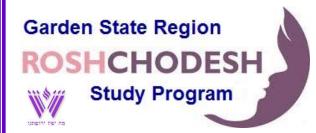
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Counter Narratives: Women Abandoned Biblical and Modern Sagas





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Five sessions at five locations. Attend one or all. Refreshments served. **Rosh Chodesh** was observed by women in antiquity and medieval times as a day for women to gather together for prayer, community and celebration. In recent years, *Rosh Chodesh* has been reclaimed as a quintessentially female observance. *Rosh Chodesh* celebrations have taken various modes of expression: prayer, study, book discussions, yoga, dance, art and social action.

The Garden State Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism presents this new opportunity: a region-wide Rosh Chodesh Study Group. We will devote the next year to studying together-exploration, discussion, nosh and connection.

> Session locations: Morristown Jewish Center 177 Speedwell Ave Morristown, NJ 07960

Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth 201 South 3rd Ave Highland Park, NJ 08904

> Congregation Beth Sholom 354 Maitland Ave Teaneck, NJ 07666

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael 60 Temple Drive Springfield Township, NJ 07081

Pine Brook Jewish Center 174 Changebridge Road Montville, NJ 07045

Garden State Region ROSHCHODESH Study Program

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Most of the heroes in the Bible are men – biblical portrayals of women are far more ambiguous. While we commend the Matriarchs, Miriam, Deborah, Ruth and Esther, there is a significant number of female characters whose stories are troubling -- and sometimes worse -- horrifying. Some of these women have names and others are only known by their terrifying experiences.

As we commence this year-long Garden State Rosh Chodesh Study Group, exploring Biblical text and modern film selections, we will engage in study, discussion and discovery – reclaiming the experiences of women who are without voice themselves.

Our study of some biblical women's will include (among others) these themes:

- status of women in ancient Israel when and how did/could they wield power and when were they powerless⁴
- What strategies did (or could) women employ to retain their humanity in a patriarchal society and still today?
- What lessons can modern women derive from these stories?

All proceeds to support the Garden State Region Masorti Sister Community Congregation Kehilat Torat Chaim in Herzliya. Currently, they only have four Etz Chaim Chumashim and they would like ten. Maybe with your help, we can do better. Donations accepted. Please send to Carla Vogel, 520 Lotus Road. Ridgewood. NJ 07450

ves: ned Sagas are men –	 <i>Cheshvan: Sarah and Hagar</i> The immigrant (Egyptian) slave woman commanded by Sarah to produce a child/heir with her husband, Abraham, is dispatched to the wilderness when she and her son are no longer needed. Morristown Jewish Center, Morristown <i>Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.</i> Cost: \$10 	To register, check sessions attending and mail with payment made out to "WLCJ-GSR" to Carla Vogel 520 Lotus Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450 carla.buchalter@gmail.com or 201-341-3065 Questions? Abby Finkel, Education VP 973-287-7047
e far more Id the Ruth and Esther, female ubling and Some of these are only known	 Kislev: Jephthah's Daughter An innocent young woman is tragically consigned to death because of her father's impetuous vow, triggered by his ambition and military arrogance. Location: HPCT-CAE, Highland Park Thursday December 1, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 	Registration: Five sessions at five different locations! Attend all sessions or attend one session. Be a part of the discussion! Pre-registration and payment requested.
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and her life becomes intolerable. **Pine Brook Jewish Center, Montville** *Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.* Cost: \$10