

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

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Higher Education

1999–2004 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law, Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)**
1992–1996 **Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) cum laude**

Academic Ranks in Institutes of Higher Education

2010–present	IDC, Herzliya, Radzyner Law School	Associate Professor
2004–2010	IDC, Herzliya, Radzyner Law School	Assistant Professor
2006–2007	University of California at Berkeley The Center for the Study of Law & Society	Visiting Scholar
2006	Haifa University, Faculty of Law	Adjunct Professor
2004	Hebrew University, Faculty of Law	Adjunct Professor

Other Appointments at the IDC

2011–Present	IDC Law Review Editor-in-Chief
2014–Present 2008–2009	Member of the IDC Academic Committee
2011–Present	Member of the Legal Clinics Committee

Teaching

Family Law	2004–2005, 2007–present	2L; Mandatory
Law and Ethics at the Beginning of Life	2004–2005, 2007–2012	Seminar; Elective
Equality and Family Law	2004, 2007–2012	Seminar; Elective
Cultural Representations of Gender and Law (with others)	2010–2012	Seminar
Cultural Representations of Family and Law (with others)	2008–2009, 2014-2016	Seminar
New Families – In Between Modernism and Postmodernism	2004, 2007	Seminar
Women in Law – Theoretical, Legal and Critical Perspectives	2007	Elective

Clinical Programs – Academic Supervision

Assisting Children Victims of Crime – Clinical Program (with others)	2007–2016	Clinical Program Supervision	–
Children and Teenagers at Risk – Clinical Program (with others)	2009–2016	Clinical Program Supervision	–
The Israel Women's Network – Clinical Program (with others)	2011–2016	Clinical Program Supervision	–
Representing Youth in Juvenile Courts – Clinical Program (with others)	2013–Present	Clinical Program Supervision	–
Financial Independence for Women Victims of Violence – Clinical Program (with others)	2011–2012	Clinical Program Supervision	–

Main Research Fields

Family Law: Parents-Children Legal Relationships; Definition of Parenthood

Legal Questions regarding the Beginning of life: The Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART); Pregnancy and Childbearing

Children's and Women's Rights in the Family Context

PUBLICATIONS

Doctorate Dissertation

Title: **The Right of Offspring to Seek Out Their Biological Parents**

Supervisor: Professor Pinhas Shifman (2004)

Articles in Refereed Journals and Chapters in Refereed Books

1. R. Zafran & A. Blecher *'Children Are A Blessing' – Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Parenthood by Same-Sex Couples, in LGBT Rights in Israel (Sacher Institute, Hebrew University) 395-436 (2016).*
2. R. Zafran *The Equal Right To Be A Parent? – Resort to Surrogacy in Israel*
8 Mishpatim Online 1-32 (2015).
3. R. Zafran *Parenthood Rights in Israel: One Hour Per Week at a Connection Center?! 27*
HE'AROT PSIKA (SPOTLIGHT CASELAW) 21–33 (2014).
4. R. Zafran *et al* *A Judge in a Conflicted Society – Between Liberty and Responsibility, An Editorial to the Honorary Volume for Former Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, Ayala Procaccia, 18 IDC Law Review 7-11 (2014).*
5. R. Zafran *Child Welfare Expert Opinions' – Another Reason for Parental Responsibility Law Reform, 36 Tel-Aviv University Law Review 269–315 (2013).*
6. R. Zafran *The "Jurisdiction Race" is Alive and Kicking – Rabbinical Courts Gain Power over Civil Family Courts, 43 MISHPATIM (The HEBREW UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL) 571–630 (2013).*
7. R. Zafran *If It Ain't [Completely] Broke, Don't Fix It: Determining Paternity According to the Genetic Information Law (Amendment no. 3), 2008, 3 HUKIM – THE ISRAELI JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION 191–240 (2011).*
8. R. Zafran *Children's Rights as Relational Rights: The Case of Relocation, 18 AM. U. J. GENDER & SOC., POL'Y & L. 163–217 (2010).*
9. R. Zafran *Children's Rights in the Family As Relational Rights, in CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & ISRAELI LAW [HA-MISHPAT] 129–158 (Tamar Morag ed., 2010).*
10. R. Zafran *Non-Medical Sex Selection by Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis: Reflections on Israeli Law and Practice, 9 N.C. J.L. & TECH. 187–217 (2008) (This article develops and expands themes published in another article – see 13 below).*
11. R. Zafran *More Than One Mother: Determining Maternity for The Biological Child of a Female Same-Sex Couple—The Israeli View, 9 GEO. J. GENDER & L. 115–163 (2008).*
12. R. Zafran *Dying to Be a Father: Legal Paternity in Cases of Posthumous Conception, 8 HOUS. J. HEALTH L. & POL'Y 47–102 (2007).*
13. R. Zafran *Determining Maternity for the Biological Child of a Female Same-Sex Couple, 3 DIN UDVARIM (HAIFA LAW REVIEW) 351–398 (2007).*

