

Jewish Justices

- A Comparative
Exploration of
the Relevance of
Jewish Identity to
Judging

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The sessions will take place at
The Buchmann Faculty of Law,
Trubowicz Building,
Sonia Kossoy Conference Room
(Room 307)

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09:15–09:30

Greetings:

Ron Harris, Director, The David Berg Institute for Law and History, Law, Tel Aviv University

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09:30–11:00

Moderator: **Yifat Holzman-Gazit**, Law, College of Management

David Sugarman, Law, Lancaster University

Jewish Judges and Jewish Judging in Contemporary Britain

Philip Girard, Law, Dalhousie University

Judging and Jewish Identity: the Case of Bora Laskin, Chief Justice of Canada

Commentator: **David Schorr**, Law, Tel Aviv University

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

Moderator: **Orit Rozin**, Jewish History, Tel Aviv University

Jack Beermann, Law, Boston University

The Righteous Jew as Judge: Seymour Simon of Illinois

Laura Kalman, History, University of California at Santa Barbara

"Why I Decided Not to Write a Book about the Jewish Seat on the United States Supreme Court"

Commentator: **Zohar Segev**, Jewish History, University of Haifa

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

Aharon Barak, chief justice (retired) israel supreme court

Personal Remarks

14:30 – 16:00

Moderator: **Arye Edrei**, Law, Tel Aviv University

Michal Shaked, Independent Scholar

From Danzig to Jerusalem: Chief Justice Landau and the Age of Reason in Israel Supreme Court

Nathan Brun, Law, Hebrew University & Bar-Ilan University

Jerusalem, 1934: Judge Moise Valero acquits the defendants in the Arlosoroff murder trial - "Jewish identity" or fair trial?

Commentator: **Assaf Likhovski**, Law, Tel Aviv University

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 18:00

Moderator: **Yoram Shachar**, Law, IDC Herzliya

Pnina Lahav, Law, Boston University

Chief Justice Simon Agranat and the question of Israeli identity

Menahem Raniel, Judge, Haifa District Court

Chief Justice Yitzhak Kahan– a Jewish Judge at home and outside?

Commentator: **Ron Harris**, Law, Tel Aviv University