

PRESS RELEASE



***The World Café at Salisbury Congregational Church
Presents
Abraham's Daughters: An Interfaith Conversation
Sunday, November 19, 2017
2:00-3:30pm
Free and Open to the Public***

On Sunday, November 19 from 2:00-3:30 p.m., the Salisbury Congregational Church will host a presentation of Abraham's Daughters: four women of Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions will share their personal religious journeys, and what they cherish in their faiths. Carol Ascher, Eileen Epperson, Nancy Latif and Vjosa Qerimi offer this presentation both to clarify differences among the three faiths as we understand them, and to give others the courage

and tools to share their tender desires regarding faith while also responding to others in an affirming way.

This presentation grew out of a week-long interfaith intensive at Hartford Seminary, "Building Abrahamic Partnerships." *Abraham's Daughters* hope to inspire the interest and the desire for more people to engage in interfaith conversations.

The presentation is free and open to the public, and will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Who they are:

Carol Ascher has published seven books of fiction and nonfiction, and her essays, stories and columns have appeared widely. Her exhibit, *A Chance for Fresh Air: Russian Jewish Immigrants in Ellsworth and Amenia, 1907-1940*, opened at the Sharon Historical Society in March 2017. It was turned into a book by the same name, and has become a permanent installation at Congregation Beth David, the Amenia synagogue built by Russian Jewish immigrants. Carol is now in the midst of a two-year course in spiritual direction, *Bekhol Levavkah*, at Hebrew Union College.

Eileen Epperson is a hospice chaplain in two hospices in Torrington and Salisbury, a spiritual and life coach, and a bereavement counselor. She is an Ambassador for the Parliament of the World's Religions, the largest interfaith organization in the world. Eileen is currently working on a doctorate of ministry at Hartford Seminary.

Nancy Latif is a mother, social activist and writer. She has been working on the resettlement of Syrian, Congolese, Afghan, Iraqi, Pakistani and S. Asian refugees, and is currently forming her own nonprofit, *Refugee Advocacy Services*.

Vjosa Qerimi, an Albanian from Kosovo, has been in the US for five years. She is a sister, wife, student of Arabic, and, with her husband, Sami Aziz, is a public educator of Islam.

For more information, call the Salisbury Congregational Church at (860) 435-2442. You may also email Eileen Epperson at eppervesce@aol.com or Carol Ascher ascher.carol@gmail.com with any questions about this presentation.