14. R. Zafran *The Legitimacy of Selecting the Offspring's Genetic Traits -Non Therapeutic Sex Selection as a Test Case*, 6 LAW & BUSINESS (IDC LAW REVIEW) 451–485 (2007).
15. R. Zafran *The Adoptee's Right to Know Her Biological Parents – A Comparative Perspective*, 1 LAW & FAMILY 225–257 (2007).
16. R. Zafran & N. Peleg *In The Name of the Father*, 3 HE'ARAT DIN 196–215 (2006).
17. R. Zafran *The Family in the Genetic Era – Defining Parenthood in Families Created Through Assisted Reproduction Technologies as a Test Case*, 2 DIN UDVARIM (HAIFA LAW REVIEW) 223–280, (2005).
18. R. Zafran *"Secrets and Lies" – The Right of an AID Offspring to Seek Out their Biological Fathers*, 35 MISHPATIM (The HEBREW UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL) 519–600 (2005).
19. R. Zafran *The Relational Discourse as a Theoretical Basis for Resolving Family Disputes – Some Thoughts about Care and Justice*, 2 Tel Aviv J. L. SOCIETY & CULTURE 605–655 (2005).
20. R. Zafran *'Sex, Lies and Video-Tape' – The Defense of Privacy in Procedures Held in the Rabbinical Courts*, 7 MISHPAT U'MIMSHAL 813–865 (2004).
21. R. Zafran *Whose Child are You? The Israeli Paternity Regulation and its Flaws*, 46 HAPRAKLIT 311–341 (2003).

Other Scientific Publications – Editing

1. R. Zafran (ed.) 19 (2)IDC LAW REVIEW (to be published in 2017)
2. R. Zafran (ed.) 19 (1)IDC LAW REVIEW (2015)
3. R. Zafran (ed.) 18 IDC LAW REVIEW: SPECIAL ISSUE: A Judge in a Conflicted Society – Between Liberty and Responsibility, an Honorary Volume for Former Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, Ayala Procaccia) (2014).
4. R. Zafran (ed.) 16(2) IDC LAW REVIEW (2013).
5. R. Zafran *et al* (eds.) 16(1) IDC LAW REVIEW: SPECIAL ISSUE: Israeli Constitutional Revolution – 20 Years Later) (2013).
6. R. Zafran *et al* (eds.) GENDER, EQUALITY AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBLY – PROCEEDING OF A ROUND TABLE (Tel Aviv University Press, 2009).
7. R. Zafran *et al* (eds.) GENDER, EQUALITY AND CIVIL FAMILY LAW – PROCEEDING OF A ROUND TABLE (Tel Aviv University Press, 2007).

Active Participation in Scholarly Conferences (Selection)

<u>Presentation</u>	<u>Dates and Place</u>	<u>Conference</u>
Post-Mortem Insemination – In the Name of the Father, in the Name of the Son	2017, Netanya Academic College	Law & Society Annual Conference
Child Support and the Best Interest of the Child	2016, IDC Herzliya	Between Debt Discharge and Child Support Collection
Celebrating 40 years to TAU Law Review – Evaluating 40 years of Family Law Research	2016, Tel Aviv University	40 years to TAU Law Review
Is the 'Jurisdiction Race' Still Alive and Kicking?	2016, Tel Aviv University and Minerva Center for Human Rights	Religious Law and Human Rights in Israel: Are Women Trapped?
Section 8 to the Spouses' Property Relations Act of 1973	2016, Haifa University	New Principles and Trends in Spouses' Property Relations
Siblings-Relationship Deserving Legal Recognition: The Case of 'Old' and 'New' Families	2016, Kings College, London	International Center for Family Law, Policy and Practice
Siblings in Law	2016, Hebrew University	Law & Society Annual Conference
Filiation of Children Conceived Illegally – the Israeli Perspective	2015, 2016 EHESS – School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris	The Mission of Research for Law and Justice - the Ministry of Justice of the French Republic
The Jurisdiction Race – A New Frontier in Child Support?	2015, Bar-Ilan University	The Annual Convention of the Rackman Center for the Advancement of Woman's Status
Surrogacy Agreements – Challenges and Dilemmas In Light of Children's Rights and their wellbeing	2014, Ben-Gurion University	The Beer Sheva Conference on the Wellbeing of the Child
Transnational Surrogacy – Parental Recognition in the Israeli law	2014, Bar-Ilan University & Shaarei Mishpat Law College	International Society of Family Law Conference
Parent-Child Relationship: Money and Care	2013, Haifa University	International Conference: Equality and Justice in Family Law
International Surrogacy – The case of Ora Mor-Yoseph	2013, Haifa University	Faculty of Law and The Alin Beit Noam Institute for Disability Studies Conference: Parenthood and Disability
The Right to Surrogacy	2013, Hebrew University	Faculty of Law Conference: Surrogacy in Israel: Present and Future
Determination of Parenthood in Transnational Surrogacy	2013, Hebrew University	Faculty of Law Conference: Surrogacy in Israel: Present and

