The Program in Jewish Studies at Rice University Presents the First 2014-2015 Lunch Lecture

Ayelet Tsabari
“Language, Longing, and Belonging”
Thursday, September 18, 12:05-12:50 PM HUM 119

Ayelet Tsabari’s work addresses issues of identity, place and language. She will share some of the unique challenges she has faced as an immigrant author writing about Israel in English, her second language. Writing from a Mizrahi perspective, and giving voice to characters of Sephardic heritage whose stories are rarely told in literature, Tsabari allows readers an enhanced understanding and an intimate look into Israel’s multilayered society and culture. This lecture will explore the many ways in which a writer’s cultural background, mother tongue, and origins influence and inform her writing, in terms of both content and style.

Ayelet Tsabari is the author of the short story collection The Best Place on Earth (HarperCollins), which was nominated for the Frank O’Connor International Short Story Award. Her nonfiction has won a National Magazine Award and a Western Magazine Award and she is a two-time winner of Event’s Creative Non-Fiction Contest. A graduate of the MFA program at Guelph University, Ayelet has taught creative writing through the University of Toronto and the University of Guelph. She was named one of ten Canadian writers to watch by the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

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(please type your name and “Tsabari” in the subject line; specify any dietary restrictions)

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