Mishpat Ivri: Past, Present and Future

100 Year Anniversary of the Establishment of the “Mishpat Ivri Society” in Moscow

Jewish Law Association

20th International Conference

Moscow State University Law School, Moscow

July 23–26, 2018
Monday, July 23

14:00–15:00 Lunch

15:00–16:30 Preliminary Session: Jews and Judaism in the Russian Empire

Moderator: Prof. Gayane Davidyan

Dr. Evgeniya Abakomava: Recognition of Jewish Judicial Autonomy in the Russian Empire: XVIII- Early XIX century

Prof. Anton Kanevskiy: The Place of Halakha in the Legal System of the Russian Empire

Dr. Levi Cooper: Russian Clothing Decrees: Fashioning the Hasidic Haberdashery

17:00–19:00 Ceremonial Opening Session

Chair: Dr. Amos Israel

Greetings:

Prof. Alexander Golichenkov, Dean of the Law School Moscow State University, Chair of the Environmental and Land Law, Meritorious Scientist of the Russian Federation

Prof. Gideon Libson, JLA Honorary President

Keynote Lectures:

Prof. Assaf Likhovski: Moscow 1917-Moscow 2018: Looking Back at One Hundred Years of Jewish Law Scholarship

Prof. Haim Shapira: Israeli Law and Jewish Law: Human Dignity (Kevod Ha-adam and Kevod Ha-briyot)

19:00–20:00 Dinner
Tuesday, July 24

8:00  Breakfast

9:00–11:00  2 Characteristics of Legal Thinking in Jewish Law Parallel sessions in Hebrew and English

2a. English Session
Moderator: Prof. Benjamin Brown

Dr. Stephan Wendehorst: Jewish Law and Jewish Courts in the Holy Roman Empire. An Example of Collaborative and Contested Legal Pluralism

Prof. Yair Lorberbaum: Rules and Reasons in the Jurisprudence of the Israeli Supreme Court and in Modern Jewish Law (Halakhah)

Dr. Yaron Unger: "The Holy One, Blessed Be He, Desires Only Faithfulness" - The Riddle of Fiduciary Duties in Jewish Law

2b. Hebrew Session
Moderator: Lilac Torgeman

Prof. Avinoam Rosenak: Jewish and Western Values, Limits for Integration: Intermarriage as Test Case

Prof. Menachem Katz: Categorizing Types of Theft in Jewish Law and their Moral and Legal Significance

Prof. Mordechai Sabato: Concerning the Change Introduced by Rabbi Akiva in the List of Relatives who are Disqualified to Give Testimony

Prof. Ron S. Kleinman: Adjudication According to Civil Laws – How Much Room for Discretion Do Rabbinical Judges Have?

11:00–11:30  Break

11:30–13:30  3 Russia, Judaism and Jewish Law
Sponsored by CSLR Emory University School of Law
Moderator: Dr. Levi Cooper

Prof. Motti Zalkin: The Emergence of Hebraic Public and Professional Discourse in Early 20th Century Russia

Prof. Michael J. Broyde: Understanding the Last Great Posek of the Russian Empire: The Methodology & Jurisprudence of Rabbi Yechiel Michel Epstein (Aruch HaShulchan)

Dr. Konstantin Andreev: Limitations on Jewish Religious Practices in Modern Russia Jurisprudence

Prof. Yehuda Brandes: Communist Russia in Halakhic Discourse (Heb.)

13:30–18:30  Sightseeing Tour of Moscow (lunch included)

19:00–21:00  Dinner and Session at the Choral Synagogue of Moscow

4 Back to the Beginning: The Choral Synagogue and the Mishpat Ivri Society
Sponsored by the Eliyahu Foundation at TAU, supported by the Koschitzky Family
Moderator: Prof. Shahar Lifshitz

Welcome and Greetings: Deputy Chief Rabbi of Moscow Eliezer Reichman

Prof. Amihai Radzyner: From Moscow to Jerusalem: The Rise and Decline of Hevrat ha-Mishpat ha-Ivri

Dr. Anatoly Kleimenov: Moscow Jewish Legal Experience: 100 years perspective

21:30–22:30  Meeting of JLA Business Committee (at the hotel).
Wednesday, July 25

8:00  Breakfast

9:00–11:00  Roundtable: Jewish Law in the State of Israel – The Principal Question

Moderator: Prof. Suzanne Last-Stone

Prof. Nir Kedar: Hebrew Law and the Jewishness of the Law in Israel

Prof. Shahar Lifshitz: The Liberal Argument for Incorporating Jewish Law in the Law of the State

Dr. Amos Israel: The Need for (a Richer) Mishpat Ivri


11:00–11:30  Break

11:30–13:30  Criminal Law and Family Law (Parallel Sessions)

6a. Criminal Law

Sponsored by the Taubenschlag Institute of Criminal Law, TAU

Moderator: Dr. Shay Wozner

Dr. Ya'acov Habba: Can Jewish Criminal Law Apply in Israel (Heb.)

