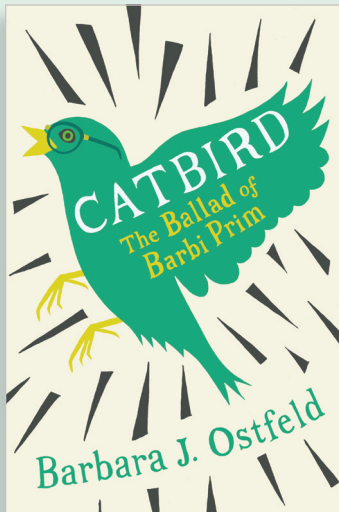


SPEAKER
AUTHOR
DISCUSSION
LEADER
SURVIVOR



Barbara J. Ostfeld

The first ordained woman cantor in Jewish history
and author of *Catbird: The Ballad of Barbi Prim*.



Available Now!

To invite Barbara to speak
at an event or to lead
discussions or workshops,
please contact her at:

hello@catbirdbook.com

Catbird, Barbara's memoir—about an anxious girl who breaks a glass ceiling and then faces the harder task of finding her own voice—has been receiving stellar reviews since its release in March 2019.

A popular, engaging speaker, Barbara is currently on a book and speaking tour, and she is actively scheduling new events. She is available to speak on these topics, and more.

- Rare Birds, Birds of a Feather:
Being a First—and One of Many
- Mirrors, Screens, Cartoons, and Queens:
Reflections on Body Image
- Going to the Dentist for My Cleanings,
and to Therapy for My Demons
- Finding Your Voice, and Listening to It
- Hell Yes, There's a Religious Left!



About Barbara

On *Catbird*

*"[Barbara] brings
hopeful courage
to those who are fighting
their own demons."*

RABBI SALLY J.
RIESAND, AMERICA'S
FIRST WOMAN RABBI

*"[She] illustrates how she
eventually learned
to love herself—as we all
deserve to do."*

HELEN ARONOFF, M.D.

*"... reveals the stunning
power of dissent,
persistence, and . . .
therapy to break the
stranglehold of narrowly
scripted femininity."*

LOIS WEIS, PH.D.

"Barbara is a natural at author events. She's a moving, funny speaker, and she knows how to draw her audience into a good discussion. In one-on-one book signing conversations, she makes a real connection with people."

— **Alicia Michielli, Talking Leaves Bookstore,
Buffalo, New York**

"Barbara is one heck of a great presence. Sure, she has a place in history, but she's no diva—just a star: vibrant, adaptable, self-deprecating, vulnerable, funny, and down-to-earth."

— **John Gibbons, Senior Minister,
First Parish Church, Bedford, Massachusetts**

"Barbara is such a warm, engaging speaker. Everyone at our book discussion event had read *Catbird*, so the questions she fielded were extensive and sophisticated. She answered them all with relaxed sincerity. Her honesty and good sense of humor encouraged the audience to feel comfortable delving in deep. We received all kinds of positive feedback."

— **Ellen Cohen-Kaplan, Personal Fitness Trainer
at Be Fit for Life, and blogger for Better after 50**

Note

No honorarium is necessary, just agreed-upon travel and per diem expenses.

Book sales and book signing arrangements to be discussed.

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