
International News

The Aaron Kirschenbaum International Prize in Jewish Law

Under the leadership of Dean Lior Zemer, and Dean Melanie Leslie, this past November, [The Harry Radzyner School of Law at Reichman University](#) in Israel and Cardozo School of Law established a bi-annual prize in Jewish Law in honor of Professor Aaron Kirschenbaum.

Professor Aaron Kirschenbaum was a prominent scholar and beloved teacher of Jewish Law, first as a faculty member of the Tel-Aviv University Law School, where he taught and headed the field of Jewish Law from 1970 to 1995, and subsequently at Reichman University (previously the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya).

Born in Brooklyn to a family of immigrants, Kirschenbaum studied both in university settings and at the famous “Yeshivat Torah va-Daat” before acquiring two Ph.Ds, one in Roman Law and the other in Jewish Law. He moved to Israel and became one of the formative scholars in establishing the field of Jewish Law at Israeli universities.

This year’s first prize was awarded in Israel to Cardozo JD alumna Rachel Furst and Sophia Schmitt for their article: [“The Right to Light: Jews, Christians, and Shared Legal Practices in Medieval Ashkenaz”](#) published in the Jewish Studies Quarterly.

The second prize will be awarded in New York in 2027, and will continue to be awarded alternately every two years. The prize is awarded to an early career scholar for an article written in Hebrew or English in the field of Jewish Law, broadly defined, accepted for publication during the previous three years.

The Kirschenbaum Prize Committee includes professors Ayelet Hoffmann Libson (Bar Ilan University), Benny Porat (Hebrew University), Ronen Kritenshtein (Reichman University) and our very own, Prof. Suzanne Stone.

Congratulations to Rachel and Sophia on this great achievement!



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