

Ruth Gavison

Academic Appointments

From 1969, teaching appointments, Faculty of Law, HU

1978-1980: Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Yale Law School

from 1984: Incumbent, Haim H. Cohn Chair for Human Rights, HU

from 1990: Full Professor, Faculty of Law, HU

1990-1991: Visiting Professor of Law, USC, LA.

1998-99: Fellow, Center for Human Values, Princeton University

Teaching Areas:

Philosophy of law, Human Rights, Law and Morals, Law and Society, State and Religion; Law, Democracy and Civil Society (with Professor S.N. Eisenstadt); Law and...; Democracy and Human Rights in Israel; The Law of Return and the 'Right' of Return; Processes of Constitution-Making; Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State?

Other Activities:

Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI):

1976-78, 1982-84, 1986-87, 1992-94: Chairperson.

1996-99: President.

Minerva Center of Human Rights, HU:

1993-1998, 2001-2003: Chair, Academic Committee

1993-1998: Member, Executive board

1993-1998, 2001-present: Member, academic committee

Since 1983: Member, Israel Association of Parliamentarism

1983-1990, 2003-2008: Fellow, the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem

1993-1998: Member, Executive Board, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies

Since 1994: Member, academic committee, Mishkenot Shaananim

1997-2007: Member, International Commission of Jurists

- 1997-2003: Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute
- 2001-2007: Member of the Presidium of Yahad Council (Secular-religious council)
- 1999-2001: IDI, head, a Jewish-Arab dialogue group (proceedings of meetings online in IDI site)
- 1999-2002: (together with Rav. Y. Medan), work towards a new understanding between secular and religious Jews in Israel.
- 2000-2002: IDI, head, a working group on social and economic tensions in Israel
- 2002: Chair, working group on Jewish identities, Posen Center, Bar-Ilan University

March 2005-Feb 2006: Senior Consultant to the constitutional process in the Knesset.

Metzilah, center for Jewish, Zionist, Liberal and Humanist Thought

- 2005-2008: Chairperson of the board
- 2008-present: Founding President

Public committees:

- 1976: Member, The Kahan Committee on Privacy (generated Israel's law of privacy 1981).
- 1983: Member, committee on the privacy of information in governmental databanks (chair: H. Klugman). (generated an amendment to the privacy law).
- 1987-1990: Member, a public committee on orthodoxsecular relationships in Israel.
- 1994-1997: Member, National Committee for Scientific and Technological Infrastructure.
- 1996-1997: Member, Zadok committee on press laws
- 1997-1998: Member, Shamgar Committee on the Appointment of the Attorney-General and Related Issues.
- Dec 2003-Jan 2004: Member, Bach Committee to appoint the AG
- Sep 2006-Jan 2008: Member, Winograd Commission to investigate the 2nd Lebanon War

Media

Since 1983, a frequent and regular contributor to the national press and the electronic media on issues of law, human rights, democracy and Israeli society.

Prizes and Awards

- 1997: Zeltner Prize for Legal Research.
- 1999: (with ACRI) The Bar Association Prize
- 2000: Recognition by the Right to Know Association
- 2001: HU rector prize for research and teaching
- 2001: Avi-Hai prize for the New Covenant Between Secular and religious Jews (with R. Medan).
- 2002: The Jerusalem Toleration Award.
- 2002: Toleration Association Award (with R. Medan)
- 2003: E.M.E.T prize in Law
- 2003: Honorary Doctorate, Jewish Theological Seminary
- 2009: Honorary Doctorate, Bar Ilan University
- 2009: Cheshin Prize for Excellence in Legal Research

Academic Publications

Books:

1. Discretion in Law Enforcement: The Power of the Attorney General to Stay Criminal Proceedings, Jerusalem 1991 (Heb)
2. Human Rights in Israel, Broadcast University, 1995 (Heb). (TLV)
3. The Constitutional revolution: A reality or a Self-Fulfilling Prophecy? 1998 (Heb). (Jerusalem)
4. Israel: A Jewish and Democratic State, Van Leer and Hakibutz Hameuhad, 1999 (Heb).
5. (with Issam Abu Riyya), The Jewish-Arab Rift in Israel 1999 (IDI, Heb)
6. (With M. Kremnitzer and Y. Dotan), Judicial Activism For and Against: The Role of The Supreme Court in Israeli Society Magnes Press 2000 (Heb)
7. (With R. Y. Medan), **Foundations to A New Covenant on State and Religion Issues in Israel**, Hebrew, 2003. (Hebrew and English short versions available at <http://www.gavison-medan.org.il>) (Jerusalem)
8. Constitutional protection of Human Rights, forthcoming 2011 (Heb)

