

Explore the Things that Matter to You

JOFA's

Fourth International Conference on Feminism & Orthodoxy

“Discovering/Uncovering/Recovering Women in Judaism”

Saturday Night November 9–Monday Noon November 11
New York City

Women and Men Welcome

The conference will explore the Jewish woman in ritual, halakha and Jewish culture. Particular attention will be paid to the implications of such concepts as *tzniut* (modesty) and *kavod hatzibbur* (women's presence and community sensibilities) on private relations, public policy and Jewish religious discourse. Join us as we examine the ways that Jewish women and their specific issues and concerns have been “covered” metaphorically, structurally and physically in Jewish culture and religion. Expand your knowledge of history and halakha and discover new possibilities for spiritual growth within halakhic Judaism.

Program Highlights

Saturday night November 9th 8:00 pm

Grand Hyatt Hotel • Park Avenue at 42nd Street • New York City
Registration begins at 7pm

Her Mouth Opens - *Piha Patkha* · Mishlei, 31:26

An evening of short stories celebrating women's voices and commemorating Kristallnacht. Staging by **Isaiah Sheffer**, director and host of NPR series “Selected Shorts.” Featuring **Tovah Feldshuh** and **Barbara Barrie**. Musical selection created and presented by **Elizabeth Swados**.

Sunday November 10th 8am-6:30pm

Grand Hyatt Hotel • Park Avenue at 42nd Street • New York City
Tefilla, Breakfast and Registration from 8-9am
Opening Plenary begins at 9am
Plenaries and Workshops

Kavod Hatzibbur: Halakha and Public Policy • **Two Halves of Equal Value:** The New Minyanim • **A Modest Proposal:** The Ethics of *Znuit* • **Equal Access?:** Women and the Beit Din • **"The Times They are Changin'":** Reflections on Modern Orthodoxy • **Wishes, Lies and Dreams :** Sexuality Workshop • **Feeling Invisible:** The Psychological Impact of *Znuit* • **Breaking the Chains:** Halakhic Remedies for Agunot • **Inclusion and Exclusion of Women in Halakhic Language** • **Ceding Control, Sharing Power:** Women in Communal Leadership • **The Confused Soul:** Women in Jewish Literature • **Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li:** New Perspectives on Kiddushin

Speakers

Dr. Sylvia Barack Fishman, Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph, Rabbi Saul Berman, Rabbi David Bigman, Shifra Bronznick, Dr. Michelle Friedman Belfer, Rachel Friedman, Rabbi Shmuel Goldin, Dr. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Dr. Tova Hartman Halbertal, Dr. Bernard Jackson, Rachel Levmore, Rabbi Dov Linzer, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Dr. Rochelle L. Millen, Rabbi Adam Mintz, Rabbi Mendel Shapiro, Sharon Shenhav, Rabbi David Silber, Rabbi Daniel Sperber, Devorah Zlochower, and more...

Monday November 11th 9am–Noon

Pick an Experience • Pick a Location

The Plight of Agunot: Searching for a Solution

Park East Synagogue
163 East 67th Street, NYC

Text and Chavruta Study

Drisha Institute for Jewish Education
131 West 86th Street, NYC

Jewish Pioneer Women: Gallery Talk and Exhibit

YU Museum, Center for Jewish History
15 West 16th Street, NYC