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***Miriam's Well: The Promised Land, the Exodus, and Our Lives***  
**A Reading and discussion with Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg**

“Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg's retelling of Exodus is a sprawling tapestry, woven of all the threads of a modern-day Miriam's ancestors, and her own present and future. From the Badagry Point of No Return and a sukkah in the Sinai Desert to a series of camps, communes, and cafes all across America, *Miriam's Well* delves into the mystery of how we find our place in the world, within our families, even within ourselves.” - Bryn Greenwood, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things*.

Join the 2009-13 Kansas poet laureate for a special program, drawing from her new novel *Miriam's Well: A Modern Day Exodus*, about finding our purpose, place, and people. An astonishing cook and singer, Miriam has a knack for showing up to feed and help people at landmark events, including People's Park during the Summer of Love, the Wounded Knee encampment in South Dakota, the AIDS epidemic in San Francisco, the Oklahoma City terrorist attack, 9/11, and Hurricane Katrina. As she seeks the promised land, she shows her people, and eventually herself, how to turn the chaos and despair of our times into music, meals, and miracles.

In addition to a reading from the novel, Caryn will talk about Midrash, finding new meaning in our most sacred stories, and what she sees in the story of the Exodus about how we can cultivate more of the promised land in our lives.

**Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg, Ph.D.**, the 2009-13 Kansas Poet Laureate is the author of two dozen books, including, including *Everyday Magic: A Field Guide to the Mundane and Miraculous* and *Needle in the Bone: How a Holocaust Survivor and Polish Resistance Fighter Beat the Odds and Found Each Other*. Founder of Transformative Language Arts at Goddard College where she teaches, Mirriam-Goldberg also leads community writing workshops widely. [www.CarynMirriamGoldberg.com](http://www.CarynMirriamGoldberg.com)