

## GENE KLEIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM with

**PROFESSOR PAMELA NADELL on Saturday November 2, 2019, 10:00AM-2:00PM at OMI.** Professor Pamela Nadell is author of the recent *America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today*. She will give two talks based on her new book, with a box lunch in between. (\$15 for members, \$18 for guests). In her groundbreaking history, Professor Nadell shows two threads binding the nation's Jewish women: a strong sense of self and a resolute commitment to making the world a better place. Professor Nadell holds the Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History at American University where she received the university's highest award, Scholar/Teacher of the Year.

### SAVE THE DATE GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

Sunday NOVEMBER 17, 2019  
3:30PM-6:30PM

at Columbia Jewish Congregation (OMI)

### REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES:

No Registration is required for Lunch and Learn and Course Offerings with Rabbi Linda Joseph.

The Global Day of Jewish Learning and Scholar in Residence will have their own registration processes. Look out for further information in our *What's Nu?*

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Bet Aviv loves to learn. It is a chance for us to expand our knowledge of Jewish tradition, meet each other, and to grow as Jews. The courses in this pamphlet are offered at Oakland Mills Interfaith Center (OMI), 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia MD; **Historic Oakland** at Town Center, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia MD; and the **50+ Center** at East Columbia Library, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia MD. Locations are mentioned with each course offering. For members, there are no fees and all study materials are provided.

Do you have ideas of topics that you would like to learn in future years? Sylvia Bloch and Diane Willen, our Adult Education Chairs would be thrilled to hear from you.

And remember: our Sisterhood and Men's Club have additional learning opportunities. Men's Club Meetings (open to all genders) are on Sunday morning, 9:30AM -11.30AM on the following dates: 9/15; 10/20; 11/17; 12/20; 1/19; 2/16; 3/15; 4/19; 5/19. Sisterhood has some opportunities scheduled on 9/15; 9/19; 10/29; 11/6; 12/6; 3/6; 4/19; 5/6.

Watch out for updates on all our Bet Aviv events and exciting offerings in our *What's Nu?* coming to your email on a regular basis.

**Rabbi Linda Joseph and Adult Education Chairs, Sylvia Bloch and Diane Willen**



## ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Learn With Us!  
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**LUNCH AND LEARN** Thursdays,  
12:30PM-2:00PM, commencing  
**SEPTEMBER 19** in Room 300 of The  
Meeting House (OMI). This fall we will  
delve into the tales of Rabbi Nachman of  
Bratslav, found in Howard Schwartz's book,  
*A Palace of Pearls*. Reb Nachman believed  
that stories are a crystallization of a greater  
reality, designed to wake us up. Be prepared  
to dig deep! Participants bring a brown bag  
lunch. Coffee and copies of the text will be  
provided. You are welcome to come to any  
class session.

**IS IT IN OUR STARS? ASTROLOGY  
AND JUDAISM** on Sunday **SEPTEMBER  
22, 2019, 9:45AM-11:45AM** at Historic  
Oakland. *Mazal Tov U'Siman Tov* is sung at  
a Jewish *simcha*. It literally means -- under a  
good star and a good sign. Do Jews believe in  
astrology? Does the Zodiac effect our lives?  
How do the rabbis of the past understand  
the sun signs, the constellations and their  
effects on our lives? Should we be consulting  
the astrological signs today?

**TIKKUN OLAM: NOTION,  
REVOLUTION, EVOLUTION** on  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2019, 9:45AM-  
11:45AM** at the 50+ Center. Tikkun Olam  
or "Repair of the World", has become one of  
the central pillars of Reform Judaism. What  
are the origins of this notion of world repair?  
When did it become so central to Judaism?  
How has it evolved and changed in our  
Jewish understanding? What is its  
significance today?

## COURSE OFFERINGS with Rabbi Linda Joseph

**THE HISTORY OF JEWISH TEXTS** on  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020, 9:45AM-  
11:45AM** at the 50+ Center. Starting with  
Torah at Sinai, and ending with online  
thoughts and commentaries of today, we will  
explore the history and content of our Jewish  
textual tradition answering the 5 "W"  
questions: **What** are the texts that inform  
Jewish tradition? **Who** wrote them? **When**  
were they written? **Where** were they  
written? **Why** were they written?

**GOD SHOPPING** on **SUNDAY MARCH 1,  
2020, 9:45AM-11:45AM** at the 50+ Center.  
Following a short historic overview of "God"  
in Judaism and in Jewish thought, we will  
explore theological notions, ideas and  
beliefs, through a "God Shopping"  
experience, to develop and then share our  
own God theologies.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE (COMIC)  
BOOK** on **SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2020,  
9:45AM-11:45AM** at the 50+ Center. Even  
before Gal Gadot was Wonder Woman, Jews  
were the people of the Comic Book. Through  
words and pictures, they brought Jewish  
themes, culture and values, to well know  
comics such as Superman, the Incredible  
Hulk, Batman and Robin, and others. Come  
learn how Judaism shaped the American  
Super-Hero.

**MUSSAR: VALUES FOR THE  
EVOLVING SELF** on **SUNDAY APRIL 26,  
2020, 9:45AM-11:45AM** at the 50+ Center.  
In the nineteenth century, Rabbi Israel  
Salanter developed a spiritual practice  
known as Mussar - a discipline to help refine  
the Jewish soul and its moral construct. In  
the twenty-first century, Mussar has been  
experiencing a revival as a spiritual practice.  
Come learn about this Movement, its texts  
and its practice, and learn how you can make  
it part of your own life.

**THE MODERN SANHEDRIN** on  
**SUNDAY MAY 10, 2020, 9:45AM-11:45AM**  
at the 50+ Center. The ancient Sanhedrin  
was the "supreme court" that existed at the  
time of the Temple. Also, in many towns of  
Israel, little Sanhedrins existed until the fifth  
century. The Sanhedrin were designed to  
debate and explore the controversial. To  
wrestle with modern controversies in the  
news of the week, we will recreate a modern  
Jewish Sanhedrin. Who knows, we may even  
solve a topic of debate in our time! Topic to  
be announced closer to the date.

