

**GENE KLEIN SCHOLAR- RESIDENCE PROGRAM** with Rabbi Richard Address on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon, via Zoom.

Rabbi Richard F. Address, D.Min, is the Founder and Director of [www.jewishsacredaging.com](http://www.jewishsacredaging.com). Rabbi Address served for over three decades on staff of the Union for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Address' overall theme will be "EMBRACING THE GIFTS AND CHALLENGES OF LIFE'S THIRD AGE." On December 12th: "*L'asok B'divrei Torah: How Texts Provide A Sacred Foundation for Longevity.*" A look at texts from Torah can provide us with a foundation to embrace our own aging from a position of growth, faith, community and choice. We will look at the issue of isolation and our confrontation with mortality, as well as how tradition calls us to never stop growing and evolving. On December 13th: "*My Mind Says Yes; My Body, Not So Much: A Look at How Jewish Texts Look at Health and Wellness.*" We will examine key texts that, while ancient, are so contemporary in their approach to both physical and mental health issues. We will look at how these texts impact our own view of autonomy and the question of "whose life/body is this?"

**REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES:**

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

The Scholar in Residence will have its own registration process. 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. It has been our tradition to gather on Sundays to explore various topics with our rabbis through the years.

We wish to continue this tradition for our members even though this year we may be physically apart because of the current pandemic. **The courses in this pamphlet will be offered online via Zoom for one hour.** Also, we do hope that you will join the Rabbi for her regular **Lunch and Learn** offerings on most Thursdays from October through May, 1pm-2pm, also via Zoom. And look out for future "pop-up" education offerings which we will be able to offer via Zoom.

For members, there are no fees and all study materials are provided.

The URL's for all our education offerings will be published in "*What's Nu*" our weekly bulletin and will be sent out via email along with any materials for congregants to download.

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.

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



**ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS**

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**LUNCH AND LEARN THURSDAYS,**  
1:00-2:00PM, commencing OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>,  
2020 through END MAY 2021, via Zoom.

A survey will be sent out in September so that members can join the rabbi in choosing our topics for this year.

**THROUGH THE EYES OF POETS:  
THE AKEDAH** on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020, 10:00AM-11:00AM. The Akedah, the Sacrifice of Isaac, is a challenging Rosh Hashanah story. To prepare ourselves for the High Holy Days we will look at the poetic interpretations of this biblical tale by three Israeli poets – Hayim Gouri, Amir Gilboa and Yehudah Amichai.

**PAPER-CUT JUDAICA** on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020, 10:00AM-11:00AM. Happy Sukkot! Paper cutting is a traditional Jewish folk art form that took its inspiration from the Torah, Midrash and Talmud. Let's explore the history, the symbolism and the artistry.

**CHOOSE LIFE: THE JEWISH VIEW OF ABORTION** on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020, 10:00AM-11:00AM. "Choose Life" is a Biblical quotation that has been adopted by the pro-lifer anti-abortion movement. But what does that phrase mean in its context? And what does Judaism have to say about abortion and a woman's right to choose? We will explore the traditional sources to find out.

## COURSE OFFERINGS with Rabbi Linda Joseph

**ELIJAH'S PRAYER** on SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021, 10:00AM-11:00AM. Part of the traditional prayer book, Elijah's prayer is a Lurianic addition to *The Zohar* and describes the Ten *Sefirot*, which are symbolic of the relationship between God and the created world. We will study the metaphors and symbols within this text to gain some insight into a Kabbalistic worldview.

**WHY DO HUMANS FIGHT?** on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021, 10:00AM-11:00AM. We will try to answer this universal question by looking at the Bible, the Midrash, some Jewish philosophy and modern Jewish thought on the topic.

**PESACH CUSTOMS AROUND THE WORLD** on SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021, 10:00AM-11:00AM. Wherever Jews have dwelt they have celebrated the exodus from *Mitzrayim* at Passover. While the story remains the same, unique customs developed in many countries. We will look at some of these – and who knows, you may adapt them to use at your Seder this year!

**JEWISH VALUES PASSED DOWN** on SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021, 10:00AM-11:00AM. What is a Jewish Ethical Will? Why write one? How to write one? We will look at some Ethical Wills written in history and begin to outline our own ideas for writing such a spiritual document for ourselves and the generations to come.

**THREE THEMES OF BIBLICAL STORY** on SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021, 10:00am-11:00AM. We will explore the ideas of Creation, Redemption and Revelation, their Biblical origins, where we find them in Jewish custom and practice, and what they mean for us today.

