

# *The 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Jewish Law Association*

## **Impact of Technology, Science and Knowledge on Jewish Law and Ethics**

**Tel Aviv University, Israel 11-13 July, 2016**

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Though the interaction between Jewish law, technology, and science is not novel, in recent centuries this interaction has intensified. Jewish law has been challenged, developed, and transformed under the sway of new developments in the fields of bio- and nano-technology and computer science and new research in the fields of digital and communication studies, the social sciences (e.g. psychology, sociology) and the humanities (e.g. philology, archeology). These developments pose new challenges for regulating behavior and for law in general. (For example, the growth of knowledge raises questions regarding the current nature of knowledge and authority and transforms the nature of the legal corpus and of rabbinic authority.)

THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE OF-TOPIC AND ON-TOPIC SESSIONS, A NEW BOOKS SESSION AND OTHER EVENTS.

Having read all proposals, we're excited to share that it looks to be an invigorating, interesting and challenging conference. The conference program has a strong thematic emphasis, and presenters will present cutting-edge research regarding the impacts of technology, science and knowledge on Jewish law and ethics in a variety of fields. In addition to the thematic presentations there will also be a broad variety of more general, Jewish legal research sessions. We will also have a number of special sessions, time to socialize and network, discuss and hopefully some surprises.

Topics will Include:

- Post-humanism: Jewish Law on Bionic body parts, synthetic biology, technologically mediated sensations (cameras, loud speakers, virtual reality), and futuristic science.
- Identity: the effect of biology and virtual reality.
- Science education: the effects of evolutionism, archeology, Biblical studies, etc.
- Autonomy: free will v. determinism in light of neuroscience and artificial intelligence.
- Social media and virtual/new communities, novel forms of communication and texts.
- Information Technologies: the effect of information retrieval systems etc.

Questions and fields can be combined. For example, one may ask whether causality in Jewish Law (grama and grami in religious law, torts and criminal law) has changed due to conceptual changes in physics, technological developments and/or new research in the social sciences.

For information and assistance please contact **Rotem Barber-Avraham** at [JLAconference2016@gmail.com](mailto:JLAconference2016@gmail.com)

You can also contact the organizing committee members, through Amos Israel, JLA co-chair, research fellow, Bar Ilan University, at [Amos.israel@biu.ac.il](mailto:Amos.israel@biu.ac.il).

We thank you and will be happy to see you with us in Tel-Aviv,

**Arye Edre'i, Shai Lavi,**

**Tehilla Beeri-Alon**

**Amos Israel**

**Shay Wozner**

(Shaarei Mishpat

(Bar Ilan University)

(Tel-Aviv University)

Academic College)

The Jewish law association 2016 Tel-Aviv conference committee

Additional Information:

### **REGISTRATION**

The Conference will be hosted by the Buchman faculty of law at Tel-Aviv University, on 11-13 July, 2016.

There are two main options

#### **1. On campus hosting**

Tel Aviv university has new/renovated dormitories, in walking distance to the campus (see map [here](#)).

Reserving these (scarce) rooms will be coordinated By **Rotem Barber-Avraham**, our conference coordinator. Please fill out the attached form and send it to her as soon as possible at the conference mail [JLAconference2016@gmail.com](mailto:JLAconference2016@gmail.com)

Prices (no breakfast included)

Single room – 207/night

Double room – 249 sh/night

2 room (sleep + living room) 291 sh/night.

#### **2. Conference hotels**

Reservations will be made by participant directly with the hotel, with a special reservation form, hereby attached, which will ensure you get the reduced conference rate. (for Israeli citizens, add VAT to quoted prices). Please send us a copy of you're registration or inform us were you'll be staying, to the same conference mail.

Note that some of the hotels are not next to campus and travel time and cost should be considered.

#### Shalom hotel

Single (BB) – 770 (/night)  
Double (BB) – 847 (/night)  
Upgrade to superior – 100 sh (/night)

#### Melody

Single (BB) – 715 (/night)  
Double (BB) – 792 (/night)  
Upgrade to superior – 100 sh. (/night)

#### Other [Atlas chain](#) Hotels - [Artplus](#), [cinema](#), [Center chic](#)

Single (BB) – 600 (/night)  
Double (BB) – 660 (/night)  
Upgrade to superior – 100 sh. (/night)

#### Additional details

The conference fee is 40\$ (150 NIS), and includes all meals and refreshments throughout the conference.

We also would like to remind you - If you haven't yet renewed your JLA membership for 2016 - please do so before the conference.

All payments will be available through the Websites, as well as the program, CV's and abstracts, and all other information – as it becomes available.

We will also E-mail you important information regarding the conference.

**Rotem Barber-Avraham**, our conference coordinator will be happy to assist with any other inquiry at the conference mail [Jlaconference2016@gmail.com](mailto:Jlaconference2016@gmail.com).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>.

Fees are 150 ISRAELI SHEKEL (ABOUT 40us\$) for JLA members and 200 NIS for non-members.

THIS INCLUDES THE MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE INFORMATION, AND MORE.

Register [here](#)

Payment can made via the following links:

Hebrew

<https://mytau.tau.ac.il/ePay/?p=9lFWHpjUHY1fhybk%2BQRCTUN4nMT%2BUdgg0uNHTruXn9Bz6081CSmecYZMcaK7mnJ4%2BNxJxmT7L1pOwZMnOskRQQ%3D%3D>

English

<https://mytau.tau.ac.il/ePay/?p=TC%2BrjilabDEITVVzMaQwvjTK0wP1jTTWe31fyDBBHTvHhk1lgF9rl54iyelCFY0V%2BRcD7NcCl4PbfPjLFvgMLw%3D%3D>

We kindly remind you to renew your JLA membership, if you haven't done so already.

**The Jewish Law Association** –

[about the association](#),

Renew your membership. (link)

About the venue: [The Buchman faculty of law](#) , at [Tel Aviv university](#), is situated in the north of the wonderful city of [Tel Aviv](#).

The preliminary program – To Be Posted.

Special events – Joint Dinners and a tour to the National Library In Jerusalem (Opt.)