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**The Israel Forum: Refugees and the War of Return
Einat Wilf in Conversation with Ghaith Al-Omari
Moderated by Journalists Jodi Rudoren and Amir Tibon
Monday, October 15 at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan**

NEW YORK (October 5, 2018) – This summer saw kites burned, gates stormed, and lives lost. As the protests – and violence – continue, the need for policy decisions around recent refugee crises compound the decades-long conversation about Palestinian refugees and the heart and soul of Israel. Join the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan for its popular Israel Forum series on Monday, October 15, for an open dialogue. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for the public, available at jccmanhattan.org or by calling 646.505.5708.

Einat Wilf, a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the 18th Knesset and author of six books, including “The War of Return,” and Ghaith Al-Omari, a senior fellow at The Washington Institute and former executive director of the American Task Force on Palestine, will be in conversation. The program will be moderated by journalists Jodi Rudoren of The New York Times and Amir Tobon of Haaretz.

The Israel Forum is a unique, seated cocktail party that encourages open dialogue on multiple topics, views, and opinions, while deepening the community’s understanding of and connection to Israel. The program is made possible by generous support from the Wechsler family.

About the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan

Together with its community, the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan creates opportunities for people to connect, grow, and learn within an ever-changing Jewish landscape. Located at 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, the JCC is a vibrant non-profit community center on the Upper West Side. The cornerstone of progressive programming in Manhattan, the JCC serves over 55,000 people annually through 1,200 programs each season that educate, inspire, and transform participants' minds, bodies, and spirits. Since its inception, the JCC has been committed to serving the community by offering programs, classes, and events that reach beyond neighborhood boundaries, reaching people at all stages of their lives. Learn more at jccmanhattan.org.

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