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Graduate Theological Union

Monday, May 3, 2010  
6:30pm

Dinner Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
GTU Library  
2400 Ridge Road  
Berkeley, California

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**Slumbering Prophets and  
the Escape from Self:  
How the Book of Jonah Mines and  
Undermines the Story of Noah**

Two prophets, Noah and Jonah, seek to escape their responsibilities to help rescue humanity. As a result, both run the risk of losing themselves, one in alcoholic oblivion, the other by falling into a coma-like slumber. After a close reading and literary comparison of these two stories, we will address the question of humanity's potential for genuine and enduring self-transformation.



**About Judy Klitsner**

A senior faculty member in Bible at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Judy Klitsner weaves together traditional exegesis, modern scholarship, and her own original interpretations that are informed by close readings of the text. She speaks internationally and is the author of the new book, *Subversive Sequels in the Bible* (Jewish Publication Society), winner of the 2009 National Jewish Book Award for Scholarship.

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