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**The Matriarch as Forbidden Fruit:
Sarah as an Object of Desire**

Why would the narrative of Abraham and Sarah draw on the language of the Garden of Eden narrative, casting Sarah in the role of the garden's forbidden fruit? By reading one story in light of the other—in a lively, interactive exploration—we will reveal a troubling, and ultimately redemptive, dynamic in the Bible's presentation of its women.



About Judy Klitsner

A senior faculty member at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Judy Klitsner has been teaching Bible and biblical exegesis for more than two decades. A disciple of the renowned Torah teacher Nehama Leibowitz, Klitsner has had a profound impact on a generation of students, many of whom now serve as teachers and heads of Jewish studies programs in the US, Israel and the UK. Judy is the author of *Subversive Sequels in the Bible: How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other*, originally published by the Jewish Publication Society and just released in paperback by Koren publishers. Her book was awarded a 2009 National Jewish Book Award.

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