

## Judy Klitsner

Sunday, January 17, 9:15pm

### The “Seeing” and “Taking” of Sarah: The Matriarch as Forbidden Fruit

What does Sarah the Matriarch have in common with the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden? Through close readings of the two stories, we will note the surprising parallels between the stories. We will then view this comparison in the larger context of gender relations in the Bible.



Sunday, January 17, 1:00pm

### 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.

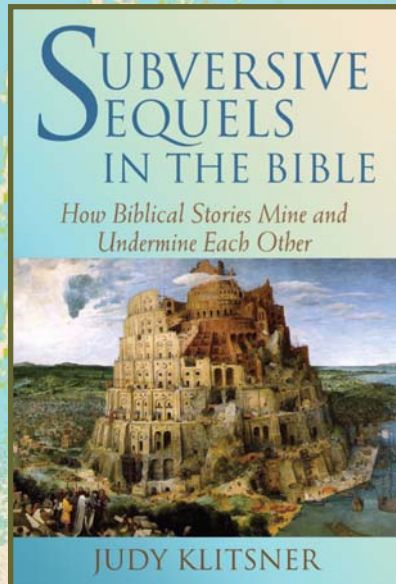


Monday, January 18, 9:45am

### Three Akedot: Ishmael, Isaac, and Job’s Children

Before the Akeda, Abraham “sacrifices” another child, Ishmael. We will compare Genesis 21 and 22, highlighting Abraham’s development in the process of relinquishing his children. We will then explore how the book of Job plays on themes from both of these disturbing stories.

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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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