

Beit Oleh America Netanya AACI

Israeli Literary Workshop

Two Novels by Yochi Brandes:

Led by

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4.00pm Sunday 18 November

Michal Fram Cohen holds a Ph.D. in Hebrew Literature from Bar-Ilan University. She currently works as a Hebrew translator/interpreter and has a special interest in early Hebrew writers. Michal was the recipient of a grant from the Center for the Study of Women in Judaism at Bar-Ilan University.

Israeli author **Yochi (Yocheved) Brandes** grew up in a Hassidic family. She has a BA in Biblical Studies and an MA in Judaic Studies and has taught Bible and Judaism. Her writing is rooted in her upbringing and her education, but she has created new and bold interpretations of well-known Biblical and Rabbinic narratives. Yochi has published ten novels, of which two were translated into English: *The Secret Book of Kings* (Melachim Gimel, 2008) and *The Orchard* (Ha-Pardes shel Akiva, 2012). The first offers a counter-narrative of the biblical events depicted in the books of Samuel and Kings, from the establishment of the Kingdom of David to its splitting into the Kingdoms of Judea and Israel, from the perspective of the descendants of the House of Saul. The second offers a retelling of the life of Rabbi Akiva from the perspective of his wife Rachel. Our workshop will compare each novel with its Biblical or Rabbinic origins, and will also compare the extent of deviation and subversion of the original narratives. Copies of the excerpts discussed will be provided.



Both books are available in Netanya AACI library.

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