



### **Where is Mommy? Sara and the Binding of Issac** | Dr. Zohar Raviv

The biblical Binding of Isaac story is justly regarded as one of the most challenging narratives in the Jewish foundational writings. Its myriad of ethical questions notwithstanding, Sara's presence of absence is acutely felt throughout its development --- a fact that has called the attention of numerous commentators, midrashic masters and religious or mystical leaders. This session examines the evolution of textual interpretations which had made it their business to reinstall Sara into this epic Jewish moment.

**Time:** 01:00-02:00

**Where at:** European Art hall named after Gildesheim and Rappaport (hall no. 3)

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