

public
lecture

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NON-JEWISH JEWS: HOW EX-SOVIET JEWS WERE SOCIOLOGICALLY CONVERTED

The lecture deals with what can be described as “non-Jewish Jews”: the hundreds of thousand immigrants from the ex-Soviet Union who are not Jewish according to Jewish law (Halacha) but who receive automatic citizenship because their family includes halachical Jews. The difficulty in defining and identifying these immigrants presents a striking case study of the difficulties in setting the limits of Jewish identity. Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) has lurched and faltered over the past three decades in its attempts to categorize this demographic cohort.

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All guests are requested
to be seated by 18:00

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