

PROFESSOR SHAHAR LIFSHITZ:

Faculty of law Bar-Ilan University in Rama-Gan, Israel.

Founder of the Bat-Illan Institute for Jewish and Democratic Law

EDUCATION:

1998-2002 Ph.D. (with Highest Distinction), Bar-Ilan University Law School

1998-2002 LL.M. (summa cum laude), Bar-Ilan University Law School

1993-1996 B.A. (summa cum laude), Department of Psychology, Bar-Ilan University

1993-1996 LL.B. (summa cum laude), Bar-Ilan University Law School

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2012-2015 Dean, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2009-present Professor, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2004-2008 Senior lecturer, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2003-2004 Lecturer (Assistant professor), Bar-Ilan University Law School

VISITS IN ACADEMIC INSTITUTES:

2018 (forthcoming) Visiting Professor Emory Law School

2015 (spring semester) Visiting Professor, The Caroline Zelaznik & Joseph S. Gruss Chair in Talmudic Civil Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School

2014 (spring semester) Visiting Professor, The Caroline Zelaznik & Joseph S. Gruss Chair in Talmudic Civil Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School

2011 (spring semester) Visiting Professor, Yeshiva University, Cardozo Law School; Visiting Scholar, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, Cardozo Law School

2009 (fall semester) Visiting Professor, Columbia University Law School

2009 (spring semester) Visiting Professor, Yeshiva University, Cardozo Law School

2006-2007 Visiting Professor, Yeshiva University, Cardozo Law School

2006-2007 Distinguished Fellow of the Center for Jewish Law & Contemporary Civilization, Cardozo Law School

2005-2006 Visiting Scholar, Hauser Global Law School Program, New York University Law School

PUBLIC POSITIONS & OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2015-present, Head of The Center for Jewish and Democratic Law

2013- Present, Co-head (with Hanoch Dagan and Professor Yedidya Stern) of the "Human Rights and Judaism" Project Israel Democracy Institute

2010-2015 Senior Fellow of the Israel Democracy Institute

2009 Judge, Israeli Standard Contract Court

2009 Director of the Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2009 Member and Draftsman of the Israeli legislative Committee of the "Pension Act"

2009 Vice Chairman of the Israeli Association of Private Law

2009-present, Organizer and Co -Chairman, Forum for Cooperation between Supreme Court and Israeli Legal Academia

2005-present, Ad-hoc Advisor to the Constitution, Law and Legislation Committee, Israeli Knesset

2005-present, Participant and Draftsman for the Legislative Proposal Regarding Spousal Registry, Israel Democracy Institute

2004-2005 Researcher, Israel Democracy Institute; the Constitution Project

2004-2005 Member of the Israeli Standard Contract Court

2004-2005 Judge, the Israeli Standard Contract Court

2003-2004 Member of Israeli Legislative "Rot-Levi" Committee for Children's Rights

2002-2007 Lecturer, Seminars for Judges and Lawyers in the Fields of Family and Contract Law

2004-2005 Judge, the Israeli Standard Contract Court

2003-2004 Member of Israeli Legislative "Rot-Levi" Committee for Children's Rights

1996-1997 Legal Intern at Rozenzweig-Shafran-Gera Law Firm and in the Family Court, Ramat Gan, Israel, Qualifying for Admission to the Israel Bar

1993-1994 Establishing and Managing the Torah Department in the "Haddad" Center for Research on Dyslexia and Reading Disorders, Bar-Ilan University; Voluntary Counseling at the "Enosh" Club for the Social Rehabilitation of Mental Health Patients

RESEARCH & TEACHING FIELDS

Contract Law Theory; Israeli and Western Contract Law; Israeli and Western Family Law, Inheritance Law; the Philosophy of Private, Jewish and American Law; Comparative Perspective; Human Rights and Judaism; Multiculturalism

LAW REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

2015-present, Associate editor, "Judaism Sovereignty and Human Rights" Journal, The Israel Democracy Institute.

