



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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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