



## Online conversation with **Michal Govrin**

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

6.30 p.m. Swiss time

On Zoom

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, we speak live online with Israeli writer and theater director Michal Govrin. Her novel *Strandliebe / Ahava al ha-chof*, recently published in German, plays in Ashkelon, an area attacked by rockets from Gaza. We speak with Michal Govrin about the situation in Israel and especially in Jerusalem, where she lives, about the political and social upheavals, the reactions and how the population deals with it the immediate massive threat and the remaining space for reflection and hope. Michal Govrin is the daughter of a Shoah survivor from Poland, and during the last months she campaigned against the so-called “judicial reform” of the current Israeli government. The writer recently visited Kibbutz Be'eri and the area of the Nova music festival, which was the scene of the cruel massacre. How are people in Israel doing since October 7<sup>th</sup> – especially the children of those traumatized by the Shoah, and the young people? Conversation in English. Moderation: Bettina Spoerri and Anne Wieser.

Michal Govrin, born in Tel Aviv in 1950, studied literature and theater studies at Tel Aviv University and received his doctorate at the University of Paris. She is an author, director, teacher at the Jerusalem School for Visual Theater/professor at Tel Aviv University, among others, and has been awarded many important literary prizes for her literary books (including Prime Minister's Prize, ACUM Prize, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres). Her books have been translated into English, French and several other languages. Her work is published in German by Geparden Verlag, this year the novel *Strandliebe*.

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The first part of the online conversation with Michal Govrin will be recorded.