

Joseph Isaac Lifshitz

Higher Education

2002-2007	Ph.D., Philosophy Department, Tel Aviv University Dissertation: "The Political Theory of the Maharam of Rothenberg"
1989-2002	M.A. in Jewish History and Jewish Philosophy, Touro College Dissertation: "The Development of the Political Theory in Aschkenaz in the Middle Ages"
1985	Rabbinic Ordination
1982-1985	B.A. in History and Philosophy, Open University
1976-1984	Yeshiva Studies, Hebron Yeshiva

Career

2010-2011	Instructor, Michlala for Women (Jerusalem)
2007-2012	Senior Fellow, Shalem Center
2004-2005	Instructor, The Debate Over Rights: Between Law and Ethical Life, Tel Aviv University
2002-2005	Instructor, Jewish Psychology Program, Tel Aviv University
1998-2007	Associat fellow, Shalem Centar
1987-Present	Instructor, R' Yitzhak Yechiel Yeshiva
1985-1987	Instructor, Yeshivat Darchei Noam

Awards and Fellowships

2009-2010	The Tikvah Project, Princeton University
2008-2009	The Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University
2008-2009	Jewish Political Theory, Beit Morasha
2004-2009	Political Theology, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Courses Taught

2004, 2005	Rights Talk: Between Law and Ethical Life (Tel Aviv University)
2002-2005	Agada (Tel Aviv University)

Selected Academic Conferences and Presentations

- 2012 "Welfare, Community and a Jewish State," The Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem
- 2011 "Does Sin Signify the Distance between Man and God?," After Sin, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
- 2011 The Project for New Philanthropy Studies, Indianapolis
- 2011 "On Jewish Economic Thought," Acton University, Grand Rapids
- 2010 "The Corporealists and the Dialectic of the Perception of God," Annual Conference of the British Association for Jewish Studies, University of Southampton (UK)
- 2010 "Jewish Travellers on the Rhine in the 12th-13th Centuries," International Medieval Congress (Leeds, UK)
- 2010 "'Father of Compassion' Prayer: Revenge as Theological Polemic," Death, Burial and Mourning Liturgy in the Ashkenazi Communities from the Early Medieval Period until the Early Modern Period, Tel Aviv University (Tel Aviv)
- 2009 "War and Aesthetics in Jewish Law," War and Peace, Beit Morasha and Ariel College (Jerusalem)
- 2009 "The Controversy over Corporealism and the Theological Dialectic," International Medieval Congress (Leeds, UK)
- 2009 "The Revival of the Ideas of Medieval Ashkenaz in the 15th Century Political Thought of R. Yisrael Iserlin," Haifa University, Hebraic Aspects of the Renaissance
- 2008 "Nature, God, and the Law: The Jewish Medieval Scholars," International Medieval Congress (Leeds, UK)
- 2008 "Piyut of Maharam," Jewish Liturgy (Groningen, Holland)
- 2007 "Spontaneous Order in the Jewish Political Theory," Political Hebraism: Jewish Sources in the History of Political Thought (Jerusalem)
- 2006 "Halacha and Ideology, Internal and External Perspective," Halacha and Ideology, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (Jerusalem)
- 2006 "The Political Theory of the Maharam of Rothenberg," Political Hebraism: Jewish Sources in the History of Political Thought (Jerusalem)
- 2006 "The Political Theory of the German Pietists," International Medieval Congress (Leeds, UK)
- 2006 "Economy and Religion," Bar-Ilan University

- 2006 "Phenomenology and Halacha," Torah Umada, YU (Jerusalem)
- 2005 Torah Umada, Bar-Ilan University

List of Publications – Refereed

Books

1. Free Market and Jewish Law (Acton Institute, forthcoming).
2. R. Meir of Rothenberg and the Foundations of Jewish Political Thought (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

Articles

1. Joseph Isaac Lifshitz, Andreas Buchs, and David Gillis, "Usage of the Insulin Pump for Diabetics on Sabbath," ASSIA – A Journal of Jewish Ethics and Halacha (forthcoming). [Hebrew]
2. "The Place of Developmental Self-Ordering in Judaism," Journal of Markets and Morality 13 (Spring 2010), pp. 189-204.
3. "Les sources transcendantes de la Halakha," Pardès 47-48 (2010), pp. 15-32.
4. "Ovanta D'Liba and Infinity: On the Tension between the Subjective and Objective Perception of God," Da'at 62 (2008), pp. 27-50. [Hebrew]
5. "Welfare, Property, and Charity in Jewish Thought," Society 44 (2) (January-February 2007), pp. 71-78.
6. "The Political Theology of Maharam of Rothenberg," Hebraic Political Studies 1 (4) (Summer 2006), pp. 383-412.

