



## *Syllabus*

# **SOCIAL RIGHTS IN JEWISH LAW - 62473**

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*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* law

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

*Under the framework of social rights law, the law defends the rights of those weaker sectors against property owners. This course aims to trace the various socio-economic conceptions of Jewish law, as reflected in the field of social rights law.*

Course/Module aims:

*Exploring key issues of social rights in Jewish law, while comparing them to parallel modern socio-economic theories.*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*By the end of the course students are expected to:*

*Identify special approaches of Jewish law in the field of social rights*

*Apply fundamental ideas of Jewish law to current legal dilemmas of social rights*

*Compare various doctrines of social rights in Jewish law with modern law doctrines*

*Remember major research literature on social rights in Jewish law*

*Properly analyze primary texts of Jewish law*

Attendance requirements(%):

*none*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, final exam*

Course/Module Content:

- 1. Introduction*
- 2. Six Biblical Distributive Principles I*
- 3. Six Biblical Distributive Principles II*
- 4. Language and Social Justice*
- 5. From Biblical Mechanisms to the Laws of Charity*

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6. *Charity as a Tax System*
  7. *The Poor*
  8. *The Individual and the Public*
  9. *The Theology of Charity*
  10. *Unjust Enrichment as a Distributive Mechanism*
  11. *The Right for Education*
  12. *Tax Law and Distributive Justice*
  13. *The Disabled*

**Required Reading:**

הרב חיים דוד הלוי, 'במוצאי שנת השמיטה' □ המשטר החברתי התורתי מול הקפיטליזם והסוציאליזם', קול סיני ה (תשכ"ו), עמ' 254-251.

משה ויינפלד, משפט וצדקה בישראל ובעמים (ירושלים, תשמ"ה), עמ' 11-2.

זאב ז'בוטינסקי, 'רעיון היובל', בתוך: אומה וחברה (ירושלים, תש"י), עמ' 177, 'פרקים בפילוסופיה הסוציאלית של התנ"ך', שם, עמ' 181.

בני פורת, 'אדם לאדם' □ אח ור