

## **Annual Report for Life Long Learning June, 2017**

**Book Club:** The Book club met in August to select books, read and discussed 8 books, enjoyed their annual Chanukah party, and plans a final dinner meeting with spouses. A thank you to Manny Jainchill for his leadership of the club and a welcome to Loni Figura for volunteering leadership for next year.

**Adult Hebrew and Trope classes:** One student met her goals for Trope in fall semester and one student continues with Hebrew class.

**Nosh and Drash:** In collaboration, Rabbi Wylen led and promoted Saturday Nosh and Drash, while LLL coordinated the refreshments and provided the set-up, and cleanup for the 20 sessions.

**Rabbi Wylen's lecture series:** Rabbi Wylen presented a 5 session lecture series in the winter and spring about Judaism's Great Debates. The lectures and discussions had 12 to 20 adults attending. In addition, Rabbi presented 5 lectures on independent single session topics throughout the year. A special thanks to Rabbi Wylen for his dedication to teaching adult learners at KH.

**High Holiday Kallahs:** Marty Levine led a hike at Blackledge Falls for a Selichhot service. Tami led the congregation in learning the melodies specific to the High Holidays. Bella Zubkov directed a relaxing yoga session.

**Visiting speakers:** David Yalof presented discussed political implications of the election pre- and post- election results to with a large number of our membership, before and after the election Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro presented his research on beliefs in God among Reform Jews. We showed a repeat of the 92Y program on violence in the Name of God. Gary Goldfine spoke about the homelessness situation in CT and nationally to adults and teens. Irene Berman presented to teens and adults about her family's escape from the Nazi's in Norway. A film on Jewish farmers in Eastern CT in the 1880's and beyond was shown and discussion led by Marty Levine.

**Making Challah with Rabbi Wylen:** 18 adults and 10 children enjoyed making challah with their families. The adults enjoyed a short history of Bread with the Rabbi while the children learned to braid challah strands. Rabbi demonstrated each step so all the children could participate and understand.

### **Sponsorship:**

Life Long Learning, Brotherhood and Sisterhood sponsored and attended a film called Fire Birds shown during the JCC's Film Festival.