

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER,
AUTHOR CANTOR BARBARA OSTFELD,

THE FIRST ORDAINED WOMAN CANTOR IN JEWISH HISTORY!

She was ordained in 1975 by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

*Cantor Ostfeld served congregations in New York from 1975 to 2002 and
then spent ten years working for the American Conference of Cantors.*

at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom

Friday, September 13, 2019

PreNosh at 6:30pm - Meet & Greet and Book signing

Shabbat Evening Service at 7:30pm

Catbird: The Ballad of Barbi Prim

By **Barbara J. Ostfeld**

Catbird: The Ballad of Barbi Prim, the world meets an insightful 8-year-old who has already taken a few steps toward becoming a pioneer—but also a shadow of her quirky self. Although she's corroded—sometimes literally—by a toxic but familiar social atmosphere, her love of singing propels her to become the first ordained woman cantor in 3,000 years of Jewish history. A family crisis exposes old and enduring wounds, but she begins



to rescue herself--by diligently going to therapy--and embarks on an imperfect but perpetual metamorphosis, becoming the well-coiffed heroine of her own story. Barbara Ostfeld joyously redefines the meaning of her

nickname and shows us that we are all brave pioneers—
at becoming our true selves.

