

# Reconstructionists

## Expanding Our Conversation on Israel-Palestine



### Recording: Professor Shaul Magid

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Professor Magid's presentation, "Beyond Zionism and Anti-Zionism: On the Possibilities of a New Diasporism" last night. Over 600 people registered - our record. For those of you who were not able to attend, here is the link to the recording:

## Recording

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# Book Group

## Isabella Hammad's *Enter Ghost: A Novel*

### Wednesday, July 10

8:00 p.m. Eastern, 7:00 p.m. Central, 5:00 p.m. Pacific

We are creating a book group that will meet periodically to discuss notable books relevant to Israel-Palestine. Our first selection is Isabella Hammad's [\*Enter Ghost: A Novel\*](#), published in 2023. Award-winning author, [Michael David Lukas](#), will introduce the book.

[Please register.](#)

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## Upcoming Cohort Groups (Havurot)

We invite Jewish progressives to come together to connect with one another, share concerns, and build community at this time of war. These groups are for people who identify as Jewish and fit into the particular cohort. We are happy to create additional groups if there is a demand. Please forward this email to people who might be interested.

We would like to recreate our group for 18-26 year-olds. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please email Joel Beinin at [beinin@stanford.edu](mailto:beinin@stanford.edu).

*All groups are at 8:00 p.m. Eastern, 7:00 p.m. Central, 5:00 p.m. Pacific.*

### **Multi-Generational Jews - Monday, June 24**

Facilitated by Professor Sue Lanser - email [lanser@brandeis.edu](mailto:lanser@brandeis.edu) for the link.

### **Jews Navigating Family Tensions (Shalom Bayit) - Tuesday, June 25**

Email Susan Glass at [sglass2009@gmail.com](mailto:sglass2009@gmail.com) for the link.

### **Jewish Academics - Wednesday, July 3**

Facilitated by Professors Joel Beinin and Sue Lanser - email [lanser@brandeis.edu](mailto:lanser@brandeis.edu) for the link.

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## Save the Date: "Legacies of Dissent: American Jews, Zionism, and Palestine"

With Professors Geoffrey Levin and Marjorie Feld  
Tuesday, September 17

Geoffrey Levin, author of *Our Palestine Question: Israel and American Jewish Dissent, 1948-1978* and Marjorie Feld, *The Threshold of Dissent: A History of American Jewish Critics of Zionism*, will speak at our annual Elul program. This program will take place at 8:00 p.m. Eastern, 7:00 p.m. Central, and 5:00 p.m. Pacific.

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## Commentaries on Current Events by Professor Joel Beinin

Joel has been writing short pieces that he's sending to members of his class, Occupation 101, and others. If you would like to be added to his distribution list, you can subscribe on his new website [www.JoelBeinin.com](http://www.JoelBeinin.com).

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Please consider [making a donation](#) to advance these conversations and the future of this project.

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## Listserv

If you would like to be added to an email listserv discussion, please email Seth Horwitz at [reachseth@gmail.com](mailto:reachseth@gmail.com) and type "Subscribe to Recon I-P listserve" in the subject line.

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## Who We Are

Reconstructionists Expanding Our Conversation on Israel/Palestine is an independent project organized by rabbis and laypeople and co-sponsored by several Reconstructionist congregations. We embrace the Reconstructionist movement's values of justice (*tzedek*), compassion (*chesed*), and the dignity of all human life (*b'tselem Elohim*). Our embrace of these values leads us to oppose Israel's domination of the Palestinian people. We hope our educational events will expand our understanding of historical and present-day conditions in Israel/Palestine and strengthen our commitment to a just future. All are welcome to join us in learning and listening with open hearts and minds. To learn more please email [expandingourconversation@gmail.com](mailto:expandingourconversation@gmail.com).

**Organizers:**

Joel Beinin, Sue Lanser, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman, Rabbi Brian Walt, Diana Ralph, Marcy Boroff, and Rabbi Rebecca Zimmerman-Hornstein

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