

# Jewish History Seminar

**CHJ members have become increasingly aware of the importance of learning** more about their cultural heritage and history. To meet this need, the Congregation offers a bi-monthly-**Jewish History Seminar**. The **Seminar** provides an interesting and challenging forum for studying, exploring and discussing the history and culture of the Jewish People.

During the past three millennia, scores of nations, from Babylonia and Rome to Hitler's *Third-Reich*, have risen only later to fade and disappear from the pages of history. Only one Nation—the Jews--has survived the trials and vicissitudes of three turbulent millennia. Remarkably, they have done so without a country or a government, and despite a rising tide of religious intolerance and persecution and a wave of racially-motivated expulsions, forced conversions and massacres of Jews.

This narrative is the principal focus of the **Seminar**. (Readings are from: *A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People; Eli Barnavi, ed.*) Unlike many lecture series, the **Seminar** sessions are essentially “free-standing”, so no “catching up’ is necessary. Typically, a participant selected in advance presents a brief introduction of the subject to be discussed, after which comments and discussion are invited from seminar participants. Past **Seminar** sessions have been interesting, informative and lively.

The seminar is held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 1:00-2:30PM. (During the summer we only meet once a month). For information call Stan Katz at 941-343-0095.

