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**Why Bad Things Happen to Good  
Biblical Characters:  
The Opposing Cases of  
Abraham and Job**

How could God command Abraham—even temporarily—to sacrifice his son, and expect him to silently accept the horrific decree? In a lively, interactive, text-based exploration, we will compare the story of Abraham at the Akeda to the story of Job, noting how the latter story challenges the assumptions of the first, and offers an alternative to its troubling conclusions.



**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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