2014-present, Associate editor, Wealth Management Law Review

2005 Editor of Bar-Ilan Law Studies, Volume about Judge Dorner's Contribution to Israeli Law

2004-2005 Bar-Ilan Law Studies, Co-Editor of a Volume about Law and Film

2003-2004 Supervising Professor, Bar-Ilan Law Studies

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS:

2015 Gruss Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania Law School

2014 Gruss Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania Law School

2009 Bar-Ilan University Outstanding Award for Teaching

2006 Hauser Global Law School Fellowship, New York University Law School

2005 Winner of Rothschild Post-Doctoral Fellowship

2005 Winner of Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowship

2004 Winner of Alon Scholarship for "Excellent Scientist," (given by the Council for Higher Education in Israel for young scholars, fully sponsoring their university positions for three years)

2004 Awarded the Bahat Prize for the book "Cohabitation Law in Israel from the Perspective of a Civil Law Theory of the Family"

2003 Peleg-Bilig Center for the Study of Family Well-Being, Scholarship for Excellent Students

2003 Fanya Gottesfeld-Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism, Scholarship for Excellent Students

2001-2002 Awarded Letter of Acknowledgment from the Rectors of The Hebrew University and Bar-Ilan University, Certifying Excellence in Teaching

2000 Schuff Fund Research Grant

1999 Wolf Fund Research Grant for the Promotion of Excellence

1999 Rector's Prize for Post-Graduate Degrees

1992-1995 Dean's List, Bar-Ilan University Law School

CONFRENCES, SHPOS & LECTURES ORGNIZED:

2016 Coordinator, Seminars on Education, Conversion and Civil Marriage, the Center for Jewish and Democratic Law

2015 Co-organizer, The Inaugural Conference "Jewish and Democratic Law: Redrawing Boundaries"

2015 Co-organizer, a workshop in University of Pennsylvania Law School about The Interplay of Substantive Doctrines, Institutions and Cultural Factors in the Regulation of Jewish Marriage: Legal and Historical Perspectives

2014 Co-organizer, Conference in Honor of the Retirement of Supreme Court Chief Justice, Dorit Beinisch, with the Hebrew University

2014 Co-organizer, The Second Agunah Summit - "Resolving the Agunah Problem: State Solutions vs. Non-State Solutions" (with the Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization in New York University, The Israel Democracy Institute and the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA))

2014 Co-organizer, The Inaugural Conference of the International Consortium of Private International Law, with the participation of Harvard, Osgoode Hall, Oslo and Bar-Ilan Universities

2012 Co-organizer, the Third Annual Conference of the Israeli Institute of Private Law, Bar-Ilan University

2012 Co-organizer, International Conference on "The Role of Religion in the Human Rights Discourse", Israel Democracy Institute

2012 Co-organizer, Conference on " Individual and Communal Responsibility for the Poor in the Jewish and Democratic State", Israel Democracy Institute

2012 Co-organizer, Conference on "Consumer Protection in Light of Legislation Change: a Future Perspective", the Israeli Institute of Private Law, the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

2012 coordinator, advanced study on "Inheritance Law", the Institute for Advanced Studies for Lawyers

2011 coordinator, advanced study on "Family Law", the Institute for Advanced Studies for Lawyers

2011 Member of a steering committee, Minerva Conference for research projects of research candidates and young faculty members in the field of human rights

2011 Co-organizer, Seminar on "Human Rights and Judaism", Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University, New York

2011 Co-organizer, the Second Annual Conference of the Israeli Institute of Private Law, Tel-Aviv University

2011 Co-organizer (with the Institute for Advanced Studies for Judges), International Conference on "Family Courts: An International and comparative perspective"

2011 Co-Organizer, Conference on "Rights for the Disabled in a Jewish and Democratic State", Israel Democracy Institute

2010 Coordinator, Seminar on Interpretation of Contracts (Cooperation between the Israeli Institute of Private Law and the Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2010 Coordinator, Seminar on "Restatement of Contracts in Light of Changes in Legal Reality" The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University

2010 Co-organizer, Conference on "Human Rights and Obligations in a Jewish and Democratic State"

2010 Co-organizer, First Annual Conference of the Israeli Institute of Private Law

2009 Assembling Seminars at The Center for Commercial Law

2009 Assembling Seminar on "Property Relations Law Amendment" The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2009 Founder, Organizer and Co-chairman, Forum for Cooperation between the Supreme Court and Israeli Legal Academia

2009 Assembling Seminar on "Economic Regulation of Death", The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2009 Co-organizer, 'Family Law in a Multi-Cultural Society and Minorities' rights, International society of Family Law

2008 "Marriage and the Constitution", International conference, Bar-Ilan University

2008 Advanced Study on "Innovations within Family Law", The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2007 Supervisor, Text-Study Group on "The Philosophies of Jewish and American Private Law", Cardozo Law School

