Memoir Writing Workshop: On June 8, Maxine Jordan held the first summer workshop for members who wish to improve their writing and recollection skills. Attendees were instructed in practices such as writing about their favorite colors to spark their rhetorical skills. This session was the first of a series Jordan facilitated, and the experience shows promise for helping participants to develop better methods for capturing their memories in creative writing.

Media-Driven Politics: On June 16, Donald Lasky spoke on theories that attribute political changes during the past 30 to 40 years to the way the media, including TV news reports and campaign ads, served as propaganda to generate prejudicial views. According to Lasky, one of the worst outcomes of increased media coverage is the results at polls when voters focus on inflexible prejudices without examining compromises to meet common goals.

An Affair to Remember: A classic romantic movie was enjoyed by members on July 6. Elaine Rudner provided the audience with a background on the leading stars, Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, and gave fascinating insight into the plot of this classic film. To learn more about this admired lady presenter, read the profile on Rudner featured in this newsletter.

These classes are only a sampling of the thought-provoking offerings at the LLI.
Elaine Rudner has 40 years of career experience teaching to and working with all types of groups from elementary-level children in schools to senior citizens in assisted living facilities in Florida. She has been with the Nova Lifelong Learning Institute for the past seven years, making a variety of presentations and lecturing about Judaic topical studies of interest. Her early career was an interesting mix of social worker and Hebrew teacher. Rudner said that getting married a second time, later in life, was a wonderful surprise, stating that her late husband of 22 years, “fell out of the sky and into my lap!” It was truly her unique “affair to remember.”

Rudner hopes that as an octogenarian, she will continue to delight groups by selectively showing movies from her son’s collection to educate and entertain audiences for years to come. Movie fans of the LLI are happy to help her achieve this goal.

Tiffany Martin-Muzzillo is an acupuncturist, Reiki master, and paramedical aesthetician. She is also the mother of a two-year-old boy named Damien Michael. She accompanied our presenter Marty Moore, who spoke about how seniors can lead healthier lives for improved energy, strength, and vitality. Martin-Muzzillo is involved currently in community education to help people live healthier pain-free lives. Her acupuncture skills enable her to treat people in need of medical help while her knowledge of Reiki empowers her to work with their energy. In addition to supporting Morre’s presentation, Martin-Muzzillo came to the LLI to promote her wellness-care facility, Your Big Picture Cafe. The center is located on University Drive near Griffin Road in Davie, Florida, and has a café inside that offers organic food, coffee, tea, and herbs.