		Future
Family Law Reform Committees: Interests, Goals and Conflicts	2013, IDC Herzliya	Family Law Professors Forum: An Overview of the New Reports of the Family Law Reform Committees on Child Care and Child support
Parental Responsibility from Theory to Practice: In the Aftermath of Schnitt Committee and Shifman Committee	2013, College of Law and Business, Ramat-Gan	College of <i>Law and Business</i> Conference: Parental Responsibility from Theory to Practice: Following the Schnitt Committee and Shifman Committee
Regulating Reproduction: The Importance of Best Interests	2012, IDC Herzliya	Regulating Reproduction – Symposium in Honor of Prof. Glen Cohen, Harvard Law School
An Alternative to the Tender Years Doctrine – The Approximation Rule as a Source of Inspiration	2011, IDC Herzliya	Family Law, Employment Law and Gender: IDC Law Review Round Table Symposium in Honor of Prof. Katharine T. Bartlett, Duke Law School
Adoption – Between the Best Interests of the Child and the Best Interests of Children	2011, Ben-Gurion University	Social Work Department Conference in Honor of Prof. Mili Mass
Child Welfare Expert Opinions’ – Another Reason for Parental Responsibility Law Reform	2011, Shaarei Mishpat Law College	Family Law Professors Forum Meeting
The Genetic Information Law (Amendment no. 3) – If It Ain't Broke Don't Fix It	2010, Bar-Ilan University	The Ruth and Emanuel Rackman Center for the Advancement of Women's Status Annual Conference
Reframing the Right to Become a Parent	December 2010, Tel Aviv University	International Conference: Rights and Obligations in the Contemporary Family
The Israeli Surrogacy Law – Legal Challenges for the Future	December 2010, Tel Aviv University	Fifteen Years to the Israeli Surrogacy Law
Law and Culture in the Reprogenetics Era – Some Thoughts about Parental Responsibility	2009, Bar-Ilan University (with the International Society of Family Law)	International Conference: ISFL Regional Conference
Reconsider Relocation – The Child's Relational Rights Perspective	2009, College of Management – Rishon Lezion	International Conference: Family – An International Affair
An Alternative to the Tender	2009, Haifa University	Annual Conference on Family

Years Doctrine		Law: Legal Relationship Between Parents and Children
Professional Evaluations in Family Courts (with Chanan Goldschmidt)	2009, IDC Herzliya	IDC Law Review Annual Conference: Law and Psychology
Parenthood Definition in the Reprogenetics Era – The Case of Two Biological Mothers	2009, College of Management – Rishon Lezion	Law School Conference: Parenthood, Biology and Gender
The Family in the Reprogenetics Era – Some Legal Ramifications.	2008, Ben-Gurion University (with Göttingen University)	International Workshop: Genetics and Society
Marriage and Citizenship – Relational Institutions under the Constitution (with Amnon Reichman)	2008, Bar-Ilan University	International Conference: Marriage and Constitution
Woman's Right over her Body and the Unborn Child's Dignity: Between Rhetoric and Results	2008, Haifa University	The International Center for Health, Law and Ethics Conference: Natural Selection or Parental Choice
Paternity under the Shadow of "Mamzerut" (Illegitimacy)	2006, Haifa University	Annual Conference on Family Law: The Relationship Between Religious and Secular Courts in Israel
Sex Selection	2006, IDC Herzliya	IDC Law Review Annual Conference
Children's Rights in the Family – Critical Evaluation in light of the Relational Perspective	2005, Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Minerva Center for Human Rights: International Conference on Children Rights, Theory and Practice
Advancing Gender Equality and Justice via the Matrimonial Property Relations Act	2005, Haifa University	The Annual Conference on Family Law
Protecting Women's Privacy in Rabbinical Tribunal Litigation	2004, Haifa University	Law & Government Journal Symposium: Equality and Justice in Law
Women in Muslim Personal Law (Comment)	2004, Hebrew University of Jerusalem	The Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS) of Jerusalem: Pluralism and Democracy
Secrecy, Exclusivity and Ownership: Why Adopted Children are not Allowed to Trace their Origins	2004, Tel Aviv University	Minerva Center for Human Rights Conference: In Defense of the Child

