

WHO “SEES THEMSELVES” IN JEWISH CHILDREN’S BOOKS?

A Transracial Adoption Story and the Common Sense of Jewish Identity in the USA



By Dr. Amanda Mbuvi
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Online via Zoom

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About the lecture: In the children’s book *Rebecca’s Journey Home*, an American family’s international adoption experience illuminates Jewish identity’s relationship to issues of race, religion, and nationality. In this talk, Amanda Mbuvi will explore the Jewish tradition’s potential for reimagining belonging in ways that transcend the limitations of American racial logic, so that any body can be seen as a Jewish body.

About Mbuvi: Amanda Mbuvi is Assistant Professor of Religion at High Point University. She approaches biblical studies from an interdisciplinary perspective, engaging questions of identity and community that are prominent in both the biblical texts and in current conversations about how we live with those texts and with each other. Her work also examines the relationships between Jewish and Christian identity and racial identity as they play out in contemporary literature and film. Her first book, *Belonging in Genesis: Biblical Israel and the Politics of Identity Formation*, was published by Baylor University Press.



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