the teachers have empowered the kids to become co-creators of their Jewish learning.

2. **God-talk and Spirituality:** Whether it is on Sunday morning in tefillah, or Tuesday during chugim (electives), or anywhere in between, kids are reflecting on the idea of the sacred and holy in Jewish tradition. They are being asked to reflect on their blessings, to give thanks for what they have and ask for those in need. These are the core elements of Jewish Tefillah: Brachot, Hodot, and Bakashot. We are able to really delve into the big questions in life in serious ways with regularity.

3. **Clergy Time:** Each week our clergy leads services in small groups for our students. This regular opportunity to pray with our rabbis and cantor allows students to learn the prayers of our people, and to connect with our synagogue’s leaders in personal ways.

4. **Arts and Movement:** Our kids are busy and moving. “Mom I can’t miss next week,” one sixth grader reported, “we are dying our silk in art – that is going to be my tallis – I can’t miss it!” “Don’t take me out early – we are writing a song, I need to help with the last line.” Our kids are eager to come because we are allowing them to express themselves in ways that are natural to them, and then deepen their reflection on those experiences.

5. **Hebrew:** “Rabbi Rigler – this Hebrew one on one, well it’s just good for everyone,” said the two boys who I met with yesterday. The individual Hebrew time has decreased anxiety and increased performance. “My kids are telling me to jump and turn around in Hebrew,” reported a first grade parent. In all grades Hebrew fluency is increasing and anxiety is decreasing. “I have to tell you,” said a parent today, “my kid went from complaining every week to loving it – and I know my kid – it’s not her, it’s the program.”

We have much work to be done still, but it seems that JQuest is moving in the right direction – giving kids something different to share at home each week.

Don’t forget that on November 24, JQuest will celebrate Hanukkah Buddy Day, when our older students will meet with younger ones to make crafts, play games, hear stories and celebrate this favorite Jewish holiday.
Two Holidays: Better Together

What an odd November we will have this year. I can’t decide if it is easier or sad to have two wonderful holidays at the same time! When the teachers asked me about how they were going to teach these two holidays together, I had to think about it for a second. I didn’t need long to contemplate this strange occurrence because we can teach the same concepts and themes for both holidays. Both holidays have some similar values such as mitzvot and Kehillah.

At Thanksgiving we seem to focus on all the food we eat and how stuffed we feel afterward, but we also think about how thankful we are for what we have. Hanukkah is about being thankful for a miracle that happened a long time ago, but miracles can happen everyday. Sometimes I feel it’s a small miracle just to get everyone fed, dressed and to school on time!

There are many different kinds of holiday gifts. Children can create cards for Thanksgiving and deliver them to a shelter or nursing home. Meals and food are always in high demand -- donating food or cooking for a family in need is a wonderful family mitzvah. Donating toys or clothing at this time of year also ties into the concept of being grateful at Thanksgiving and giving a gift to someone in need at Hanukkah.

I am enjoying the idea of combining Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, and making this holiday time exciting and meaningful. I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Hanukkah with your loved ones.

Blue Bell News

JQuest Blue Bell students help Rabbi Kleinman roll out the Torah during their Simchat Torah celebration.

Jayme Dieckman-Powell, Tom Powell and Aiden Powell share in the Sukkot celebration.

KI Blue Bell Off to a Great Start

Our KI Blue Bell Campus continues to attract new families. This is due in large part to the emphasis on providing an engaging experience for children of all ages. We have created a Pre-School class during JQuest on Thursday afternoons and added Tot Shabbat to our Friday night programming. This creates a welcoming atmosphere for families with young children. It is wonderful to welcome all of our new students and their parents and grandparents to KI.

This Fall we kicked off the year with our third annual Rosh Hashanah service. Held at Normandy Farm, our service was well attended by members and members of the community. Our JQuest students led the congregation in prayer and song. We even brought a kiddie pool to throw breadcrumbs in for Tashlich! Fall holiday celebrations continued during JQuest, as we built and decorated our Sukkah, rolled out the Torah and Consecrated new JQuest students. Our first Shabbat featured a Torah parade with homemade flags.

The fun continues with our KI Blue Bell Hanukkah Celebration, “Latkes & Looming” Hanukkah Shabbat with Ross M. Levy, on Friday, Nov. 22 at 6:00 p.m. If you know somebody who might be interested in exploring our community in Blue Bell, please invite them to join us. If you are already a member of KI but have never attended an event in Blue Bell, come celebrate Hanukkah Shabbat.

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If you wish to attend a daily Minyan Service, please join congregation MBIEE at the far end of the KI building:

- Monday and Thursday at 6:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 a.m.
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Roll Out the Carpet for KINGO IV on December 15th

Start practicing your bingo call. KINGO, Keneseth Israel’s Annual Family Bingo, will return on Sunday, December 15th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the K/G auditorium. Prizes, raffles, silent auctions, food and fun make this one of the highlight events of the year. Tickets are $5 in advance and $10 at the door. Purchase tickets by November 24th and receive 5 free raffle tickets. All funds raised support youth programming. Contact Liz Kaufman-Taylor at elizdrew@aol.com for more information.