Prof. Hanina Ben Menahem: Donkey's Burial as Punishment in Jewish Law (Heb.)

Dr. Iris Brown: Shaming Punishments (Heb.)

Rabbi Dr. David Fine: The Value of Life as Political Polemic in Ancient Jewish Law (Eng.)

6b. Family Law

Moderator: Prof. Olga Dyuzheva

Prof. Benny Shmueli: Private Law vs. Jewish Law: Civil Strategies Based on Israeli Solutions to Combat the Phenomenon of Refusal to Divorce in the Jewish Sector

Dr. Michael Wygoda: The Recent Supreme Court Ruling on Child Support

Rabbi Dr. Shlomo E Glicksberg: Treatment of Get Refusal in the Rabbinical Court of Johannesburg

13:30–14:15  Lunch

14:15–16:15  Plenary Session: Perspectives on Jewish Law Scholarship

Sponsored by David Berg Foundation Institute for Law and History, TAU

Moderator: Prof. David Rabban

Prof. Steven Wilf: Embodiment, Genre, and Appropriation in the Longue Durée of Jewish Law

Prof. Benjamin Brown: The Contribution of Jewish Thought to the Research of Jewish Law

Prof. Gideon Libson: Law and Reality: The Case of Jewish Law and Islamic Law

Prof. Yuval Sinai: Jewish Legal Research and Tort Law

16:15  Transfer to the Hotel

18:30  Tour of the Jewish Museum

19:30–22:00  Gala Evening at the Jewish Museum

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Moderator: Dr. Haim Ben Yakov, Senior Executive for Regional Development and Public Affairs, TAU

Greetings: Prof. Joseph Klafter, President, Tel Aviv University

Mr. Viktor Vekselberg, President of the Friends Association of TAU

Mr. Gary Koren, Israeli Ambassador to Russia

Hon. Justice Prof. Daphne Barak-Erez: Jewish Texts and Legal Discourse

Prof. Arye Edrei: Can Mishpat Ivri be Jewish Law?
Thursday, July 26

8:00   Breakfast

9:00–11:00  9a. Jewish Law in Israel: Parallels Meet (English Session)
            Moderator: Adv. Yardena Cope-Joseph
            Dr. Hila Ben Eliyahu: Disappearing Law: Reconciliation and Jewish Law
            Dr. Alim Ulbashev: Jewish law and the Principle of Equality: Is Compromise Possible? (Reflecting on the Israeli Experience)
            Dr. Denis Primakov: Jewish Identity in Israeli Law: From Rejection to Acceptance

9b. Jewish Law in Israel: Parallels Meet (Hebrew session)
            Moderator: Prof. Itay Lipschutz
            Dr. Yaacov Shapira: Jewish Law and the Critique of the Rabbinic Establishment
            Dr. Zvi Stampfer: The Concept of Affirmative Action in Jewish Law as a Source of Inspiration for Israeli Law
            Dr. Menachem (Mario) Klein: Applying Jewish Law in the Ruling of Modern Israeli Courts from the Viewpoint of a Trial Court Judge
            Dr. Malka Katz: The Roles of Ashkenazic and Sephardic Halakhic Literature in Shaping Mishpat Ivri

11:00–11:30  Break

11:30–13:30  10. Law and Theory (Parallel Sessions)

10a. Jewish Law in Russia - Between Theory and Practice
            Moderator: Dr. Anatoly Kleimenov
            Oleg Khokhlov: Rabbinical Courts and Modern Russian Arbitration Procedure
            Commentator: Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt
            Prof. Leib Moscovitz: Hypotheticals in the Halakhic Thought of R. Chaim Soloveitchik
            Dr. Shay Wozner: Legal Thinking at the Lithuanian Yeshivoth

10b. Jewish Law and Legal Theory
            Moderator: Prof. Hanina Ben Menahem
            Prof. Itay Lipschutz: Majority Principle in Jewish Law: Majority and Probability (Rov vs. Histabrut)
            Dr. Michael Baris: 'Up in the Air': Shifts in Maimonides' Conceptualization of Doubt
            Prof. Ari Marcelo Solon: Jewish Law and Socialism in Hans Kelsen
            Prof. Itzhak Brand: The Separation Between "Religious" and "Legal" in Jewish Law: A Study of the Poskim Literature (Heb.)

13:30   Lunch

Farewell
Participants

Dr. Abakomava Evgeniya – The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Prof. Andreev Konstantin – The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Hon. Justice Prof. Barak-Erez Daphne – Israel Supreme Court

Dr. Baris Michael – Sha'arei Madda Umishpat: Academic Center for Law and Science, Israel

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