



## Public Lecture

# Reading Noah’s Ark in the Age of Climate Change

*Jewish Stories on Gender, Disability,  
and the Politics of Survival*

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