Books Edited

1. Civil Rights in Israel: Essays in Honour of H.H.Cohn ACRI, Jerusalem, 1982 (Heb)
2. Issues in Contemporary Legal Philosophy: The Influence of H.L.A. Hart Oxford 1986
3. (with M. Kremnitzer) Eighth to Shimon Agranat Jerusalem 1986 (Heb)
4. The Freedom to Believe: Essays in Memory of Chamman P. Shelach ACRI and Poalim Library, 1990 (Heb)
5. Human Rights in Israel: A Reader (3 vols) (1991-92) (Heb)
6. (with Daphna Hacker), The Jewish-Arab Rift in Israel: A Reader (IDI, 2000) (in Hebrew)(Jerusalem)
7. Haim H. Cohn: Being Jewish: Culture, Law, Religion, State, (Hebrew) (Kinneret, Zmora, Bitan, 2006)
8. 60 Years to the 29th November 1947 Partition Resolution: Sources and Essays, Metzilah, 2009

Articles (major works are marked by *)

1. 'Offences of Moral Turpitude and Disqualification for Public Office', 1 Mishpatim 1968 176-182 (Heb)
2. 'The Pardon Act, 1967: A Further Note', 2 Mishpatim 1969 218-220 (Heb)
3. 'The Duty of the High Court of Justice (HCJ) to Give Reasoned Decisions', 2 Mishpatim 1970 84-95 (Heb)
4. 'The Relationships between written and unwritten sources of law', **Israeli reports to the 8th international congress of comparative law** (1971) 36-53.
5. 'Section 15 of the Commissions of Enquiry Act and Judicial Review', 6 Mishpatim 1976 548-561 (Heb).
6. Comparative Analysis of Privacy Laws in Various Countries, The Kahan Report on Privacy 1976 8-22, 33-36 (Heb).
7. Should We Have a general Right to privacy in Israel? 12 **Isr.L.Rev.** 155-171 (1977)
- *8. 'The Enforcement of Morals and the Status of the Principle of Liberty', 27 Iyun 274294 (197677); published also as Thought, Language and Society: Essays in Memory of Y. Bar Hillel (Magnes 1977), 274294 (Heb).
9. 'Enforcement of Morals, Breach of Promise to Marry and the Duty to Give Reasoned Decisions', 8 Mishpatim 1978 282-301 (Heb).
10. The Minimal Area of privacy Protection – Israel, in **Israeli reports to the 10th international**

congress of comparative law, 176-206 (1978)

- *11. 'Aspects of the Enforcement of Morals in Modern Society: A Response to Professor Shellef', *Iyyun* 28 1978 282-301 (Heb).
- 12. 'Liberty vs. Equality in Education', in S. Goldstein (ed.) **Equality, Education and the Law**, Van Leer 1980, 191-202.
- 13. 'Privacy and Computerized Systems', 1 **Information Privacy** 270-272 (1979)
- 14. (with A Margalit and Edna Ullman-Margalit), "Causal Over-determination: Resolution of a Puzzle", 37 **Philosophical Studies** 381-390 (1980)
- 15. "M.R. Cohen: An Introductory Note", 16 **Isr.L.Rev.** 273-281 (1981)
- 16. Introduction to the Hebrew edition of HLA Hart's Law, Liberty and Morality, 1981, 9-21. (Heb).
- *17. 'Privacy and the Limits of Law', 89 Yale L.J. 421471 (1980); reprinted in F.D. Schoeman (ed), Philosophical Dimensions of Privacy: An Anthology, Cambridge U.P. 1984, 346402.
- *18. Introduction, Civil Rights in Israel: Essays in Honour of H.H. Cohn (ed. R. Gavison), ACRI Jerusalem 1982, 946 (Heb).
- *19. 'Prohibition of Privacy Invading Publications: The Right to Privacy and the Public's Right to Know', Civil Rights in Israel, 177240 (Heb).
- *20. 'Natural Law, Positivism and the Limits of Jurisprudence A Modern Round' (Book Review of Raz's The Authority of Law and Finnis's Natural Law and Natural Rights), 91 Yale L.J. 12501285 (1982).
- *21. 'Information Control: Availability and Exclusion', ch. 5 in Public and Private in Social Life (eds S.I. Benn and G.F. Gaus) Croom Helm 1983, 113134.
- 22. A Tribute to Ch. Perelman, 19 **Isr.L.Rev.** 5-9 (1984)
- *23. 'Abolition of the Mejjelle: Custom and the Fiqe Principles', 14 Mishpatim 325366 (1985)(Heb).
- *24. 'The Controversy over Israel's Bill of Rights', 15 I.Y.H.R. 113154 (1985).
- 25. 'Human Rights and Democracy', Skira Hodshit 1985, 10, reprinted in Gavison and Schneider (eds.), Human Rights in Israel – A Reader, vol. 1 pp. 25-34 (Hebrew).
- *26. '20 Years to the Yardor Decision The Right to Be Elected and the Lessons of History', Eighty to Shimon Agranat (eds. Gavison and Kremnitzer) Jerusalem 1986, 145213 (Heb)
- *27. 'Custom in Law Enforcement : The Power of the Attorney General to Stay Criminal Proceedings', 21 Isr.L.Rev. 333357 (1986).
- 28. Introduction to Gavison (ed.) **Issues in Contemporary Legal Philosophy: The Influence of H.L.A. Hart**, (OUP 1987) 1-5.
- 29. 'The Nature of Legal Theory – A Comment on Dworkin', in 28 *supra*, pp. 21-34.

