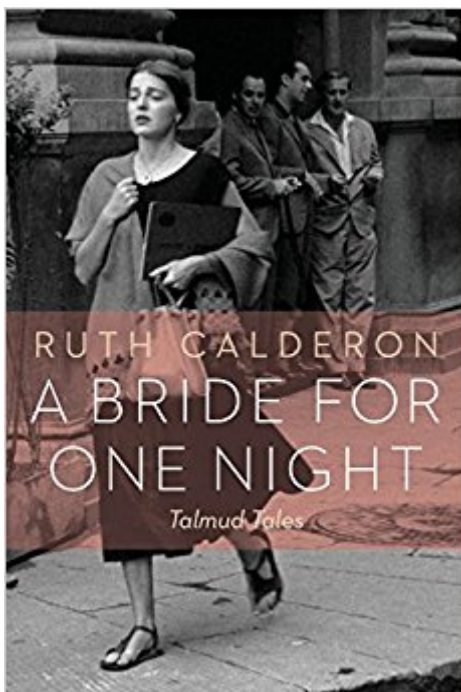


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# A Bride For One Night: Talmud Tales



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Ruth Calderon has a PhD in Talmud from Hebrew University and was elected to the Israeli Knesset

in January 2013. She became a national celebrity when she taught a page of Talmud in the Israeli parliament, arguing that the text was the heritage of the entire Jewish people. She is founder and former director of Elul Beit Midrash in Jerusalem and founder and chair of Alma: Home for Hebrew Culture in Tel Aviv. Ilana Kurshan is the books editor of Lilit magazine. She is the author of *Why Is This Night Different from All Other Nights?* as well as several articles about Talmud, literature, and Jewish life.

A beacon for how Talmud can enrich (even "save"?) liberal Judaism. I also highly recommend Ruth Calderon's initial speech in the Knesset.

Interesting feminist reworking and reinterpretations of some of the best known, but strange and fantastic Talmudic tales. A good read.

Very good writing. A bit slow reading but that does not hinder the enjoyment of the story.

Many of the stories are familiar to anyone familiar with Talmudic lore. Dr. Calderon's analysis, while based on modern mores, is very readable and engaging.

Every story is a treasure. The study group is mainly Jewish men and women and we all have stories to tell from our own families that are similar. Every Sunday there's serious even loud debate -good or evil, right or wrong, just or unjust, etc. We can't wait for the next week. Fredricka Gens

I thought the author did a superb job of creating a believable story around each Talmud passage and her analysis of the passage resonated with me. I would recommend this book to beginners of Talmud study. I gave it 5 stars in hopes the author writes more of the same.

The author brings the text alive and interprets it for the non Talmudic reader. Some of the topic of the short stories are challenging and controversial. I found the book to be an excellent read.

This is a very good book. . Nice to hear a women's voice explaining the Mishnah and Talmud.

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