

Judaism and State: Navigating Israel's Future in Light of the Judicial Overhaul

An evening with Dr. Masua Sagiv



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Appetizers - Lecture - Q&A - Small Groups - Summation - Dessert

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Since November last year, Israel has been in turmoil, with a government-initiated legislation package directed at the legal system, over thirty weeks of fierce civil protests, and a fragmentation of the social fabric on a scale Israel has never seen before, including within Israeli security forces. Conflicts that have been dormant for decades have been brought to the forefront. What are the sources for the processes that are unfolding in Israel in the past nine months? What are the possible paths for moving forward? And what is the future for Israel as a Jewish and democratic state?

Dr. Masua Sagiv is the Koret Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish and Israel Studies at UC Berkeley and a Scholar in Residence of the Shalom Hartman Institute based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Masua's scholarly work focuses on the development of contemporary Judaism in Israel, as a culture, religion and nationality, and as part of Israel's identity as a Jewish and democratic state. Her research explores the role of law, state actors and civil society organizations in promoting social change across diverse issues: shared society, religion and gender, religion and state, and Jewish peoplehood. Masua was formerly the Academic Director of the Menomadin Center for Jewish and Democratic Law at Bar-Ilan University. She earned her doctorate in law from Tel-Aviv University, where she wrote her dissertation on the topic of law and social change in the Halachic Feminist struggle in Israel.

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