

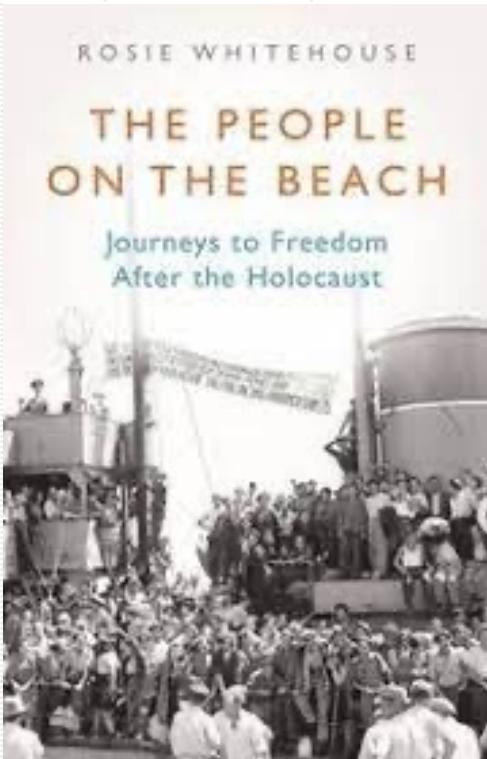
# Jewish Women's Writing: Judith Plaskow and Dvora Baron

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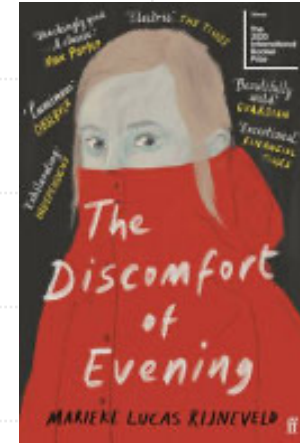
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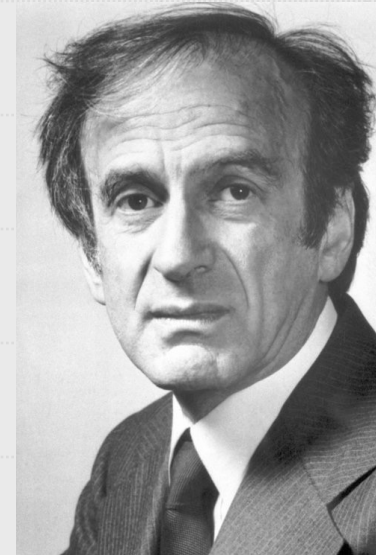
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# Franz Kafka & Eli Wiesel

- Franz Kafka (3 July 1883 – 3 June 1924)
- Elie Wiesel (September 30, 1928 – July 2, 2016) was a Romanian-born American writer, professor, political activist, Nobel laureate, and Holocaust survivor.



Eli Wiesel



Franz Kafka by Jaroslav Róna, 2003

# Law, truth, the God, hope versus "women's writing"

- Is there a need of "identifying" women's writing?
- Is a category of a woman necessary to be clearly defined in order to carry on the "Women's Studies" as a discipline?
- Are women's studies always close to essentialism? Is essentialism bad?
- Religion and women's position: always a war?
- Liv-Ellen Prell Jewish Feminism  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbPXuExAFV0>

- tracing a "woman's tradition" in writing,
- reclaiming "lost" writers,
- "women's canon" and women's "literary lineage," and seek to "identify the recurring themes and to trace the evolutionary and interconnecting patterns" in women's writing

Todd, Janet, ed. *British Women Writers: a critical reference guide*. London: Routledge, 1989

Ellen Moers in *Literary Women: The Great Writers* (New York: Doubleday, 1976).

# Liv-Ellen Prell on Jewish Feminism



# Judith Plaskow and Dvora Baron

- Reinterpretation of Judaism?
  - Why Judaism needs to be reinterpreted from Woman's Perspective?
  - Do you agree with Plaskow?
  - What is the most captivating idea that you come across in the texts?
  - Is there anything you disagree with?
- Revisiting the Shtetle. Nostalgic narrative?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRnMrGy9LYk>



# Dvora Baron (1887-1957)

- Ruth Adler, Daughter of the Shtetl
- In: Women of the Word. Jewish Women and Jewish Writing, ed. Judith R. Baskin, Wayne State University Press (Detroit 1994)
- Also: short article on Baron by Haim Watzman:  
<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/israel-middle-east/articles/the-hermit-of-oliphant>



## Baron's stories:



- Looking for the woman's perspective? A woman's story?
- Character?
- Presentation of the world?
- Sequence of events?
- The construction of the drama?



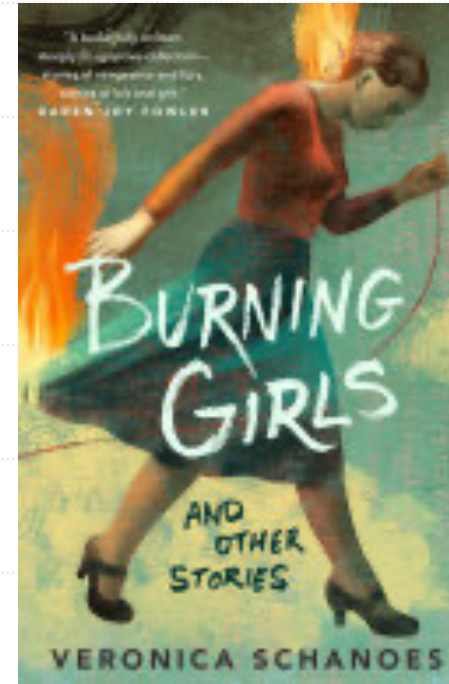
# Judith Plaskow

- Judaism and women. What do we need to re-think in Judaism
- Lecture:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1sK5SG00ns>



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