Halakhah and Reality
Bar-Ilan Law School; The Skirball Department for Hebrew and Judaic Studies NYU; The Tikvah Center, NYU Law School; Cardozo Law School, YU
Organizers: Yair Lorberbaum and Jeffrey Rubenstein

**Sunday, April 29**

**The Moot Court Room, Cardozo School of Law 55 5th Av. NYC**

**Greetings**
3:00pm
David Engel, NYU
Joseph Weiler, Tikvah Center

**Session 1**
3:30-5:00pm
Presenter: Yair Lorberbaum, Bar-Ilan University
“Halakhah and Reality: Preliminary Remarks”

Respondent: Suzanne Last Stone, Cardozo Law School

**Session 2**
5:30-7:00 pm
Presenter: Adiel Schremer, Bar-Ilan University
“The Foundation of Creation: On the Ontology of Marriage in Early Rabbinic Legal Thought”

Respondent: Haim Shapira, Bar Ilan University Law School

**Dinner**
7:00pm
The Bronfman Center, 7 East 10th Street, 5th Floor

**Monday, April 30**

**The Bronfman Center, 7 East 10th Street, 5th Floor**

**Breakfast**
8:30am

**Session 3**
9:00-10:30am
Presenter: Ethan Tucker, Mechon Hadar
“Category Shifts: Flexibility and Rigidity in Halakhic Language”

Respondent: Ari Mermelstein, Yeshiva University

**Session 4**
11:00-12:30pm
Presenter: Ishay Rosen Zvi, Tel Aviv University
“Realism vs. Nominalism in the Mishnah: Regulating Thoughts”

Respondent: Christine Hayes, Yale University
**Lunch**  
12:30-2:00pm  
Tikvah Center, 22 Washington Square North  

**Session 5**  
2:00-3:30pm  
Presenter: Tzvi Novick, Notre Dame University  
“‘The Boundaries that the Canaanites Fashioned’: Agricultural Halakhah and Agricultural Science in Rabbinic Palestine”  
Respondent: Charlotte Fonrobert, Stanford University  

**Session 6**  
4:00-5:30pm  
Presenter: Vered Noam, Tel Aviv University  
“Essentialism, freedom of choice, and the calendar: Contradictory trends in rabbinic halakhah”  
Respondent: Berachyahu Lifschitz, Hebrew University  

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5:30pm  
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**Tuesday, May 1**  
The Bronfman Center, 7 East 10th Street, 5th Floor  

**Breakfast**  
8:30am  

**Session 7**  
9:00-10:30am  
Presenter: Barry Wimpfheimer, Northwestern University  
“The Real in the Nominal: Money in Medieval Talmudic Exegesis”  
Respondent: Steven Fraade, Yale University  

**Session 8**  
11:00-12:30pm  
Presenter: Maoz Kahana, Hebrew University  
“Halacha and Ontology in the Modern Era – the Lurianic case”  
Respondent: Amihai Radziner, Bar Ilan University, Law School  

**Departing Lunch**  
12:30pm  
Tikvah Center, 22 Washington Square North

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