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Speaking on

**Fighting Back:
The Struggle for Equality,
Democracy and Religious
Pluralism in Israel**

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The formation of the new Israeli government raises a deep concern for Israel's democracy. Join this conversation to hear about the fight for religious freedom and social change in Israel. Shira will share her unique story as an orthodox woman on the forefront of the fight for religious pluralism, LGBT rights, and democracy in Israel. With the new government that will cater to the interests of the Ultra-Orthodox and Kahanists, where do these struggles stand? How have civil society leaders and NIF's grantees arisen to meet the challenges facing Israel today, and to wrestle with the big questions that Israelis -- and American Jews -- are grappling with in this moment?

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