



The Jewish Family

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Welcoming Remarks (8.30)

- Harry Fox

Philosophical and Theological Perspectives (8.45-10.30)

- Harry Fox: *When the Perfect Divine Law Meets the Imperfect Jewish Family*
- Shlomo Zuckier: *The Conceptual Development of the “Convert as Newborn” in Rabbinic Literature*
- Miryam Segal: *Father and Daughter in the Biblical and Rabbinic Laws of Vows*

Talmudic law (10:45-12:30)

- Marinka Yossifon: *“Your Silence is more Prudent” : The Perverse Consequences for Women Attempting to Exercise their Legal Rights*
- Norma Baumel Joseph: *Hair Coverings: A Sign of Marriage or Humility?*
- Chaim Saiman, *Halakhah, Aggadah and the Rule of Recognition: A Case Study in the Laws of Gender Relations*

Lunch 12:30-1:30

- Remarks by Yedida Eisenstat

Jewish law and State law (1:30-2:40)

- Tirzah Meacham: *The Age of Marriage in Jewish Law—Conflicts between Halakhah and Civil Law*
- Lisa Fishbayn Joffe: *The Impact of Sharia and Foreign Law Bans on the Struggle for Women's Equality Under Jewish Family Law: A U.S. Perspective.*

Gittin and Divorce in the Contemporary Period (2:45-3:55)

- Yael Machtiger: *Social Norms and Socio-Legal Reforms: Exploring Storytelling and Legal Pluralism as Remedies for Get Refusal*
- Michael Broyde: *Agunah Prenups Revisited in 2015: A Tentative Response to R. Moshe Sternbuch's Critique of the Beth Din of America's Prenup*

Closing Remarks (4:00)

- Phil Lieberman