Book Chapters

1. "Essentialist Influences on the Halakha," Ideologies and World Views in the Halachic Discourse, Avinoam Roznaek and Dafna Schreiber, eds. (Jerusalem: Magnes, forthcoming). [Hebrew]
2. "Maharam of Rothenberg and the Unrealized Redemption," Prisoners and Imprisonment, Merav Mack, ed. (Jerusalem: Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, forthcoming). [Hebrew]
3. "War and Aesthetics in Jewish Law," War and Peace in Jewish Tradition: From the Ancient World to Present, Yigal Levin and Amnon Shapira, eds. (London and New York: Routledge, 2012), pp. 103-115.
4. "The Community as a United Body: The Definition of the Community according to Maharam of Rothenburg," The Jewish Political Tradition throughout the Ages: In Memory of Daniel J. Elazar, Moshe Hellinger, ed. (Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, 2010). [Hebrew]

5. "Welfare, Property and the Divine Image in Jewish Law and Thought," Markets, Morals and Religion, Jonathan B. Imber, ed. (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2008), pp. 117-129.

Other Publications

Books

1. Raz D'Shabbat (Jerusalem: Sadnat Enosh Publishing House, 1999). Second edition published with Shalem Press, 2010. [Hebrew]

Book Chapters

1. "Welfare in Talmudic Law," Through Justice I will See Your Face – Between Support and Growth, Chayuta Deutsch, Elyakim Kislev and Benjamin Lau, eds., Jerusalem: Miskal – Yediot Ahronoth Books and Chemed Books, 2010, pp. 102-132. [Hebrew]
2. "Justice and Charity, the Individual and Whole," On the Economy and on the Sustenance, Itamar Brenner and Aharon Ariel Levi, eds. (Jerusalem: Beit Reuven Mass Publishing, 2009), pp. 311-322. [Hebrew]

Edited Books

1. Eliezer Berkovits, God, Man and History (Jerusalem: Shalem Press, 2009). [Hebrew]
2. Eliezer Berkovits, Essential Essays on Judaism (Jerusalem: Shalem Press, 2004). [Hebrew and English]

Articles

1. "On Neophytism," Tchelet 47 (Winter 2012), pp. 9-30. [Hebrew]
2. "Transformation in the Status of the Halakha and Its Psika in the Ultra-Orthodox Realm," Akdamoto 27 (2012), pp. 21-30. [Hebrew]
3. "The Special Names," Hakira 9 (Winter 2010), pp. 5-17. [Hebrew]
4. "Far Away, So Close," Azure 31 (Winter 2008), pp. 49-80.
5. "Theology of *Dveikut*," Tchelet 30 (2008), pp. 19-44. [Hebrew]
6. "Listening to the Joy and the Prayer," Akdamoto 21 (Summer 2008), pp. 7-28. [Hebrew]
7. "Defining Divinity Down," Azure 20 (Spring 2005), pp. 129-133.
8. "Unjustified Anthropomorphism," Tchelet 19 (Spring 2005), pp. 139-144. [Hebrew]
9. "Foundations of a Jewish Economic Theory," Azure 18 (Autumn 2004), pp. 34-66.

10. "On Judaism and Economics," Tchelet 17 (Summer 2004), pp. 63-89. [Hebrew]
11. "Creation, Creativity and the Sabbath," Tchelet 10 (Winter 2001), pp. 120-147. [Hebrew]
12. "Secret of the Sabbath," Azure 10 (Winter 2001), pp. 35-66.
13. "The Sabbath as a Dialogue between Man and His Maker," The Seventh Day, Mirik Gerzi, and Barry Zimmermann, eds., Shitim: **The Kibbutz Institute for Holidays and Jewish Culture and Yediot Books, 2001**, pp. 138-148. [Hebrew]
- 12a. "Between Authority and Autonomy," Azure 7 (Spring 1999), pp. 172-175.
- 12b. "Between Authority and Autonomy," Tchelet 7 (Spring 1999), pp. 124-127. [Hebrew]