

Come hear Professor Joyce Antler talk about
The Historical Legacy of American Jewish Mothers

You Never Call!

You Never Write!

and hear Lauren Antler explore

What to Wear When You're Fighting the Patriarchy

A. PEARLY AND EDITH C. FEEN LECTURE

May 25, 2016 at 7:30 pm ~ Free

The Jewish Mother is a continually reinvented fixture in popular culture. Professor Joyce Antler traces her evolution from the *Molly Goldberg* "Yiddishe Mama" to the "monster" mother mocked by Philip Roth, nagging through history to today's intrusive "helicopter mother". Ms. Antler's talk provides a unique lens with which to examine cultural views about Jewish families.

Joyce Antler is professor of American Jewish History, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University. She is the author of 11 books, including *The Journey Home: How Jewish Women Shaped Modern America*, and the prize-winning *You Never Call! You Never Write! A History of the Jewish Mother*. Her current project concerns the women's liberation movement and Jewish identity.



From bawdy vaudevillians to Gilda Radner, Jewish women have left an enduring mark on the American comic tradition — one which includes a legacy of mother-mocking. In this talk, Lauren will turn the old standard on its head as she explores her relationship with her Jewish mother and feminism.

Lauren Antler is a comedian and marketing professional who has worked at Circus Smirkus, and as project director for the Jewish Women's Archive documentary film *Making Trouble*, about three generations of funny Jewish Women. Lauren's sketch group, The Royal We, has appeared on Comedy Central. Their Off-Off-broadway shows, *Does This War Make Me Look Fat?* and *Be All That You Can Buy*, were performed all over the country. Lauren lives in Montpelier, 3 hours and 15 minutes by car from her mother, but only 30 seconds by text and skype.