2005 Co-organizer, Workshop in Honor of the Retirement of Supreme Court Judge, Dalia Dorner

2003-2004 supervisor of the Seminar for Excellent Students, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2003 supervisor of Law Faculty seminars, Bar-Ilan University Law School

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED LECTURES:

2017 Lecture: "Judicial activism, legal certainty, and protecting the weak party: The case of marital property in Israel, international conference Oslo University

2017 Lecture: *Neither Nature nor Contract: Toward an Institutional Perspective on Parenthood* international conference Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University, New York

2016 Lecture: "Confrontations between Spouses and Creditors", Family Law seminar, Rackman Center, Bar-Ilan University.

2015 Lecture: "Why Israel Needs Jewish and Democratic Law?", The Inaugural Conference of The Center for Jewish and Democratic Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School.

2015 Lecture: "Multiculturalism as a Remedy for Religion and State Relations", Bar-Ilan University Breakfast Forum.

2015 Lectures about: Contracts Law, Family Law, Inheritance Law and Jewish Law, advanced studies for judges, advanced studies for lawyers, annual conference of the Israel Bar and the Commercial Law Center, Bar-Ilan University Law School.

2015 Lecture: "Political-Liberal Multiculturalism as a Remedy for Religion-State Relations in Israel", University of Pennsylvania and Conference of Presidents of the Jewish Federation in New York.

2015 Lecture: "Deviation from the Law in order to Achieve Justice in Law and in Halakha", annual conference of National Insurance doctors, north district.

2015 Lecture: "A Hermeneutic Perspective on the Interpretation of Contracts" international conference, McGill University.

2014 Lecture: "Civil Regulation of Religious Marriage from the Perspectives of Pluralism, Human Rights, and Political Compromise", Princeton University.

2014 Lecture: "Pluralist Vision of Marriage", University of Pennsylvania Law School Workshop.

2014 Public Lecture: "The Struggle for Equality in Divorce Jewish Law", University of Pennsylvania Law School.

2014 Lecture: "The Institutional Aspect: State Solutions and Non-State Solutions to the Plight of Mesoravot Get", The Second Agunah Summit, Bar-Ilan University.

2013 Lectures about Contracts Law, Family Law, Inheritance Law and Jewish Law, advanced Studies for judges, advanced studies for lawyers, annual conference of the Israel Bar and the Commercial Law Center, Bar-Ilan University Law School.

2012 Lecture: "Pluralistic Attitude to Marriage", International Conference on "Critical Reflections on Legal Pluralism in the State and Beyond", in cooperation between Bar-Ilan University and York University, Canada

2012 Lecture: "Static and Dynamic Attitude to Real Estates' Sale Contracts", Seminar in Ono Academic College

2012 Lecture: "Family Contract", International Conference on Special Contracts, Netanya Academic College

2011 Lecture: "Multiculturalism as a Remedy for the Religion and State Relations in Israel", Departmental Seminar, Politics and Governance Department, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

2011 Lecture: "Political-Liberal Multiculturalism as a Remedy for the Religion and State Relations in Israel", Visiting Lecturer, Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University, New York

2011 Lecture: "Deviation of Human Capital", Seminar for Legal Assistants

2011 Lecture: "The Interface between Inheritance Law and Family Law", Institute of Legal Research

2011 Lecture: "Who is a Jew as a Question of Human Rights", Conference on Nation and Religion Degree, Israel Democracy Institute

2011 Lecture: "Contract Interpretation Following the Contracts Law Amendment", Seminar in Sha'arei Mishpat College

2011 Lecture: "Prevention of Contract due to Security Considerations", Seminar for Senior Security Officials, The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2011 Lecture: "The Pluralist Vision of Marriage", International Conference, Columbia University

2011 Lecture: "Behind the Veil of Legal Uncertainty", the Israeli Law and Society Association (together with an associate writer)

2010 Lecture: "The Liberal Transformation of Marriage Law- History and Future", International Conference on Family Law, Tel Aviv University Law School

2010 Lecture: "The Discourse of Obligations and the Possibility of a Liberal-Communitarian Dialogue", Conference on Human Rights and Obligations in a Jewish and Democratic State, the Israeli Institute for Democracy

2010 Lecture: "Dividing Human Capital- Compensation for Earning Losses and Post-Divorce Alimony", the Institute for Advanced Studies for Judges

