This talk examines the comparative representations of the Mizrahi immigrant and the Holocaust refugee through the motif of the child immigrant to Israel in the mid-20th century through the work of Leah Goldberg (1911-70). Feldman will examine how Goldberg’s fiction collapses the border between literary and geographical landscapes, especially the liminal spaces that connect Jerusalem and Tel Aviv to migrant camps and children’s communities on the Kibbutzim, to explore the effects of geographical space upon child characters.

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