

# Beit Oleh America Netanya AACI

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## Professor Rabbi Daniel Sinclair

### Are Halakhah and Democracy Compatible?

**8.00pm Sunday 3 September**

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**Professor Rabbi Daniel Sinclair** is a British-born Israeli scholar of Jewish law (Halakhah) who specializes in contemporary Jewish medical ethics. He has authored articles and books on Jewish ethics and written about Israeli applications of Jewish law. He teaches at Fordham University and at the College of Management Academic Studies in Rishon Lezion and has taught at the Spertus Institute in Chicago. An Orthodox rabbi, Professor Sinclair has served as the Rabbi of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation and as Dean of Jews' College, London. He is a popular lecturer at the Avshalom Institute.

**Daniel Sinclair** will discuss **Are Halakhah and Democracy Compatible? The Experience of Israeli Law**. The wholly disproportionate political influence exercised by the religious parties within the governing coalition is clearly having an effect on Israel's democracy and raises the question of whether the state is in danger of moving towards a theocracy. In most free societies, religion is a personal choice and cannot be allowed to dictate or impose its beliefs on society as a whole. Israel claims to be a Jewish state without officially defining who is a Jew, thus giving ambiguity full reign; witness the controversy about running public transport or opening shops on Shabbat and perhaps more intrusively, exclusively informing the issues surrounding conversion, marriage and divorce.

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**Program takes place at Netanya AACI, 28 Shmuel Hanaziv, Netanya.**

**Tickets: AACI Members Pre-paid NIS 40, at door NIS 50, Non-members NIS 60**

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