



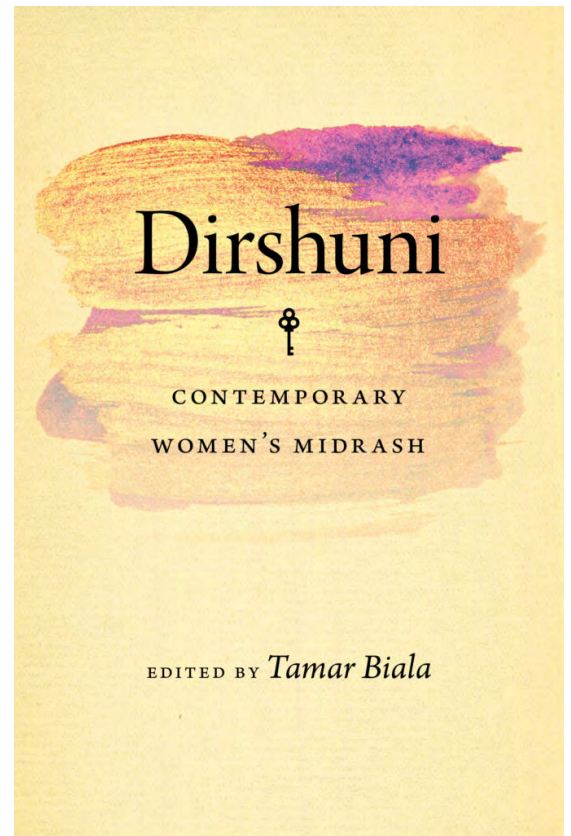
Writing the Other Half of the Jewish Bookshelf: Celebrating the Publication of *Dirshuni—Contemporary Women’s Midrash*

An Evening With Tamar Biala, Rabbi Avi Killip and Rabbi Avi Strausberg

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Please join us in marking the publication of the English volume of *Dirshuni*, the first-ever English edition of a historic collection of *midrashim* composed by Israeli women, which has been long-anticipated by multiple American audiences, including synagogues, rabbinical seminaries, adult learning programs, Jewish educators, and scholars of gender and religion.

Using the classical forms developed by the ancient rabbis, the contributors express their religious and moral thought and experience through innovative interpretations of scripture. The women writers, from all denominations and beyond, of all political stripes and ethnic backgrounds, contribute their Torah to fill the missing half of the sacred Jewish bookshelf. This book reflects dramatic changes in the agency of women in the world of religious writings.



Tamar Biala teaches in various *Batei Midrash*, rabbinical schools, and adult education programs in the US and Israel. She co edited Volume 1 of the Hebrew language edition of *Dirshuni: Women’s Midrash* with Nehama Weingarten Mintz and in 2018 edited volume 2. In 2022 she published an English volume *Dirshuni - Contemporary Women’s Midrash* (Brandeis University Press). Currently, with Yael Kanarek, she is working on the Toratah project of regendering the Hebrew bible Beittoratah.org.



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