OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS: ISRAEL IN THE WEST BANK
WITH RABBI PHILIP GRAUBART

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This talk raises the two burning questions in the wake of the 50th anniversary of the 1967 War. First, “Is the presence of Israel’s military and settlers in the West Bank an occupation?” The search for an answer leads us to both international and domestic legal conundrums and the everyday life experience of Palestinian inhabitants. Second, by focusing on issues of demography, geography, and internal diversity, I inquire “Is the Israeli settlement enterprise reversible?”

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