

# Jewish-Christian Relations in the Wake of Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and the War in Gaza

Hana Bendcowsky is an Israeli Jew. John Munayer is a Palestinian Christian. In their presentation they speak about Jewish-Christian relations in the aftermath of October 7 and how these events affect people in the Holy Land, as well as how they are reflected far beyond Israel/Palestine.

At this event we will explore the challenges facing Jewish-Christian dialogue within the context of the Holy Land. We will discuss how the events of the past year have affected interreligious engagement, and what opportunities exist to rebuild meaningful and constructive encounters in the aftermath of trauma and crisis.

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Hana Bendcowsky

Hana is a Program Director at the Rossing Center and expert in Jewish-Christian relations. She holds an M.A. degree in Comparative Religion from the Hebrew University and has 30 years of practical experience in interfaith activities the Holy Land. She teaches in various institutions, colleges, academic programs.



John Munayer

Born and raised in Jerusalem, John researches, writes and lectures on Palestinian Christian identity, Palestinian Theology and Interreligious Dialogue. He completed an MSc in International Relations of the Middle East from the University of Edinburgh, an MA in Theology from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Currently, John is a PhD student at the University of Edinburgh