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**A HOME FOR ALL JEWS:
CITIZENSHIP, RIGHTS, AND NATIONAL IDENTITY IN THE NEW
ISRAELI STATE**

By

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Abstract

The talk based on Rozin's recent book, focuses on the construction and negotiation of citizenship in Israel during the state's first decade. Positioning itself both within and against much of the critical sociological literature on the period, this work reveals the dire historical circumstances, the ideological and bureaucratic pressures, that limited the freedoms of Israeli citizens. At the same time it shows the capacity of the bureaucracy for flexibility and of the populace for protest against measures it found unjust and humiliating. The book is based on a variety of historical sources portraying the voices, thoughts, and feelings of Israelis, as well as theoretical literature on the nature of modern citizenship and the relation between citizenship and nationality. Rozin takes on both negative and positive freedoms (freedom from and freedom to) in her analysis of three discrete yet overlapping issues: the right to childhood (and freedom from coerced marriage at a tender age); the right to travel abroad (freedom of movement being a pillar of a liberal society); and the right to speak out—not only to protest without fear of reprisal, but to speak in the expectation of being heeded and recognized.

Short Bio

Orit Rozin, is Associate Professor in the Department of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University. Her research interests and publications focus on the social, legal and cultural history of the Israeli state and society in the 1950s and 1960s. Rozin published articles on Israeli legislation and ruling; the relations between policy-makers and the media, and between immigrants and old-timers, on desperate housewives in times of austerity, and on the image of Mizrahi women. Other published works deal with various aspects of quotidian life which reflect and mold national identity, such as hygiene, parenthood and food consumption. Most recently, she has published articles on Israel's security problems from the perspective of the history of emotions. Her book, *The Rise of the Individual in 1950s Israel: A Challenge to Collectivism* (2011), was published by UPNE/Brandeis University Press. The Hebrew version of the book, published by Am Oved Press and the Chaim Weizmann Institute at Tel Aviv University received the Shapiro best book award in 2009. Her book *A Home for all Jews: Citizenship, Rights and National Identity in the New Israeli State* was published by UPNE/Brandeis University Press in July 2016. Rozin is currently working on a new manuscript: *A History of Fear: Israelis in the Shadow of War, 1949-1967*.