2010 Lecture: "The Bi-national State and Multi-Cultural Thought", International Seminar on the Bi-national State, the Israeli Institute for Democracy

2010 Lecture: "The Relationship between Spousal Property Law and Inheritance Law", Conference on Marital Property, Ramat Gan College

2010 Lecture: "The Relationship between Family and Finance", Seminar for Research Fellows, the Israeli Institute for Private Law

2010 Lecture: "Unjust Enrichment and the Family and Long-Term Contracts", the Institute of Advance Studies for Judges

2010 Lecture: "Division of Human Capital and Pension Rights from Theory to Practice", the Institute of Advances Studies for Lawyers

2010 Lecture: "The Amendment to Property Relations Law", the Annual Conference of Israeli Judges

2010 Lecture: "Spousal Property Relations and the Scope of the Inheritance", the Institute for Advanced Studies for Lawyers

2010 Lecture: "Sharing Debts and Dividing Pension", The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2010 Lecture: "The 'Emmanuel' Case in Light of Multi-cultural Discourse", The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2010 Lecture: "Application of Unjust Enrichment Laws within Labor Law", Seminar of the Israeli Institute of Labor Law

2010 Lecture: "Pension Division between Spouses", Seminar of the Institute of Advanced Studies for Lawyers, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2010 Lecture: "The Effects of Family Law on Inheritance Law", Annual Conference of the Israeli Bar Association, Eilat

2010 Lecture: "Fault and Good Faith within Contract Law and Family Law", International Conference of Contract Law, Haifa University Law School

2010 Lecture: "Contract Law and Family Law", Annual Conference of Family Law, Haifa University Law School

2010 Lecture: "Mediation-Produced Contracts", Academic Conference on Mediation, the Department for Dispute Settling, Bar-Ilan University

2010 Lecture: "Civil Regulation of Religious Marriage", International Conference on Family Law, Bratislava, Czech Republic

2010 Lecture: "Contractual Disclosure Duty" educational program on legal aspects of the financial crises

2010 Lectures: "The Long-Term Contract" and "The Family Contract", Advanced Studies Program Conducted by the Israeli Bar Association Association on the Issue of Contract Law

2010 Lectures: "Capital Relations Law Amendment and Human Capital, Seminars for Lawyers, The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University

2010 Lecture: "Contractual Interpretation", the Institute of Advanced Studies for Judges

2009 Co-lecturer with Dr. Yuval Feldman: "Law Authenticity and Uncertainty", International Educational Program, Haifa University

2009 Lectures to the family court judges on "Marital Property Relations Law Amendment and the Distribution of Human Capital

2009 Lecture: "Pluralist Regulation of Spousal Relations", the Annual Conference of the World Association of Family Law

2009 Lecture: "The Capital Relations Law Amendment", the Private Law Workshop, Hebrew University Law School

2009 Lecture: "Equality in Divorce and Autonomy in Religious Matrimony", Hebrew Law Workshop, Hebrew University Law School

2009 Lecture: "A Liberal Analysis of Cohabitation Law", Boston Collage Law School

2009 Lecture: "A Pluralist regulation of the Spousal Relationship", Law Faculty Workshop, Inter-Disciplinary Center, Herzliya

2009 Lecture: "Marital Property Relationship", the Forum for Cooperation between the Supreme Court and Israeli Legal Academia

2009 Lecture: "Equality, Autonomy and Divorce Law in Jewish Law", Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, Cardozo Law School

2009 Lecture: "Who are the Lawful Heirs?" The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2009 Lecture: "Long -Term Contracts", Private Law Workshop for Israeli Judges.

2009 Lecture: "Division of Human Capital", the Annual Conference of Family Law for Lawyers

2009 Lecture: "The Financial Responsibility between Spouses Following Divorce", the Annual Conference of the Israeli Bar Association
2008 Lecture: "A Liberal Analysis of Cohabitation Laws", International Conference of Family Law, Vienna

