



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **February 21, 2018** at
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Ann Meyerson

An American Odyssey: The Jewish Experience in Greenwich



Historian and museum curator Ann Meyerson will speak on the history and impact of the Jewish community on Greenwich. Dr. Meyerson has an extensive background in Jewish history in America and is the guest curator of the exhibition *An American Odyssey: The Jewish Experience in Greenwich* organized by the Greenwich Historical Society and on view through April 15, 2018.

The exhibition examines how Jews, like other immigrants, struggled with the pull to integrate into American society while retaining the distinct rich traditions of their culture. Dr. Meyerson will discuss the Jewish community's

significant contributions to the cultural and economic vitality of Greenwich despite their humble start; low numbers; periods of discrimination; and restrictions on worship, employment, and housing opportunities.

Dr. Meyerson curated the core exhibition at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia which explores 350 years of U.S. history through the lens of American Jews. Most recently she curated *The First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World* and *With Firmness in the Right: Lincoln and the Jews* at the New York Historical Society.

Meyerson's was an Assistant Professor at New York University and Director of the Metropolitan Studies Program there. She has a B.A. in History from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Certificate in Museum Studies from New York University

Next week, February 28, Hugh Price, *This African-American Life: From Valley Forge to Civil Rights*

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org