30. 'Privacy', in **Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought**, Blackwell 1987, 400-401.
31. 'Freedom of Expression, State Security, and Nuclear Capacity', Proceedings of an International Conference on Freedom of Expression and State Security, 1989.
- *32. 'The Implications of Jurisprudential Theories for Judicial Election, Selection and Accountability', 61 U.S.C.L.Rev. 2701 2746 (1988).
33. '40 Years to Israel's Constitutional Law', 1990 *Mishpatim* (Heb); 1991 *Isr.L.Rev.*
34. *Law and Politics: A Programmatic Analysis*, Van Leer, 1990
35. Introduction, Gavison (ed.) The Right to Believe, 1990, 7-22. (Heb)
36. 'The Right to a Hearing, Equality and the AG', (1990) *Iyyunei Mishpat* (Heb)
- *37. 'Legal Theory and the Role of Rules', 14 Harvard J. Law and Public Policy, 727-770 (1991)
- *38. 'Too Early for a Requiem: Warren and Brandeis Were Right about Privacy vs. Free Speech', 43 S. Carolina L.Rev. 437-471 (1992).
- *39. 'Feminism and the Private-Public Distinction', 45 Stan.L.Rev. 1-45 (1992).
- *40. 'State and religion: Separation and Privatization', 2 Mishpat u-Mimshal, 55-96 (Heb) 1993
- *41. "A Jewish and Democratic State - Political Identity, Ideology and Law", Iyunei Mishpat 19, 1995, 631-682 (Hebrew).
- *42. "Legal Systems and Public Attitudes During Negotiations Towards Transitions from Conflict to Reconciliation: The Middle East, 1992-1994", in Eugene Cotran and Chibli Mallat (eds.) The Arab-Israeli Accords: Legal Perspectives, Kluwer Law International, 1996, ch. 2, pp. 21-44.
- *43. "The Attorney General: A Critical Look at Some New Trends", 5 Plilim 1996, 27-120 (Hebrew).
- *44. "(Public) Law and (Private?) Religion", in John Tasioulas (ed), Laws, Values and Social Practices, Dartmouth, 165-190 1997
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52. “Does Equality Require Integration? The Jaffa School Case” a policy paper, The Center of Study of Arab Society, Beit Berl 1999 (in Hebrew)
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- *60. “What Belongs in a Constitution?” in Stefan Voigt and Hans Wagener (eds.), Constitutions, Markets and the Law, Elgar, Cheltenham, 2002, 1-25. A slightly abridged version appeared in 13 *CPE (Constitutional Political Economy)* 2002, 89-105.
- *61. “The Relationships between Civil and Political and Social and Economic Rights”, in Coicaud et al (eds.) Globalization of Human Rights, UNU Press 2003, 23-55.
a modified version is published in Hebrew: Rabin and Shani (eds.) Social, Economic and Cultural Rights in Israel, 2004
- *62. (With Eitan Levontin), “On the (non) Bindingness of the opinions of the Attorney-General, in A. Barak (ed.) 2003, Book in honor of M. Shamgar, Vol. 1, 221-286. (Heb)
- *63. ‘The Jewish State: Legitimacy and Character’ (Hebrew), *Tchelet* 13, 2002, 50-88; ‘The Jews’ Right to Statehood’, 15 Azure (2003) English, 70-108.
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66. 'The Significance of Israel in Modern Jewish Identities’, in Ben Rephael and others (eds.) Contemporary Jewries: Convergence and Divergence, Brill, 2003, 118-129. In Hebrew: In Bareli (ed)

