



C.G. Jung Society of
Western Australia

Zoom Lecture: Friday evening, May 17, 2024

8:00 pm (AWST)

Siblings

***Discovering the importance of brother and sisters
for identity, wellbeing and in the process of
individuation: Learning from the Bible.***

With Henry Abramovitch

Our relations with our brothers and sisters and continue to fascinate and disappoint us. In a profound sense, we all know from the archetype what a sister or brother is supposed to be. Even a child who never had a sib, knows what a real sister is supposed to be, what a true brother is like – a warm, caring, lifelong connection. This myth of sisters and brothers is true and profound. But the reality of sibling life is very different. The dynamics of envy, conflict, alienation and worse can complicate and corrupt that ideal bond. In the presentation, I used the sibling stories in the Bible to develop a way of thinking about how and why siblings connect and clash. I tried to develop a new way of conceptualizing sister-brother dynamics and a new vocabulary for thinking about sibling. I also try to show why siblings are crucial for the process of individuation itself.

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