

# Avivit Seiner

Avivit Seiner is a prominent lecturer and educator in Israel, known for her engaging presentations that cater to a wide range of audiences, from large-scale events to more intimate gatherings. She holds two degrees in Biblical Studies, earned from the Hebrew University and Ben-Gurion University, which enrich her lectures with profound academic insights.

With three decades of experience in teaching, management, educational guidance, group facilitation, and organizational consulting, Avivit has established herself as a leader in the field of educational leadership. Her extensive background allows her to address various educational challenges and inspire innovative approaches to learning and development.

In recognition of her impactful contributions to education, Avivit was honored with the National Education Award in 2025, celebrating her as a "Trailblazing Educator." This accolade highlights her dedication to advancing educational practices and her commitment to fostering a transformative learning environment for her students and colleagues alike.



## Discussion Topics

### *The Story of the Gaza Strip Evacuees Through the Lens of Biblical Crisis Narrative*

Avivit Seiner's lecture delves into the themes of personal and national resilience, drawing from historical and cultural contexts to illuminate processes of adaptation and recovery. By examining ancient stories, she highlights the ways in which these narratives can inspire and inform our understanding of contemporary issues related to coping and healing. Through her deep knowledge in Biblical Studies and extensive experience in educational leadership, Avivit connects the past with the present, offering insights that resonate with diverse audiences. Her approach encourages reflection on how historical experiences can shape our responses to modern challenges, fostering a sense of hope and resilience in the face of adversity.

### *From Eve to #Me Too*

The Bible, as one of the most influential texts in human history, presents a diverse array of narratives involving both women and men that have shaped cultural, religious, and societal norms regarding gender and power dynamics. The stories within its pages provide rich insights into the complexities of human relationships and the role of gender in the context of authority, sexuality, and community.

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*Discover the Relationship Between the Semitic People and God*

Did God Create Humanity – or Was It the Other Way Around? The Bible traces a fascinating evolution in the perception of divinity: from a God who acts visibly and tangibly in the world, to an abstract, eternal presence. These shifting portrayals of the biblical God serve as tools for shaping society, morality, and leadership. Join us on a journey through the encounter between the human and the divine.

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*Inside and Outside the Lines – Between Law and Freedom*

The Power of Boundaries in Biblical Narrative: Through the lens of biblical stories, this lecture explores the personal, societal, and universal significance of boundaries. We will delve into the tension between law and freedom, order and chaos, the individual and the collective—while reflecting on the concept of “boundary”: how boundaries are created, how they shift over time, and when crossing them becomes not only necessary, but essential

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*From Man You Came and to Man You Shall Return” (Yehuda Amichai)*

Universal and Personal Messages in the Opening Chapters of Genesis: The early chapters of Genesis explore the human life cycle from beginning to end, connecting the concept of Adam (human) to creation itself and to a meaningful, universally shared human experience. This lecture invites reflection on the existential themes woven into the biblical origin stories.

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*What Happens When a Person Rises and Becomes a People*

The story of a nation's beginnings is told through the intertwined journeys of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar. These biblical narratives explore the dynamic between personal choice and national identity, offering insight into the formative tensions at the heart of becoming a people.

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***Why Was Elijah the Prophet Fired? A Lesson in Leadership and Education***

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Elijah the Prophet—charismatic, passionate, and powerful—ultimately finds himself replaced by his student, Elisha. This lecture explores Elijah’s story, his leadership style, and the reasons behind his dismissal.

We’ll ask: What defines the role of a prophet, educator or mentor in leading change? When does zeal become a driving force—and when does it turn into an obstacle? And how does Elijah’s journey resonate with today’s challenges in education and leadership

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***A Locked Garden – The Story of Eden: The Cycle of Life and the Gift of Mortality***

Did you know that the biblical Garden of Eden might be closer than you think? This is a story of the human journey—from innocent childhood, through maturity, knowledge, and choice, all the way to the end of life. Through close reading of biblical texts and various interpretations, we will explore how the Eden narrative reflects the cycle of life, the yearning to return to a lost paradise, and the wisdom found in embracing the full arc of the human experience

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***“In Those Days There Was No King in Israel”***

The Collapse of Justice and the Rise of Monarchy: The final chapters of the Book of Judges depict a chaotic society falling apart, where “everyone did what was right in their own eyes.” What led to the breakdown of the judicial and governmental systems during this period? How did tribal conduct descend into anarchy? In this lecture, we will explore the causes behind the collapse of public order in Judges, the failure of local leadership, and the growing demand for monarchy. We’ll also reflect on how the breakdown of governing institutions can pave the way for historical transformation, then and now.

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*David, King of  
Israel—Alive  
and Well*

A Closer Look at the Man Behind the Crown

We will explore the complex and multifaceted figure of King David—through stories of war and power, turbulent relationships, broken loyalties, and personal tragedy. From his marriages and the conquest of Jerusalem to his tangled connections with Saul and Jonathan, and his fraught relationships with his sons and closest allies—we will try to uncover the human being behind the royal title. What made David into a lasting symbol, and why does his legacy still resonate today.

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*Two States for  
One People*

Leadership Decisions Between Unity and Ruin: This lecture explores the leadership choices that led to the unification of the people of Israel—and those that caused division and destruction. Through a close reading of biblical royal narratives, we will examine how the decisions of individuals shaped the fate of an entire nation. Questions of power, vision, charisma, and political sensitivity will be at the heart of our inquiry, as we consider what makes leadership stable or fragile. We will also reflect on the enduring relevance of these dynamics in today's world.

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*Leadership in  
the Bible*

What makes a person a leader? From the Bible to modern times, the relationship between leaders and the people they lead has been full of challenges, dilemmas, and complexity. Together, we'll dive into biblical leadership stories to examine the visions, struggles, and power dynamics of rulers from the past—and discover how surprisingly relevant they remain today. Through close reading of texts, interpretations, and historical parallels, we will explore how ancient questions of power, authority, and responsibility still echo in today's political and social landscape.

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***The Story of  
Joseph***

Joseph's story is one of the most dramatic in the Bible—almost like a biblical telenovela! In this lecture, we'll trace Joseph's turbulent journey: from the dreams that sparked his brothers' hatred to the long-awaited reconciliation. We will explore themes of destiny and choice, leadership and emotion, betrayal and family, and ask how Joseph's story continues to inspire and serve as a powerful model for transformation in the face of life's challenges.

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***The Story of  
Ruth: From  
Stranger to  
Accepted.***

The story of Ruth the Moabite is a remarkable journey from alienation to recognition, from being an outsider to becoming part of a people. As a widowed foreign woman, Ruth embarks on a new path with determination and courageous action, crossing social, familial, and national boundaries. In this lecture, we will revisit the Book of Ruth with fresh eyes, exploring timeless questions of identity, belonging, and the transformative power of kindness.

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