



Poetry Reading

March 9, following services
Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

Rachel Barenblat will share some poems from *70 faces*, as well as some remarks about how the collection came into being and how she sees it as part of an extended tradition of creative responses to Torah. She will share the poem for the week's Torah portion. She is also open to share poems which arise out of other parshiyot if people have requests.



Poetry Workshop

March 10, 9:45-11:45
Social Hall Stage
Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

Rachel will lead us with some writing exercises to get our creative muscles limbered up, then move into drafting Torah poems of our own (if you have a favorite story in Torah -- or, for that matter, a story which has always troubled / challenged you -- she can guide you through working with that text) and then we will share our poems and talk about them in a safe, welcoming space.

Rabbi Rachel Barenblat was ordained in 2011 by ALEPH: the Alliance for Jewish Renewal. Her first book-length collection of poems, *70 faces: Torah poems*, was published in 2011 by Phoenicia Publishing (Montreal.) She is also author of four chapbooks of poetry. Since 2003 she has blogged as The Velveteen Rabbi. She serves Congregation Beth Israel (North Adams, MA) and lives in the Berkshires with her husband and their son.