

Metrowest Jewish Women's Study Group offering 2019-2020 ten-session course

**Mondays, 10 a.m. – noon
at Congregation Or Atid, 97 Concord Road,
Wayland**

*in cooperation with Temple Israel of Natick, Congregations B'nai
Torah and Beth El of Sudbury and Temple Shir Tikva of Wayland*

Bad@ss Broads in Midrash

**with Dr. Rachel Adelman, Associate Professor of
Bible, Hebrew College**



This course explores the little known lives of women figures—some named, some anonymous—whose stories are embellished in the rabbinic tradition. We will delve into the cause of Sarah's demise in response to the binding of Isaac; Rachel's cries for her children, sent into exile; the cause of Serach bat Asher's uncanny longevity; and the role of the ministering women and their mirrors in the Exodus. We will also consider traditions and practice, such as why Rosh Hodesh is considered a woman's Festival. And why are women obligated to hear Megillah or drink four cups of wine at the Passover Seder? How do we celebrate the Hanukkah heroines of yore? Primary sources will draw upon classic as well as contemporary feminist Israeli midrash (in translation).

Course dates: Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, (snow day Dec 16),
Feb. 10, Feb. 24, March 9, March 23, April 6, (snow day April 20.)

Cost: \$175

Email AmySilverstein@comcast.net by August. 26 to register or for info.

This is the third year of The Metrowest Jewish Women's Study Group! Our goal is to offer engaging educational opportunities to women of all ages. We strive to build Jewish connectedness through shared learning experiences. Please join us!

