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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.



**“Let All the Daughters Live”:
The Midwives of Israel and
the Seeds of Identity**

What does the story of the Tower of Babel have in common with that of the heroic midwives of Egypt? In this surprising exploration conducted through close readings of the two texts, we will find a great deal of similarity between these stories, most notably themes of subjugation, the suppression of the self, and the human endeavor to reclaim identity.



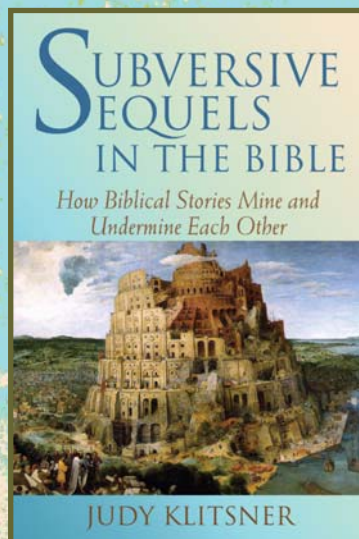
Sunday:

**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), winner of the 2009 National Jewish Book Award for Scholarship.

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