Iyunim Bitkumat Yisrael, 2003

67. "Implications of the Jewishness of the State to Immigration", 2003, Heb, 27 *Meimad*, 4-7
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- *69. "Meaning and Implications of the Jewishness of Israel", in Ravitzky and Stern (eds.) The Jewishness of Israel, 107-178, IDI 2007 (Hebrew)
- *70. Legislatures and the Phases and Components of Constitutionalism, in Bauman and Kahana (eds.), The Least Examined Branch: The Role of Legislatures in the Constitutional State (Cambridge, Cambridge UP) 2006, 198.
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72. "On the Future of the Relationships between Jews and Arabs in Israel", in Reiter I. (ed), Dilemmas in Jewish-Arab Relations in Israel, (Schoken 2005) 175-189 (Heb).
73. "Can There be a Dialogue between Religious and Secular Jews in Israel? The Contribution of R. David Hayim Halevi, in Book in Memory of H.D. Halevi (N. Zohar and A. Sagi eds.) Hartman, 2005
74. War and the Rule of (International) Law in the 21st century – Lessons from Israel", Democracy and Security 1:119-126 (2006)
- *75. Postscript to the 2nd edition of HLA Hart's Law, Liberty and Morality in Hebrew, 2006, 118-145.
- *76. **Where there is no vision, The People Cast off Restraint: A meta-purpose for Israel and Its Implications**, (Hebrew), The Neaman Institute, Haifa, 2006; translated into the English: 2007
- *77. "Law, Adjudication, Human Rights and Society", 40 *Isr.L.Rev.* (2007) 31-55.
- *78. "Days of Worship and Days of Rest: The Case of Israel", in Brugger W. and M. Karayanni (eds.) Religion in the Public Sphere: A Comparative Analysis of German, Israeli, American and International Law, Springer 2007, pp. 379-414.
79. Five questions in Legal Philosophy: Personal Interview
80. With Nahshon Perez, Days of Rest in Multicultural Societies: Private, Public, Separate? In Cane Peter, Carolyn Evans and Zoe Robinson (eds.), **Constituting Religion: Law, Society and Faith in the 21st Century** (2008).
81. Immigration Policy and the Human Rights Discourse, forthcoming in 2010 *Isr.L.Rev.*
82. Taking States Seriously: an Essay in honor of M. Walzer, forthcoming in benbaji et al (eds.) **Reading Walzer** (2010)

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Book Reviews

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2. R. Samek, The legal Point of View, 1978 28 *Iyun*, 77-84 (Heb)
3. R. Dworkin's taking Rights Seriously, 13 *Isr.L.Rev.* 389-397 (1979)
4. M. Negbi's Justice Under Occupation, 17 *Isr.L.Rev.* 234-237 (1982)
- *5. 'Importance in Philosophy: The Work of J.S. Mill' (book review of 2 books), 34 *Iyun*, 96-111 (1985)
6. Stewart (ed.), Law, Morality and Rights, 20 *Isr.L.Rev.* 107-108 (1985)
7. Detmold's The Unity of Law and Morality: A Refutation of legal Positivism, 21 *Isr.L.Rev.* 113-117 (1986)
8. White's Grounds of Liability: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law, 21 *Isr.L.Rev.* 220-224 (1986)
9. J. Sklar's legalism, 8 *History of European ideas*, 771-773 (1987)
10. Dworkin's A Matter of Principle, 22 *Isr.L.Rev.*
11. Brian Bix's Law, language and Interpretation, *Isr.L.Rev.* 1994
12. Eliezer Ben Refael, Jewish Identitites, *Israeli Sociology* (2002) Heb
13. "The Hollow Hope" 2nd edition (Heb) *Maasei Mishpat* 2, 2009