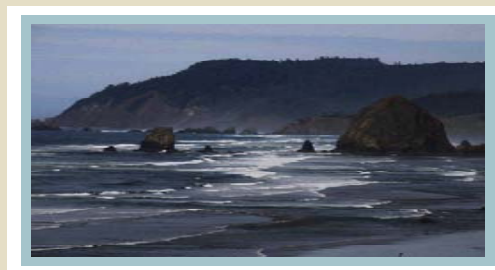


A Weekend In Quest

INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS: WHO IS THE OTHER?

Biblical and Rabbinic Views of Gentiles,
Converts, Women and Servants

featuring
Professor Judith R. Baskin
of the University of Oregon



Friday evening to Sunday noon
February 5-6-7, 2010

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Directions to Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites From Portland

Take Sunset Hwy 26 to the Coast. Take Hwy 101 north twenty (20) miles to Astoria. Take the roundabout and merge onto West Marine Drive. Go approximately .5 miles and turn left on Columbia Drive. The hotel is on the river under the Astoria-Megler Bridge.

Alternate Route from Portland

In case of weather concerns, take Route 30 all the way from Portland into Astoria. The hotel is on the right just before the Astoria-Megler Bridge.

A chartered bus will be available for those who do not wish to drive at a cost of \$40 per person round trip.

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Weekend in Quest with Professor Judith R. Baskin

Deadline to register by Friday, January 8, 2010

Name(s) of attendees _____

Address _____

street

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state

zip

Phone _____

Email address _____

Enclosed is:

\$240 per person, based on double occupancy hotel room, including lectures and 5 meals. Number of people _____
\$340 per person, based on single occupancy hotel room, including lectures and 5 meals. Number of people _____
\$130 per person, including lectures and 3 meals (does not include breakfast). Number of people _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Space is limited- we encourage you to register early.

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Spend a weekend learning with Professor Judith Baskin of the University of Oregon. Experience a special Shabbat with Rabbi Joshua Stampfer and Cantor Barbara Slader. At this Shabbaton we will explore some of Judaism's most demanding ethical questions. Jews have always lived in a larger world where we have come into regular contact with peoples of many different backgrounds. And even within their personal and domestic lives, the Sages who shaped our tradition interacted with close companions who were perceived as "other." These "intimate others" included women and servants who did not enjoy the independence and autonomy that were afforded the adult Jewish male throughout. On this weekend in February we will have the opportunity to delve into texts with fresh eyes and discover meaning in them that we have never seen before, meaning about the experience of the "other" among us. Let's explore together!!

Professor Baskin will lecture and lead discussion on the following topics:

"Zipporah and Jethro: Moses's Gentile Wife and Father-in-Law"

The first session will study aspects of the weekly Torah portion, Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

"Conversion to Judaism as Solution"

The second session will explore responses of the post-biblical Sages of the Talmud and Midrash to Jethro and Zipporah.

"The More Women, The More Witchcraft (Avot 2:8)"

The third session, will be the Rabbinic work, Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) a tractate of the Mishnah and Babylonian Talmud.

"Who is Wise? One who Learns from Every Human Being (Avot 4:1)"

Modern Jewish philosophers like Martin Buber and Emmanuel Levinas have focused on our moral responsibility to connect with the "other" as fully human, whoever that "other" may be.

Professor Judith R. Baskin: Associate Dean, Humanities, of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Knight Professor of Humanities at the University of Oregon. Between 2000 and 2009 she directed the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies. Her books include: *Pharaoh's Counsellors: Job, Jethro, and Balaam in Rabbinic and Patristic Tradition* (1983), *Midrashic Women: Formations of the Feminine in Rabbinic Literature* (2002), and the edited collections *Jewish Women in Historical Perspective* (2nd Edition, 1998) and *Women of the World: Jewish Women and Jewish Writing* (1994). Dr. Baskin served as Post-Biblical Consulting Editor for *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, Union for Reform Judaism Press (2008), Book of the Year winner of the 2008 National Jewish Book Awards.



On Saturday evening there will be a lighthearted program followed by music and folk dancing. Wine and snacks will give participants a wonderful evening of relaxation and fun.



Overnight guests will stay at the Holiday Inn Express, opened in 2004. The hotel provides dramatic riverfront lodging, offering a magnificent view of the mighty Columbia. Enjoy walks, relax, explore revitalized Astoria and enjoy the use of the indoor swimming pool and whirlpool. For more information, visit www.astoriahie.com

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