Anthropologist Joyce Dalsheim will draw on her extensive ethnographic research in Israel/Palestine to consider some of the struggles over Jewishness in contemporary Israel. The talk will include thoughts and stories from Israelis across the socioreligious-political spectrum during Dalsheim’s post-October 7 trip to the field. Dalsheim will engage with questions of nationalism, sovereign citizenship, and self-determination, with attention to Hannah Arendt’s work on exile in the context of a shifting sense of abandonment among contemporary Israelis.

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