



The Legacy of the Three Ruths and Beit Ruth: Tikkun Olam in Action



You are invited for a talk
with Dr. Barbara Oberlander
and Danielle Burenstein,
Executive Director of Beit Ruth

Barbara Oberlander, Ph.D., will speak about Jewish heroes, Ruth Gruber and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Beit Ruth Executive Director, Danielle Burenstein, will speak about biblical Ruth, connecting her story to the mission of the Beit Ruth Educational and Therapeutic Village.

Ruth Gruber was a pioneering photo journalist who became interested in the plight of Jewish refugees during World War II. She spent the next 60 years advocating on their behalf, from documenting the tragedy of the ship, the Exodus, to the daring rescue of Ethiopian Jews and their emigration to Israel.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is also a pioneer. As a lawyer, she essentially created the field of gender discrimination under the 14th Amendment for consideration by the Supreme Court. Her early cases — and her work later as a Supreme Court Justice herself — broke down barriers for women (and men).

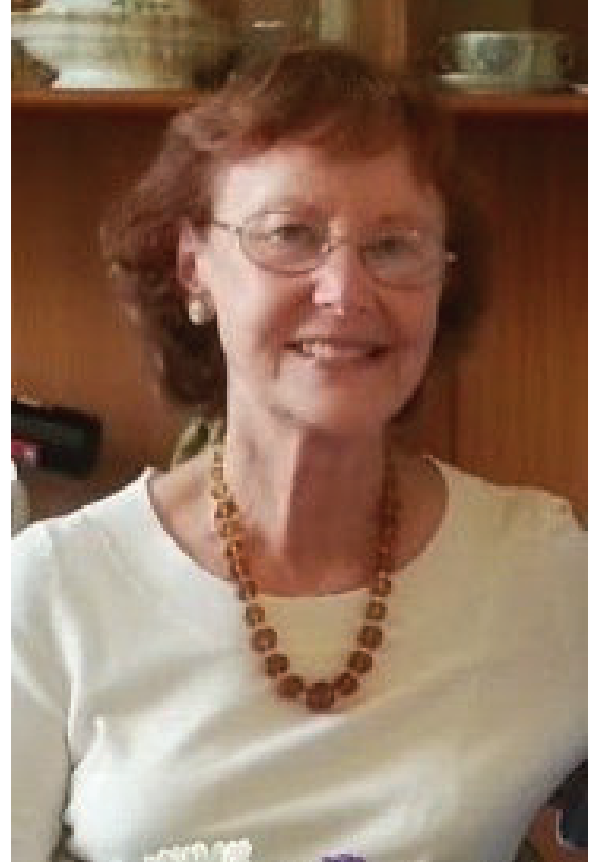
Biblical Ruth is the devoted daughter-in-law to the widowed Naomi. An unlikely matriarch in Jewish history and the great-grandmother to King David, Ruth's actions were the inspiration behind the name and mission of Beit Ruth. Her selfless spirit of caring lives on for the girls who call the Village home.

The lives of these remarkable trailblazers reflect the Jewish spirit of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world and pursuing justice.

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Barbara Oberlander, a long time Gainesville resident, was a Professor of History at Santa Fe College until 2005, where she also served as Honors Program Coordinator, Associate Chair and Interim Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from Wellesley College, M.A. in History from Case-Western Reserve University, and a Ph.D. in the History of American civilization from Brandeis University. Barbara's special interest is American history with a particular emphasis on women's history. She has been very active in community efforts to heighten awareness of women's role in American life, working with both the Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women and the Friends of Susan B. Anthony. She has offered numerous public presentations on outstanding women, with a special focus on First Ladies.



Danielle Burenstein directs strategic planning and development to help lead the Beit Ruth Educational and Therapeutic Village to a higher level of community building, visibility, partnership development and impact. Before joining Beit Ruth, Danielle was the Executive Director of Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda for vulnerable and orphaned youth -- modeled after the youth villages built in Israel after the Holocaust. Previously, she led development at an independent school in Harlem and at a leading congregation in NYC. Danielle also served as a Corporate Social Responsibility manager at a Fortune 11 company. She began her career as an attorney with a Paris law firm before moving back to NYC to join the Legal Aid Society where she represented the underserved, addressing issues of poverty and housing. Danielle is the proud daughter of a Holocaust survivor who arrived in what was then Palestine on the Exodus 47.