Family Name__________________________

Please provide contact info to confirm registration:

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Dear Women of Keneseth Israel,

On Sunday, November 3 and Sunday, November 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. we will be holding a “Hanukkah Celebration Gift Shop Sale.” Come and buy your holiday gifts. We hope you have seen our Gift Shop display in the foyer. Our case is filled with new mezuzahs, menorahs and candlesticks made from Jerusalem Stone direct from Israel. There are some beautiful new silk scarves -- perfect Hanukkah gifts for you, a friend, or even Mom. The Gift Shop has plenty of Sammy the Spider Books, games and gifts for children.

Our newest program for this year is the Lilith Salon, which will be held on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Janice Schwartz-Donahue. Join us, as we begin an exciting women's issues discussion group. The Salon is a gathering for ideas and connections, more free flowing than a book club, less spiritual than a Rosh Chodesh group, and more intimate than a lecture. We will use Lilith Magazine, a feminist Jewish Publication, to provide topics to get our conversations started. (RSVP to Paulette Sterman-Soroko, Lilith Coordinator at 215-646-7997)

The KI Mitzvah Garden Update: This year we had so much support from our members and our Mitzvoteinu Students. Everyone pitched in and gardened together. The students put in many hours of hard work with a positive and friendly manner and it was a pleasure having their help. It was a great summer of planting, weeding, and picking fresh vegetables. The camaraderie made this a special and warm time together. We, as a congregation, should be so proud that we donated more than 250 pounds of vegetables this season. Another banner year!!

Women of KI reflects the diversity of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, with members of varied backgrounds, ages, and interests. Whether you would simply like to get to know some of our women in the congregation, or would like to get involved as a volunteer, there is a place for you in Women of KI. How involved you are is up to you, but please know that a warm and caring group of women waits for you, however you choose to participate. Please feel free to contact me, Lynore Eisman, at 215-676-1812 or Sue Fried at 215-673-1695 with any questions or suggestions. We encourage you to come to our events and planning meetings.

Become a part of, “the nurturing soul of our KI Community.”

We want to wish you a Happy Hanukkah and Thanksgiving!

Lynore Eisman, President
lynore@comcast.net

KI Mitzvah Garden

Janice Schwartz-Donahue thanks Mitzvah Garden volunteers, as they all show some of the fruits of our labor.
Let’s Go Dutch Continued

Last month I briefly discussed Spinoza’s place within and without the Dutch Jewish community of the 17th century. Subsequent to this, Western Europe underwent tumultuous changes, which affected its Jewish inhabitants profoundly.

“Liberty, Equality, Fraternity” were the fundamental principles of the French Revolution of 1789, set out in the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen. Even before French troops invaded Dutch territory in 1795, many Jews and non-Jews supported Enlightenment ideals. The Declaration immediately became applicable in the Netherlands in 1795, but not for Jews, who were still considered foreign residents. Supporters of Enlightenment thinking, along with the French consul, exerted pressure to bring an end to this inequality. On September 2, 1796, following a special debate, Jews attained equal rights. However, the discriminatory guilds were not shut down until 1798.

Napoleon made his brother, Louis, King of Holland in 1806. Louis took a keen and active interest in the Jewish community; in fact, his triumphal procession into Amsterdam on April 20, 1808 passed the Portuguese and Ashkenazi synagogues. Louis set reforms into motion, with the help of advisers, some of them Jewish legal experts. Chief among the reforms was a requirement to use Dutch rather than Yiddish in synagogues. All Dutch citizens, including Jews, were required to adopt family names. Jews often used their town or village of origin, or their profession for this purpose.

From then on a number of Portuguese and Ashkenazi Jews from well-to-do families took up the cause of improving the living standards of Jews in the Netherlands. They advocated measures which would eliminate restrictions on occupations Jews could hold, and they supported the teaching of Dutch to those who could not speak it. Rabbis and political leaders opposed such reforms for many years, fearing that they would undermine the autonomy of the Jewish community.

Next month I will consider the times up to and including the Holocaust. I will conclude this series in the following issue, with the situation after World War II up to the present.

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Friday, December 20
Classic Rock Shabbat
(7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, January 11
Music Program
Dinner (6:00 p.m.)
Piano Recital/Concert
(7:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 17
TuBishvat Seder (7:00 pm)

As a diverse community representing a broad constituency of nearly 1,000 families strong, we have identified seven core values that define the heart and soul of our congregation.

Look inside for the core value symbol – revealing our commitment in action!

Yahadut Mitkademit
Reform Judaism

*T’fillot
Prayer and Spirituality

Tikkun Olam
Social Justice|Repair of the World

Hiddur Mitzvah
Arts and Culture

Limmud
Sacred Learning

Kehillah
Community

Ahavat Israel
Jewish Pride|Love of Israel

American Jews and Three Presidents of the United States

November 17- FDR
November 24 - Lincoln
December 22 - Reagan
Sundays at 10:15 AM - Korn Sanctuary

Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D.
Powerpoint by Joan Myerson Shrager, M.Ed.

Adult Hebrew Class Begins
The Adult Hebrew Havurah will begin to meet on Wednesdays, starting December 4th at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Rav Soloff is the facilitator. The class is self-directed. Members choose the Hebrew texts for reading and discussion. Last session our reading ranged from the bible to Modern Hebrew Literature. We frequently find reading material in the Meyers Library. Its Hebrew selections include bible, poetry, literature and newspapers.