



## The Jewish Family Confronting Crisis in Modern Times (1800-2017): Divorce, Agunot and Inter-Marriage - An International Workshop.

Wednesday March 8 - Thursday March 9, 2017, Western Galilee College

### Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Room 713, Sir Harry Solomon School of Management

09:15-09:30	<b>Gathering</b>
09:30-10:00	<b>Greetings:</b> Prof. Dov Dvir, President, Western Galilee College, Prof. Joel Walters, Academic Head, Bar Ilan University Dr. Haim Sperber, Conference convener
10:00-11:30	<b>Session 1: Divorce</b> Chairperson: Prof. Joel Walters, Bar-Ilan University
10:00-10:20	Carlotta Ferrara degli Uberti, University College, London, <b>Jewish Families and Italian Civil Law after the Emancipation Contested Unions.</b>
10:20-10:40	Geraldine Guedefin, Ph.D. candidate, Brandeis University, <b>Divorce in the Age of Mass Migration: Russian Jews in France and the United States (1881-1914)</b>
10:40-11:00	Deidre Butler & Betina Appel Kuzmarov, Carleton University, Canada, <b>"Even God Sheds Tears": Wives, Husbands, Children, Rabbis and Activists Share their Stories of Jewish Divorce in Canada</b>
11:00-11:30	<b>Discussion</b>
11:30-11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:45-13:15	<b>Session 2: Divorce</b> Chairperson: Dr. Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College
11:45-12:05	Yuval Haruvi, Tel Aviv University, <b>The Great Bet Din of Tunisia Dealing with Marital Problems and 'Get' (Divorce Writ) Refusal 1898-1921</b>
12:05-12:25	Gila Hadar, Haifa University, <b>Nineteenth Century Divorce Profile in Thessaloniki</b>
12:25-12:45	Matan Boord, Ph.D. Candidate, Tel Aviv University, <b>Divorce in the Histadrut's Comrades' Courts in Mandate Palestine</b>
12:45-13:15	<b>Discussion</b>
13:15-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-17:00	<b>Session 3: Inter-marriage</b> Chairperson: Prof. Larisa Remnick, Bar-Ilan University
14:00-14:20	Keren McGinity, Hebrew College, Boston & Brandeis University, <b>Gender Matters: A New Framework for Understanding Inter-marriage</b>
14:20-14:40	Sarah E. Wobick-Segev, Koebner Center at the Hebrew University, <b>"Having a Ball: Confronting Inter-marriage in Paris and Berlin, 1890-1930"</b>
14:40-15:00	Ana Praschitzky, Western Galilee College, <b>Gender and Cultural Citizenship among Non-Jewish Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union in Israel</b>
15:00-15:10	<b>Break</b>
15:10-15:30	Rabbi Seth (Shaul) Farber, Founder of ITIM: the Jewish advocacy center and Giur Kahalacha: the national network of conversion courts, <b>Converting the Children of Inter-married Couples: Challenges and Opportunities</b>
15:30-15:50	Simon Rabinovich, Boston College, <b>Inter-marriage and the Legal Question of Defining Who is a Jew: Comparing Israel and the UK</b>
15:50-16:10	Dani Kranz, Zentrum-judische Studien, Brandenburg & Bergische University of Wuppertal, <b>Jewish/Non-Jewish Inter-marriage in Israel or Israeli/Non-Israeli Marriage? Conflicted and Conflated Boundaries in Present Day Israel</b>
16:10-16:30	Sarit Cofman-Simhon, The Kibutzim College, <b>Representing Jewish Women's Inter-marriage in European Drama: From Enlightenment to the Second World War</b>
16:30-17:00	<b>Discussion</b>

### Thursday, March 9, 2017

Room 713, Harry Solomon Management Building

09:15-09:30	<b>Gathering</b>
09:30-11:00	<b>Session 1: Patriarchy and the Eastern European Jewish Family: Genre, Evidence, Framework</b> Chairperson: Moses Lapin
09:30-09:35	Moses Lapin, Graduate Student, Hebrew University. Introduction: "Genre, Evidence, Framework"
09:35-09:55	Eli Lederhendler, Hebrew University, <b>Interrelated Lives: The Extended Jewish Family Reconsidered</b>
09:55-10:15	Shulamit Magnus, Emerita, Oberlin College, <b>"Mai patriarchy? [yes, a takeoff on mai hannuka]. Definitions and changing Nature of Jewish Patriarchy in East European Modernity"</b>
10:15-10:40	Shaul Stampfer, Hebrew University, <b>Do We Want the Traditional East European Family to Have Been Patriarchal?</b>
10:40-11:00	<b>Discussion</b>
11:00-11:15	<b>Break</b>
11:15-12:45	<b>Session 2: Agunot in America</b> Chairperson: Prof. Jonathan Sarna, Brandeis University
11:15-11:40	David Golinkin, Schechter Institute, <b>Agunot and Get Refusal in the Conservative Movement 1930-2017</b>
11:40-12:00	Benjamin Steiner, Ph. D. Candidate, Brandeis University, <b>The Epstein Codicil Revisited</b>
12:00-12:20	Lisa Fishbayn-Joffe, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, <b>"Foreign law": How halachah and sharia disputes are dealt with in American courts</b>
12:20-12:45	<b>Discussion</b>
12:45-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>

### Session 3 & 4

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Open to the public and will be accompanied with simultaneous translation

13:30-15:50	<b>Session 3: Agunot in Modern Times</b> Chairperson: Prof. Gur Alroey, Dean of Humanities, Haifa University
13:30-13:50	Western Galilee College Theater Department <b>Isaac Waldorf and his wife/daughter. A short play</b>
13:50-14:10	Miri Sarid, Western Galilee College, <b>Israeli Attitudes Towards Agunot - Results of a Survey</b>
14:10-14:30	Noa Shashar, Sapir College, Igun instead Divorce. <b>Marital Disputes as manifested in 18th Century Bet Din records in the Ashkenazi realm</b>
14:30-14:40	<b>Break</b>
14:40-15:00	Haim Sperber, Western Galilee College, <b>Agunot - A Constantly Changing Phenomenon</b>
15:00-15:20	Moses Lapin, Graduate Student, Hebrew University, <b>Agunot in Responsa and the Popular Imagination: a Microhistory</b>
15:20-15:50	<b>Discussion</b>
15:50-16:00	<b>Break</b>
16:00-18:30	<b>Session 4: How did the plight of Agunot become an issue of 'Get' Refusal</b> Chairperson, Dr. Haim Sperber, Western Galilee College
16:00-16:20	Tamar Peled-Katz, Attorney & Adjunct lecturer, Western Galilee College, <b>From Avraham Yihia to Oded Geiz: Civil Sanctions and Halachic Ruling in Israel</b>
16:20-16:40	Rabbi Jeremy Stern, Executive Director of ORA, Organization for the Resolution of Agunot, <b>The Modern Agunah Problem: Comparing Israel and the Diaspora</b>
16:40-17:00	Rachel Levmore, Director, Agunah & Get-Refusal Prevention Project, International Young Israel Movement Pre-empting the Agunah Problem, <b>Prenuptial Agreements for the Prevention of Get- Refusal</b>
17:00-17:10	<b>Break</b>
17:10-17:30	Batia Kahana Dror, Attorney & Executive Director of Mayoi Satum, <b>The Verdict of the Agunah of Zefat</b>
17:30-17:50	Susan Weiss, Attorney & Executive Director, Center for Women's Justice, <b>Marital Captivity (agunot) is a Human Rights Violation</b>
17:50-18:20	<b>Discussion</b>
18:20-18:30	Dr. Haim Sperber, Concluding Remarks