

## Senior Connections

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Temple Beth El

### July 12th

There will be a screening of the 2009 film, 'Amreeka'. The film centers on an immigrant single mother and teenage son from Ramallah who settle in a small town in Illinois in 2003.

### July 26th

We will present Ian Browde's interactive seminar: 'Building Common Ground: Ways to talk with others with like and differing views.'

### August 9th

Bruce Thompson presents: "Jews on Broadway" - Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers & Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein, Frank Loesser, Alan Jay Lerner, Betty Comden & Adolph Green, Jerome Robbins, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim—why were so many of the great Broadway composers, librettists, and choreographers Jewish? And why were so many of the classic American songs from the golden age of American popular song-writing composed by Jews? UCSC's Bruce Thompson will consider why the sons and daughters of Jewish immigrants dominated the Broadway musical theater for more than half a century, and how their Jewish roots found expression in their work. Among the shows we will consider (and from which we will see film clips): *Show Boat*, *Oklahoma!*, *Annie Get your Gun*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *West Side Story*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. (Bruce promises to resist the temptation to perform his version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Some Enchanted Evening"!)

### August 23rd

There will be a screening of the 2008 film, "Boy in the Striped Pajamas." Set during World War II, a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the eight-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences.