In this paper I explore how family has been theorized within the social sciences as a means of revisiting a recently completed research project in Birzeit, Palestine. I argue that extensive work on discursive and practiced-based conceptualizations of families might usefully be extended by thinking explicitly about the spaces and spacings which co-constitute different families. I put these insights to work in the context of one Birzeiti family space – a house built in the village using an American floor plan. In conclusion, I broaden my analysis to examine how working with and through family geographies offers, among other things, a series of insights on how Palestinians construct place in ways that ‘deal with’ (rather than violently resist) the Israeli Occupation.

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