

From the Program Chairs

We urge you to participate in this small invitational conference on the field of Jewish Bioethics. The program has been designed to enable us to reflect as a group on the field of Jewish Bioethics -- where it stands at present, and how it should move forward. Each of the speakers has undertaken to address this second-order, reflective focus. Even when the starting point (as expressed in the title) is a more specific issue, it will serve to illustrate insights about the field's resources and challenges.

The presentations will be made by some of the leading scholars in contemporary Jewish Bioethics, but their main purpose is to facilitate vigorous discussion among all participants. To that end, each session (except the first) will be comprised of a 30-minute presentation and 45 minutes for discussion. Also, we have left ample space between sessions for informal interaction.

Adrienne Asch
Noam Zohar

Sunday, April 26:

12:45-13:45: Lunch
14:00-15:30: Session 1: Elliot Dorff, *Jewish Bioethics, Past and Future*. Response by David Teutsch.
15:30-16:00: Snack break
16:00-17:15: Session 2: Deena Zimmerman, *Halachic Infertility - A Uniquely Jewish Bioethics Dilemma*.
17:45-19:00: Dinner
19:15-20:30: Session 3: Aaron Mackler, *Theology and Jewish Bioethics: In the Image of God*.

Monday, April 27:

7:30-8:30: Breakfast
8:45-10:00: Session 4: Yuval Cherlow, *Procreative Limitations and Surrogacy Contracts: What Role Should Judaism Play in the Debate?*
10:00-10:15: Break
10:15-11:30: Session 5: Laurie Zoloth, *Who Says Yes: Uncertainty in Research Ethics, Uncertainty in Jewish Texts*
11:30-12:00: Snack
12:00-13:15: Session 6: Jonathan Cohen, *Priorities in Healthcare: Between Ethics and Halakhah*.
13:15-15:00: Lunch and Closing Discussion

Registration

Name _____ Institution and Title _____
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Conference Fee includes overnight accommodations and all meals (indicate preference):
_____ \$145 per person single occupancy _____ \$115 per person double occupancy

Please respond by March 15, 2009 to lesharzer@jtsa.edu to hold your place

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If there is room, it may be possible to register for the Sunday program only at a cost of \$75 per person.

If you wish to attend the Sunday program only please send your request including your name by email to lesharzer@jtsa.edu by March 15, 2009. You will be notified by March 20, 2009 whether we will be able to accommodate your request. Do not send any money until you have been notified that there is space available.