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Sperm Bank Liability

The Right to One's Genetic Identity and How Israel Stacks Up Against the World

Lecturer



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In recent months, hundreds of women were notified their eggs were damaged by a California sperm bank, a Japanese man was granted custody of 13 children sired by surrogacy, and 26 embryos were implanted in wrong mothers in the Netherlands. This is not the complete list of “reproductive” wrongs. Anonymous sperm donation – the practice in the US and Israel -- not only is the root cause of the worst of the problems, but generates children bereft of a genetic identity. Sadly, the current law has little to offer in terms of solution. Israel and Malta are in the process of drafting regulations – and those laws may be worse than the wild-and-woolly world of non-regulation. This talk will examine the most egregious sperm bank errors, discuss why they happen and why the law cannot – in its present form – adequately compensate, prevent or redress these problems.

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