Organizing Conferences and Symposiums

- 2017 **"The Family, The Body and the Law"** IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya, An honorary symposium for Professor Erez Aloni and Professor Rhadika Rao. (Organizer).
- 2016 **"The Atara Kaufman Inaugural Conference in Law, Science & Technology"** Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya (Organizer, with others).
- 2016 **"The Family Courts System After 20 Years: Past, Present, Future"** Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya and The Faculty of Law of Hebrew University (Organizer, with others).
- 2016 **"Families in Law –Setting New Agendas"** IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya, An honorary symposium for Professor Susan Frelich Appleton, Washington University Law and Professor Laura T. Kessler (University of Utah). (Organizer).
- 2014 **"A New Era in Taxation", IDC Law Review Symposium, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer, with others). An honorary symposium for Professor Nancy Staudt, USC.
- 2014 **"Judicial Discretion – Theoretical and Empirical Analysis", IDC Law Review Symposium, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer, with others). An honorary symposium for Professor Lee Epstein, USC.
- 2014 **"Culture Law and Economics", IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer, with others). An honorary conference for Professor Uriel Procaccia.
- 2013 **"Gender and Family Responsibility Discrimination in Employment", IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer). An honorary symposium for Professor Gillian Lester, Berkeley University, and Professor Joan Williams, Hastings College of Law.
- 2013 **"Rethinking Stakeholders", IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer). An honorary symposium for Professor Jesse Fried, Harvard Law School.
- 2012 **"A Judge in a Conflicted Society – Between Liberty and Responsibility", IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer). An honorary conference for former Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, Ayala Procaccia.
- 2012 **"Regulating Reproduction: The Problem with Best Interests", IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer and Participant). An honorary symposium for Professor Glen Cohen, Harvard Law School.
- 2011 **"Family Law, Employment Law and Gender", IDC Law Review, Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya** (Organizer and Participant). A symposium honoring Professor Katharine T. Bartlett, Duke Law School.
- 2008 **"Natural Selection or Parental Choice", The International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, The University of Haifa** (Co-Organized with Roy Gilbar).

- 2008 **"Gender Equality, Family Law and the Regulation of Parental Responsibility", The Minerva Center for Human Rights (Tel Aviv University)** (the third in a series) (Co-Organized with Daphna Hacker, Ayelet Blecher and Ruth Halperin-Kaddari).
- 2006 **"Gender Equality and Family Law", The Minerva Center for Human Rights (Tel Aviv University)** (the first in a series) (Co-Organized with Daphna Hacker, Ayelet Blecher and Ruth Halperin-Kaddari).
- 2006 **"Human Sex Selection", The International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, University of Haifa** (Co-Organized with Roy Gibar).
- 2005 **"10th Anniversary of Alice Miller v. Minister of Defense", Radzyner Law School, IDC, Herzliya.** The mini-conference dealt with the legal and social aspects of the milestone 1995 court decision allowing women to serve as Air Force pilots.

Scholarships, Grants and Awards

- 2014-2016 **The Ministry of Justice of the French Republic – Mission of Research for Law and Justice research grant**, (in support of the research entitled "The Right to a Child and Filiation in France and Abroad") (Shared with others).
- 2011 **The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Research Award** (in support of the research entitled "The 'Jurisdiction Race' is Alive and Kicking – Rabbinical Courts Gain Power over Civil Family Courts").
- 2006 **Haifa University Law Faculty, Excellence in Teaching Award.**
- 2005 **Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Faculty of Law, Research Grant** (in support of the research entitled "Children's Rights in the Family As Relational Rights").
- 2004 **The Israeli Association for Academic Women, Research Grant** (in support of the research entitled "'Sex, Lies and Video-Tape' – The Defense of Privacy in Procedures held in the Rabbinical Courts").
- 2003 **Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Faculty of Law, Research Grant** (in support of the research entitled "'Secrets and Lies' – The Right of AID Offspring to Seek Out their Biological Fathers").

Other Academic and Professional Activities

- 2015-Present Member in professional promotion committees (for tenure-track colleagues in other academic institutions).
- 2005–Present A referee of numerous dissertations (Master and Doctorate), submitted to all the law faculties in Israel.

- 2005–Present A referee of numerous articles submitted to academic journals in Israel and abroad in matters relating to family law as well as matters pertaining to health, law and ethics.
- 2005–Present Organizing continuing legal education series of lectures in family law; Lecturing in a variety of conferences and continuing education programs of the IBA; Lecturing for judges and lawyers in the public sector, including lectures as part of the Institute for Judicial Studies, the Institute for Legal Aids for Judges; and before state attorneys.
- 2013–2014 A member of the Israel Science Foundation (ISF) professional committee.
- 2006–2012 A member of The Committee for the Evaluation of the Child-Support Law in Israel (Public-professional committee on behalf of the Ministry of Justice).
- 2010–2012 A member of The Ethics Review Board (IRB) for non-medical experiments in human subject (Hebrew University).
- 2005–2009 A member of the steering committee for the establishment of the Unit for Ethics and Genetics as part of University of Haifa's International Center for Health, Law and Ethics.