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Shabbat Scholar in Residence

**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.



**The Kindness of Strangers:
Patriarchs in Crisis and
the Mysterious Foreign Priests
Who Help Them**

Two patriarchs, Abraham and Moses, receive visits from non-Israelite priests in moments of personal and spiritual crisis. We will examine the nature of these mysterious encounters, focusing on the need of leaders for guidance, and in particular on the significance of the outsider status of those who guide them.

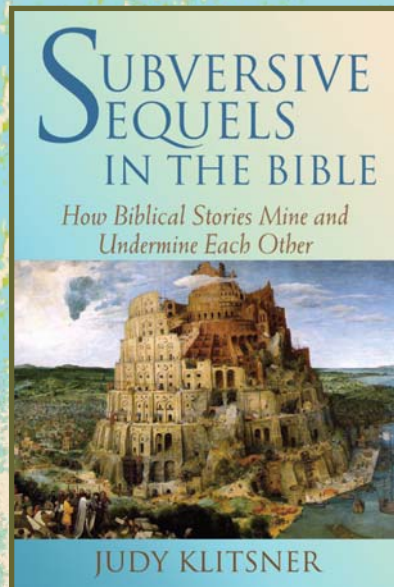


**The Tent, the Field, and
the Battlefield:
The Dynamic Face of the Biblical
Motherhood**

What do the infertile, tent-dwelling mothers of Genesis have in common with the military and spiritual leaders of the book of Judges? We will examine the stories of a range of biblical women, noting common themes as well as the striking literary inversions of matriarchal and patriarchal language and roles.

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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).

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