

OUR GUEST SPEAKER



JUDY KLITSNER

is a senior lecturer at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, where she has been teaching Bible and biblical exegesis for more than two decades. A disciple of the great Torah teacher Nechama Leibowitz, Judy has had a profound impact on a generation of students, of whom many now serve as teachers and heads of Jewish studies programs in the US, the UK and Israel. In her teaching and in her writing, Judy weaves together traditional exegesis, modern scholarship and her own original

interpretations that are informed by close readings of the biblical text. She lectures internationally at synagogues, campuses and adult education programs that span the denominational spectrum and she holds a visiting lectureship at the London School of Jewish Studies. Judy's teaching style is lively, interactive and text-based, and she is particularly fond of uncovering the "vibrant conversation" that takes place between the Bible's parallel stories. Judy Klitsner is the author of *Subversive Sequels in the Bible: How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other* (Jewish Publication Society, paperback by Koren Publishers). The book received a 2009 National Jewish book award.

We are honored to have her as our guest.



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**A VISITING SCHOLAR SHABBATON
AT BEKI**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MAY 1-3, 2015**

JUDY KLITSNER

Author of **SUBVERSIVE SEQUELS IN THE BIBLE**
and winner of the National Jewish Book Award

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How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other

*Join us for a warm,
exciting and thought-provoking*

SHABBAT RETREAT

*of inspiration, study, discussion, prayer, laughter, song,
great food, and fun including
a full schedule of activities for children and teens!*

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 1 thru SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 3

KABBALAT SHABBAT THROUGH SUNDAY BRUNCH

*All Shabbaton programs and religious services are open to the entire community
and most are free of charge*

The only charge is for our Friday Night Shabbat Dinner
for which **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** by Monday 4/27/15
Adults & Teens - \$10 / Youth 6-12 - \$5 / Children 5 and under – FREE*

*For all other programs,
advance registration is appreciated to help in planning*

NEW MEMBER SPECIAL – tell your friends!

*Our newest members (joined between January 1- April 30, 2015) will be
OUR GUESTS for the Shabbaton Friday Night Dinner*

**Confidential subsidies available*

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 1

Childcare available from 7:30-9:30pm – pre-registration required by 4/27/15

- 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma'ariv Evening Service
7:00 pm Shabbat Dinner (*reservations required*)
8:15 – 1st Session – Judy Klitsner
9:30 pm Inside-Outside: Biblical Leaders and Their Non-Jewish Mentors

What happens when the Bible's greatest leaders face personal and spiritual crisis? In a lively and interactive text-based exploration, we will examine the encounters of troubled "Jewish" leaders with mysterious "non-Jewish" priests, who provide counsel and guidance. Our exploration will consider larger questions about leadership, 'chosen-ness', and relations between Jews and non-Jews.

SHABBAT MORNING, MAY 2

- 9:15 am Shabbat Shaharit Morning Services
10:00 am BEKI Religious School Student Programs
10:45 - Children's Programs for Shabbat morning
11:45 am Shabbat Havura (pre-K); K-2 Kehilla (K-2); Jr. Congregation
Cosmic Conversations
12 Noon Kiddush Luncheon

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

- 1:00 - 2nd Session – Judy Klitsner
2:30 pm The Tower of Babel and the Midwives of Egypt: Comparing an Unlikely Pair

What does the story of building the world's largest structure in Babel have in common with a tale of subjugation and heroism in Egypt? Upon close inspection, we will expose the many surprising similarities between these stories as well as some significant differences. Of particular interest will be the actions and motivations of a number of outstanding female characters in the Exodus narrative, whose acts of individual heroism help to repair the fractured connection with the Divine.

- Shabbat Games for Children (ages 6-12)
5:45 pm Mincha Afternoon Service
6:30 pm Teen Seuda Shlishit
Supper and Discussion with Tani Cohen-Fraade

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 3

- 9:00 am Shaharit Morning Services followed by Sunday Brunch
10:15 3rd Session – Judy Klitsner
11:45 am Would You Murder and Also Inherit? A Biblical Story of Crimes, Misdemeanors,
and Other Addictions

In a shocking biblical narrative, a king of Israel embarks on a spiral of crimes culminating in murder. We will examine the appetites and processes that lead from misdemeanor to crime and then address the larger issue of how the trajectory of sin resembles that of addiction.