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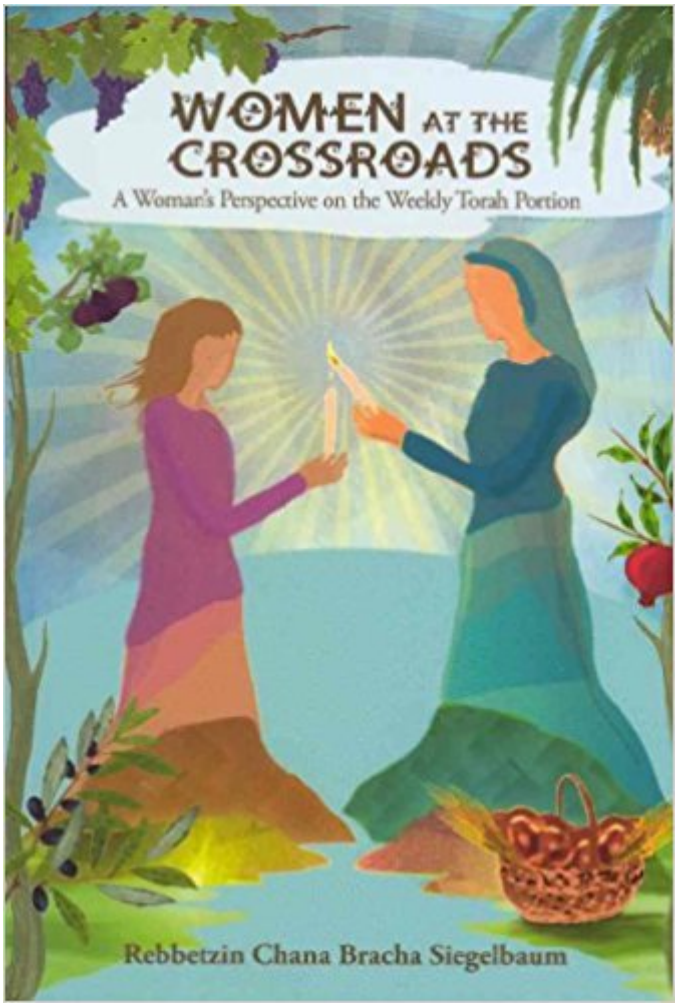

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Synopsis

Women at the Crossroads: A Woman's Perspective on the Weekly Torah Portion comprises 53 essays pertaining to women based on each of the weekly Torah Portions throughout the year. Rebbetzin Chana Bracha Siegelbaum discusses in-depth the characters and dilemmas of the women in the Torah that are relevant to the issues which women encounter today. The author explores the underlying values of laws and rituals that pertain to women by examining the inherent nature of women as presented in the Torah. Based on the intricacies of the Torah text, she shows the beauty and depth of the role of women as portrayed in the Torah and teaches the importance of women and their immense influence on society as prime movers of history. The book is divided into five chapters, corresponding to the five books of the Torah. Each chapter is divided into sections according to each Torah portion. In addition, it includes a comprehensive and useful compilation of biographies of the commentaries quoted in the book. Expounding the Torah text through methodical research of Midrash, Talmud and traditional commentators, such as Rashi and the Ramban, placed side-by-side with Chassidic masters like the Me'or v'Shemesh and modern commentators including Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan, Rebbetzin Chana Bracha Siegelbaum weaves together the strands that make up the tapestry of life for the contemporary woman.Rather than paying homage to the external, competitive, masculine world, the author demonstrates how Jewish women of today may look inwards to the women in the Torah for guidance in choosing their priorities in life.

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Her presentations are not "Feminist Agenda" or apologetics for the Torah, but rather sound Torah perspectives. --Rabbi Zev LeffWomen at the Crossroads brings a powerful and thought-provoking perspective based on the Torah texts with a wide scope of commentaries, and offers a personal, relevant and inspirational reading for women and men as well. Women from all walks of life will enjoy her refreshing perspective. --Dr. Miriam AdahanThe author has spent many years teaching her unique and inspired classes touching both hearts and minds. She has now given the reading public this rare combination in a lucid, readable form that will no doubt benefit many women. --Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller

Rebbetzin Chana Bracha Siegelbaum is the founder and director of "Midreshet B'erot Bay Ayin: Holistic Torah Study for Women." She creates curricula emphasizing women's spiritual empowerment through traditional Torah values.

As a teacher in the topic of women in the bible, I am always thrilled to have another resource. I've heard about the Rebbetzin Chana Bracha Siegelbaum's seminary in Israel and have met young women who have studied there. This book is such a brilliant resource on so many levels. First of all, if you're someone who thinks that the bible is just patriarchal, here's your chance to see the feminine within Torah. If you're looking for a resource for a teaching at your Shabbat (Sabbath) table, this is perfect. The chapters are not so long and the knowledge is accessible. The teaching is uplifting.It doesn't look like is selling this directly. You can find this book at Menorah Books for the cover price. (Do a search!)

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