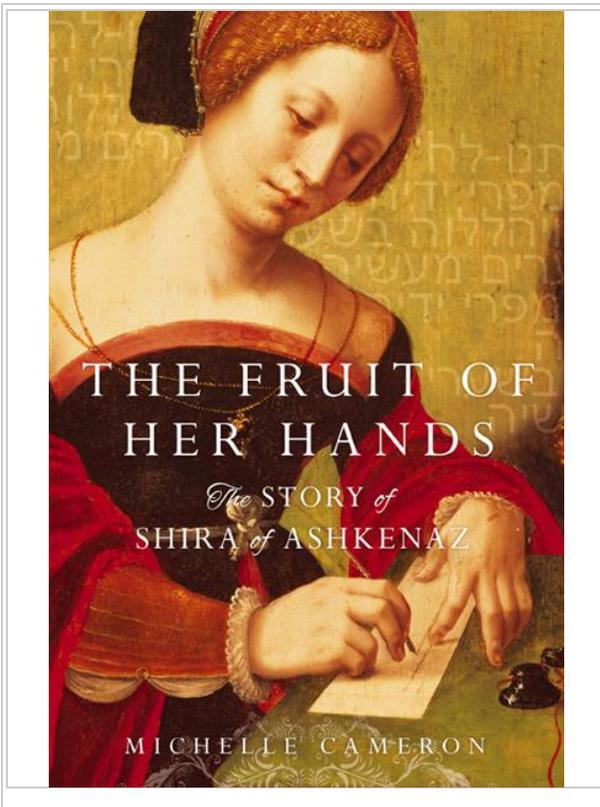


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Historical novel based on township woman's ancestors



Michelle Cameron to discuss book and sign November 15

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CHATHAM TWP. – Resident Michelle Cameron, author of “The Fruit of Her Hands: The Story of Shira of Ashkenaz” (Pocket Books), will give a special talk and hold a book-signing at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Adath Shalom synagogue, 841 Mountain Way, Morris Plains.

The event, which includes brunch, is free for all paid-up members of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), West Morris Section, and/or the Adath Shalom Sisterhood, co-sponsors of the Meet the Author event.

The author’s talk, titled “The Story Behind the Story: The Fruit of Her Hands,” will delve into the multigenerational historical novel and how Cameron came to write it.

Based on the life of the author’s 13th-century ancestor, Meir ben Baruch of Rothenberg, a renowned Jewish scholar in medieval Europe, Cameron’s book is the richly dramatic fictional story of Rabbi Meir’s wife, Shira, a devout but rebellious woman who preserves her religious traditions as she and her family witness the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe.

Cameron discovered the inspiring story of Rabbi Meir ben Baruch while exploring her family tree.

Cameron herself lived in Israel for fourteen years and served in the Israeli Army.

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

Adath Shalom is a Conservative synagogue of approximately 400 families whose purpose is to be a source of long-lasting relationships offering a meaningful, quality and exciting education for our community, from the youngest to the oldest.

Formed through the 1988 merger of Congregation Adath Israel of Dover and Temple Beth Shalom of Boonton, Adath Shalom draws on a history dating back more than 100 years.

The synagogue's Sisterhood comprises a vibrant group of women, dedicated to supporting the synagogue and enhancing life in the larger community.

For more information about Meet the Author, contact Lynn Pearl at (973) 5... or email her at lynnpearl@optonline.net.