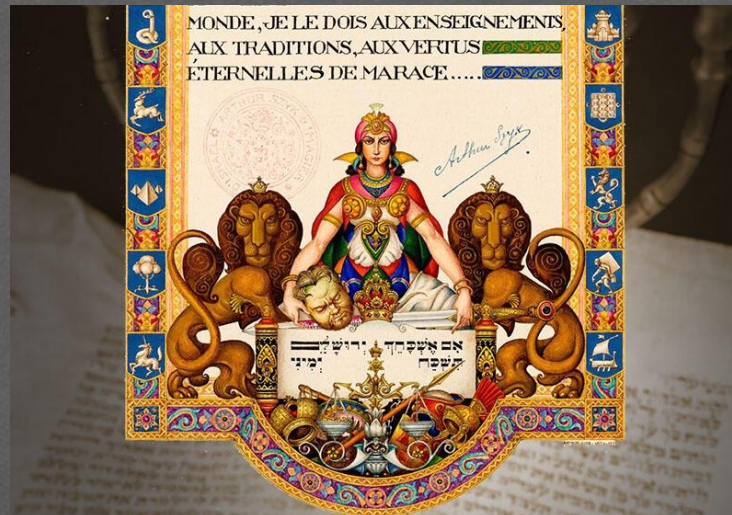


Reclaiming Women in the Hebrew Bible

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Great Jewish Women

Elma E. Levinger 1940 New York: Behrman's Jewish Book House

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(Judges, Joshua, 1&2
Samuel, 1&2 Kings)

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Jeremiah, Ezekiel)

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Genesis 1: 27



וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה
בָּרָא אֹתָם :

And God created humankind in the divine
image,/creating it in the image of God –/creating them
male and female.

The Contemporary Torah: A Gender-Sensitive Adaptation of the JPS Translation, pg. 2

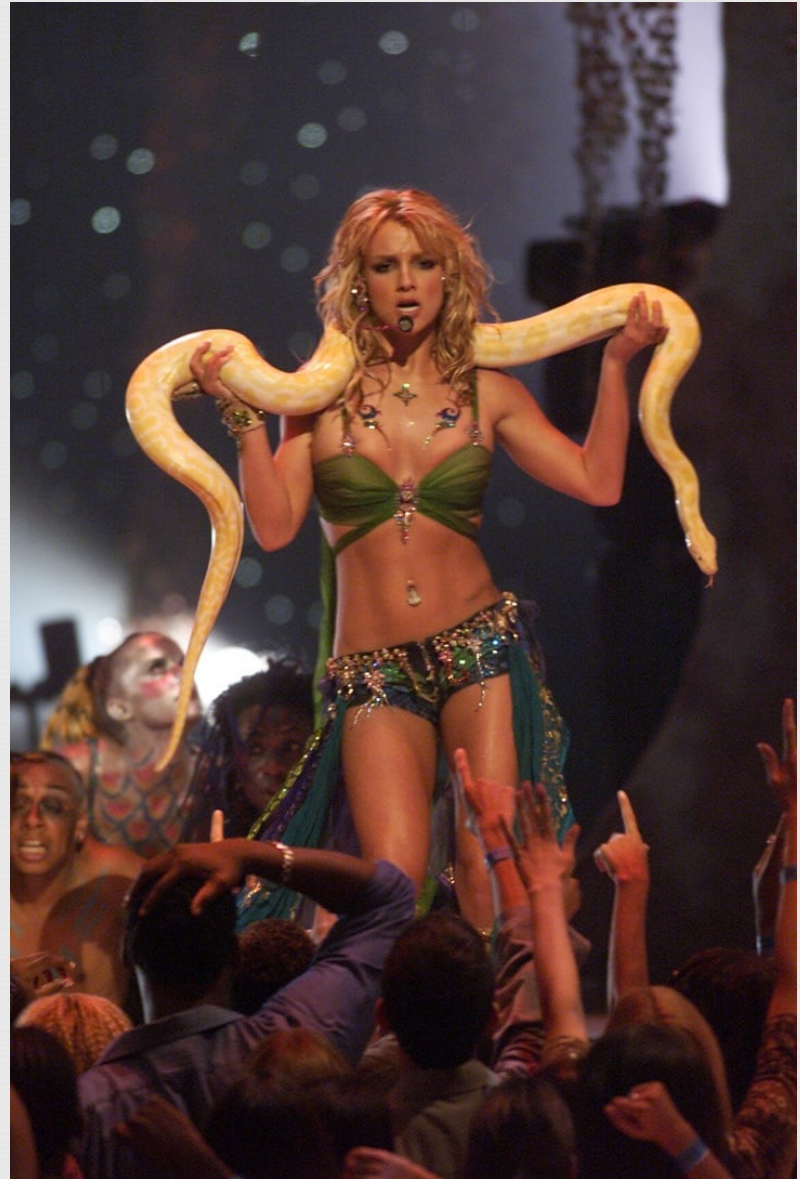


Lesley Dill, *Poem
Dress for a
Hermaphrodite*, 1995.
Gelatin silver print.
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and Nohra Haime
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חווה
Eve

Britney Spears
onstage performing at
the 2001 MTV Video
Music Awards.

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שרה וחגר
Sarah and Hagar

Beloved (Sarah and Hagar)
Siona Benjamin
2004
Gouache on paper, 20 × 16 in.