2008 Lecture: "Property Relations Law Amendment", the Annual Conference of Rackman Center

2008 Lecture: "Pluralistic Regulation of the Spousal Relationship", Hebrew University Law Faculty Workshop

2008 Lecture: "Married against Their Will"? International conference of Family Law, Austria

2008 Lecture: "An Outside Perspective on the American Same-Sex Debate", at BYU Law School

2008 Lecture: "Freedom from Marriage", Marriage and Constitution Conference, Bar-Ilan University

2008 Lecture: "Human Capital as Marital Property", the Annual Assembly of Israeli Family Law Lawyers

2008 Lecture: "Toward Family Perspective on Marital Property Relationship", Haifa University Law School

2008 Lecture: "Family Law in the Civil Era", Conference Marking 60 Years of Israeli Law, the Inter-Disciplinary Center

2007 Lecture: "Distress Exploitation Contracts in the Shadow of the No duty of Rescue", Cardozo Law School Workshop

2007 Lecture: "Same Sex couples and the Law - a Comparative Perspective", Cardozo Law School

2007 Lecture: "Oppressive Contracts: a Jewish Law perspective", Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, Cardozo Law School

2006 Lecture: "Married Against their Will? Toward a Pluralistic Theory of Cohabitation Law", Hauser Global Law School Program, New York University Law School

2006 Lecture: "Civil Marriage and the Halakha - Myth and Reality," Hoffman Memorial Annual Lecture, New York City

2006 Lecture: "Civil Revolution in Israeli Family Law", Conference Honoring Professor Barak, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2005 Lecture: "I Want to Get Divorced Now!", Bar-Ilan University Law School Workshop

2005 Lecture: "Earning Capacity as a Marital Property," Annual Family Law Conference, Israeli Bar Association

2005 Lecture: "The Banking Contract as an Adhesion Contract", Netanya College Law School

2005 Lecture: "Inheritance Rights of Cohabitants in the Civil Codification", Symposium on the New Israeli Civil Code, the Interdisciplinary Center

2005 Lecture: "Relational Contract", Researchers Assembly, The Faculties of Law, Bar-Ilan and Tel-Aviv Universities

2005 Lecture: "Long Term Contract", Ministry of Justice Attorneys Advanced Studies Institute.

2005 Lecture: "The Economic Relationship between Cohabitants and Civil Marriage", Haifa University

2005 Participant in Faculty Study Group on Equality, New York University Law School

2005 Lectures about Family Law for Family Court Judges, the Institute of Advanced Studies for Judges

2005 Lectures about Family Law and Contract Law, Lawyers Advanced Studies Institute

2005 Lectures about Family Law and Contract Law, The Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University Law School

2004 Lecture: "Economic Relationship between Spouses," Hebrew University Law School Workshop

2004 Lecture: "Family Law", Delivered to Family Court Judges at the Institute of Advanced Studies for Judges

2004 Lecture: "Equality in Marriage, the Right to Divorce, and the Autonomy of Communities", Evening Honoring Professor Elimeleh Wastraih, Tel-Aviv University

2004 Lecture: "The Theory of Divorce Law", Annual Conference of Family Law Research, Haifa University

2004 Lecture: "Toward Civil Alimony Law," the Annual Conference of the Israeli Bar Association, Eilat

2003 Lecture: "Secular Regulation of Spousal Relationships," delivered at Hebrew University Law School Workshop

2003 Lecture: "Married against Their Will?" Bar-Ilan University Law School Workshop

2003 Lecture: "Equality and Spousal Relationships," The Annual Conference, Haifa University

2003 Lecture: "Contracts and Family Law," the Center for Commercial Law, Bar-Ilan University.

2003 Lecture: "Contracts and Family Law", delivered at the Tel Aviv Center of Advanced Studies for Lawyers.

2003 Lecture: "The Unresolved Conflict between Individualism and Gender Equality", International Conference on "Paradoxes in Law", Frankfurt, Germany.

SUPERVISION ON RESEARCH STUDENTS':

Supervision of LL.M. candidates: Keren Legaziel, Ilanit Shabat and Hezi Margalit

Supervision of Ph.D. candidates: Elad Finkelstein, Shai Segev, Hezi Margalit, Osnat Ya'akobi, Orit Greinman, Ram Rivlin, Adva Blau and Yael Ahiman.

REFREE OF ACADEMIC PROJECTS/ARTICLES/BOOKS

Referee for a Doctoral Thesis and a Member of Doctoral Committees at Hebrew University, Bar-Ilan University and Tel-Aviv University

Referee for Articles in Law Periodicals in Israel and Abroad: Hebrew University Law Review, Law Studies, Tel-Aviv University Law Review, Law and Governance, Democratic Culture, Law and Policy, International Journal of Constitutional Law