

Jewish Law in Modern Time

Jewish law as it is used in Israeli Courts decisions

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Introduction

The law in Israel makes it mandatory for the Court to consider the Jewish law approach in matters where Israeli law and previous decisions does not provide an answer. Thus, especially in cases involving moral issues, the judges go back to the Jewish law and try to make an analogy to modern times. In this tension between modern cases and Jewish law an in-depth picture of the complex Israeli law and society is being unfold.

Join us for an open group discussion into Israeli courts decisions in the following topics. The case law is mainly in Hebrew but reading Hebrew is not a prerequisite to join this course.

Topics

1. **Animals Welfare** (April 10)
 - Civil Appeal 1684/96 Let animals live Cherity v. Holiday Operations Hamat Gader (Supreme Court)
 - Family File (Krayot) 09-11-24585 D.B. v. K.V (Krayot Family Court)
 - Civil File 57087/06 Yeuda Abergil v. Dr. Hayek (Tel Aviv District Court)
 - Criminal Appeal 1161/04 Mahamud Haj Yichia v. The State of Israel (Supreme Court)
2. **Mercy Killing** (April 17)
 - Civil Appeal 506/88 Yael Shefer, Minor by her mother v. The State of Israel (Supreme Court)
3. **Same sex marriage** (April 24)
 - Family File 16310/08 John Doe v. John Doe (Family Court Tel Aviv)
4. **Intellectual Property** (May 1)
 - Civil File 1192/99 (Jerusalem) Reuven Sade v. The Estate of late Tesler and others (Jerusalem District Court)
 - Civil Appeal 9248/05 Matan Y. Communication and Tracking Systems Ltd. v. Miltal Communication Ltd. and others (Supreme Court)
 - Civil File 14-06-2619 (Jerusalem) Alon Goren v. Mir Congregation (Jerusalem District Court)
5. **Terrorists Houses Demolition** (May 8)
 - High Court for Justice 8091/14 The Center for Personal Protection v. The Minister of Defence (Supreme Court)

The meetings will be held on Tuesdays at _____ from 8pm to 9pm.

About Dr. Goltz

Sean is an academic with extensive background in law. Sean practiced law in Israel and Canada and completed his LLB and LLM in Haifa University and his PhD at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. In the last year Sean held this Jewish law study group at Waikato University law school, New Zealand.

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