## **Esther:** Igniting the Activist within Us with Dr. Laura Shaw Frank

We are all familiar with the Purim story in which Esther saved the Jewish people from destruction. But in many ways, at the beginning of the Megillah, Esther is an unlikely heroine. She is young, under the thumb of her uncle Mordechai, and unwilling to take risks for herself or her people. How does Esther transform into a strategic and highly effective changemaker and leader? What lessons can we learn from her transformation as we think through what it means to be a Jewish advocate today?

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10 - 11 AM • Oheb Zedek Cedar Sinai Synagogue, Lyndhurst

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