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## Chatham author's novel based on family history

In the tradition of Maggie Anton's "Rashi's Daughter" and Geraldine Brooks' "People of the Book," Chatham author Michelle Cameron offers a dramatic, multi-generational novel based on the life of her ancestor, renowned 13th-century Jewish scholar Meir ben Baruch.

"The Fruit of Her Hands: The Story of Shira of Ashkenaz" (Pocket Books, September 2009, \$25) highlights the story of the wife of Rabbi Meir, who struggles to preserve her religious traditions while remaining true to herself as she witnesses the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe.



Michelle Cameron discovered the inspiring story of Meir ben Baruch while exploring her family tree. She lived in Israel for 14 years and served in the Israeli Army.

For more information, visit her Web site at [www.michelle-cameron.com](http://www.michelle-cameron.com).

Her next talk and book-signing will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Adath Shalom synagogue, 841 Mountain Way, Morris Plains. This event, which includes brunch, is free for all paid-up members of National Council of Jewish Women, West Morris Section, and/or the Adath Shalom Sisterhood, co-sponsors of the Meet the Author event. Those wishing to join either organization — or both — may pay that morning.

For further information about this Meet the Author event, contact Lynn Pearl of Morristown 973-538-8927 or [lynnpearl@optonline.net](mailto:lynnpearl@optonline.net).