

THE WEXNER FOUNDATION

THE BOOK OF RUTH

June 1, 2022 | Erica Brown | Chapter Four: Birth and Re-Birth

Angie Atkins: Becca, Tali, Elka and I, on behalf of the Wexner Foundation, would like to dedicate our learning today in honor of Dr Erica Brown, who has taught us this whole year, from Rosh Hashanah through Shavuot. She has created for us all, weekly insights and inspiration into our own leadership and spiritual journeys, and also a covenantal classroom and community.

Susan Borison: It

Susan Borison: It's been a gift.

Debra Brafman: It has been a gift!!!

Becca Thomas: Erica's source sheet for today:

<https://www.wexnerfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/Ruth-Chapter-Four.pdf>

Vicki Cabot: A true gift.

Susie Sorkin: Thank you, Angie for that beautiful dedication. And of course, to Dr. Erica. I have continually been inspired and loved learning in community.

Penina Grossberg: Refuah Shelemah, Erica!

Shelly Kupfer: I have looked forward to Erica's teachings every week all year.

stacy Leeman: there's a powerful history of woodcuts illustrating biblical images though they may be more Christian

Susie Sorkin: You see no faces

Searle Mitnick: They are on a tree stump. Signifying the lives cut short?

Lindsay Feldman: They have collapsed together at the foot of a tree that has been cut down. Due to old age? Illness?

Beth Mann: Yet - Tamar thought she was the last chance to continue the line...

Beth Mann: Peretz is the progenitor of David...

deborah kattler kupetz: maybe because the idea of moving quickly to. create something new is worth accelerating to get to a different place/mental state/moving forward/change/how change happens

Sonia Cummings: to protect Naomi & Ruth from being ostracized?

Beth Mann: As they say: one should rush to hasten the coming of mashiach - hence the Davidic line

Susan Borison: FB Update

Searle Mitnick: Where else in Chumash does it say God "let her conceive"?

Beth Mann: Leah -

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Susie Sorkin: Like any good story, "they lived happily ever after" after a long challenging courtship.

Lindsay Feldman: and...lest we choose to make the focus on the negative —refocus on the positive, good health, family, growing family.

Beth Mann: *Leah*

Marga Hirsch: Ruth & Tamar: both a complement and a compliment!

Beth Mann: when you have a grandchild you go from being a descendent to being an ancestor

Vicki Cabot: The birth of a grandchild is a renewal of life.

Debra Brafman: The birth of a grandchild means you have to create a legacy.

Mike Gildesgame: curious that they say a son is born to Naomi--grandson.

Jessica Semel: We in this profession often call ourselves Jewish professional servants, lol.

stacy Leeman: I think that all refers back to the Tamar story. They see themselves in the chain and a piece of the puzzle. They're all forming part of the future and a chain of events

Susan Berman Kress: It looks like the others in the woodcut are now serving Naomi and Ruth.

Angie Atkins: In parting, as a thank you and blessing for Erica: Please post in the chat one thing you have gleaned during these sessions, either during this series on Ruth or this past year in our weekly Torah of Leadership Series. Whether you came once or many times, please share one insight, tiny or immense, that you have harvested.

Susan Berman Kress: I have learned to see the biblical characters - and their artistic interpreters - in more nuanced and graceful ways. Thank you, Erica for this gift.

Judy Neuman: the joy of learning as a community with a masterful teacher like Erica has been such a blessing!

deborah kattler kupetz: womens friendship, overcoming challenges, strategic thinking

stacy Leeman: Thank you and the wex!

Susie Sorkin: The humanity in the stories. and in each other

deborah kattler kupetz: the joy of learning together too, thank you so much

Tobi Gold: Thank you Erica

Lindsay Feldman: Thank you Erica!

Penina Grossberg: Yishar Koach

Jon Effron: I have learned about prioritizing the journey and not the destination. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Jon Cardin: You're the best!!!!

Beth Mann: I love this thought of a full-circle - the importance of friends in our lives mirrors the sacred role we all share as standing at Sinai together. We stand together still. Toda Raba

Shelly Kupfer: You're the best Erica!

Sonia Cummings: THanks so beautiful and a privilege to learn with you !

Scott Stone: Has her Koach. Supporting sisterhood from the outside...

Lindsay Feldman: and thank gd for the friendships that Wexner has enabled us to forge!

Marga Hirsch: Erica. Thank you!

Sue Fox Schwartz: You are a gift to us all Erica!! The best!

Beth Mann: Chag Shavuot Sameach to allS!

Judy Oberlander: Thank you Erica for modelling the generosity of this learning circle and the joy of learning in the best Wexner tradition! Be well!

B Abrahamson: My eyes for art are seeing different. Hakarat haTov for that. Have to remember to linger at the painting.

Susan Berman Kress: Thank you Angie for expressing that for all of us!

Sue Fox Schwartz: Amen!

Joan Laguatan: So grateful for your wisdom!

James Cummings: Yasser Koach. Thanks for deepening my love for Torah

Penina Grossberg: hag sameach

Beverly Pinto: I'm still thinking about the imagery of Ruth's journey as compared to Abraham.'

Searle Mitnick: Thank you, refuah shlema and chag sameach

Sheri Shapiro: Thank you so much! I look forward to these sessions as important reflections in the midst of crazy work days

ruth rotenberg: I joined this only today and feel I have missed a wonderful opportunity. Hope to join in the future.

ruth rotenberg: chag sameach