רחל ולאה
Rachel and Leah



Rachel and Leah (© Dikla Laor)

Women of Exodus



Fresco from Dura Europos synagogue, 244-255 CE

צפורה
Zipporah



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מרים
Miriam



Sefira Lightstone

דבורה
Deborah



Deborah
Impressions of Rosalie Abella

Amanta Scott
encaustic on canvas on birch
panel

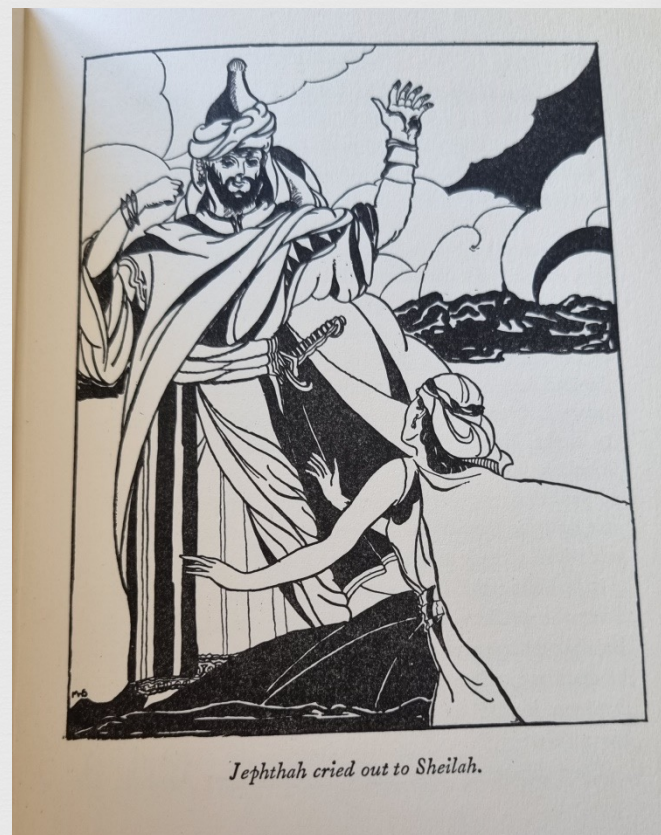
Rosalie Abella, Justice of the Supreme Court of
Canada 2004 – 2021 and Holocaust Survivor

Women of Judges: Victims of Gender Based Violence



The Levite's Concubine

The Morgan Library Picture Bible, circa 1250 C.E.
The Pierpont Morgan Library and Museum, New York.



Jephthah cried out to Sheilah.

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חנה
Hannah

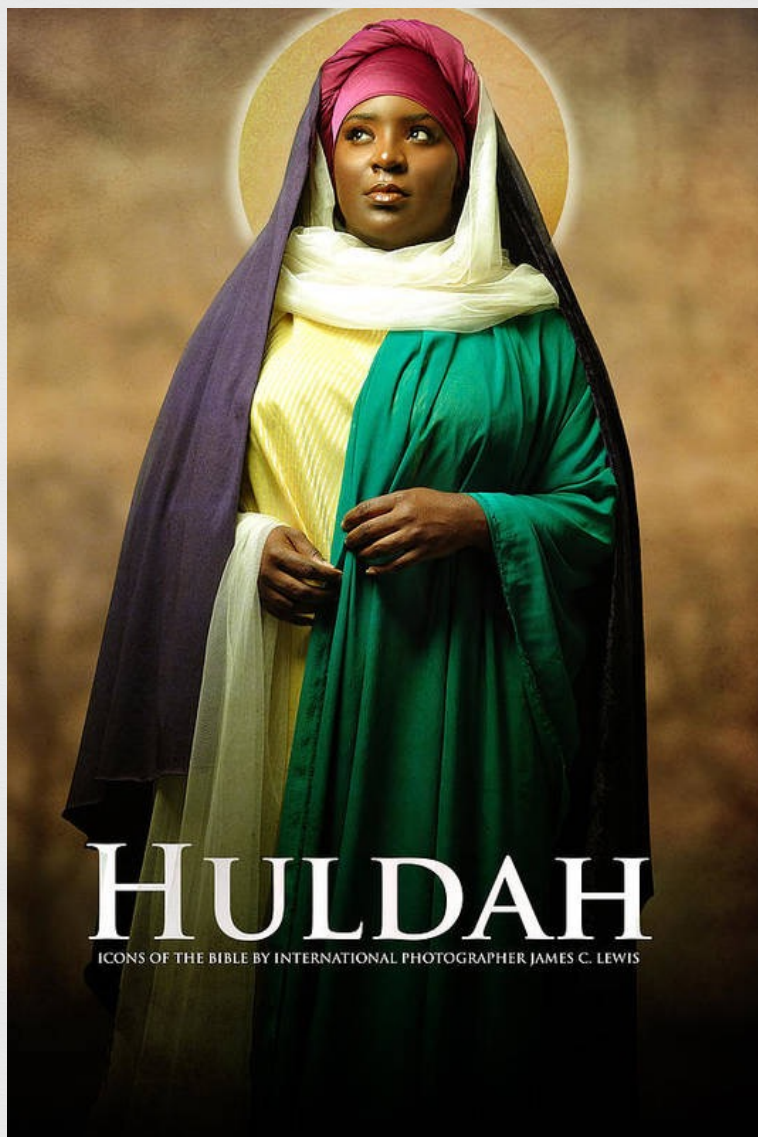
The Prayer of Hannah
Sara Novenson 2008



אבגיל
Abigail



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חלדה
Huldah

Huldah
James C. Lewis
2014
From the series *Icons of the Bible*

אסתר
Esther

Tilla Crowne
2023

From *The Deck of Esther*

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2023



נעמי ורות
Naomi and Ruth



Ruth and Naomi

Evelyn de Morgan, née Pickering

1887

Oil on canvas

Woman of Valour



A Woman of Valour, Naomi Oren-Teplow