# Jews and Race: Genetics, History and Culture

**An Interdisciplinary Symposium**

Monday, January 13, 2014, Gilman Building, Hall 496

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### Does Race Have a History?

**9:30-11:15**

**Greetings:** Prof. Raanan Rein, Vice President, Tel Aviv University  
**Chair:** Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University

**Race: Between Concept and Theory?**

Yaacov Shavit, Tel Aviv University

**Jewish Race or Jewish Races?**

Dafna Hirsch, The Open University of Israel

**Can Genetics Decide Who is a Jew?**

Raphael Falk, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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**Coffee break**

**11:15-11:30**

### “The Jews” as a Topic of Scientific Research

**11:30-13:15**

**Chair:** Eva Jablonka, Tel Aviv University

**Jewish Racial Identity: Between Group Characterization, Legal Status and Individual Diagnosis**

Amir Teicher, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Scientific Evaluations of Jewish Identity: Past and Present**

Nurit Kirsh, Bar-Ilan University

**Is Genetics Good for the Jews?**

Noa Sophie Kohler, Ben-Gurion University

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**Lunch break**

**13:15-14:15**

### Who is a Jew? What are “the Jews”?

**14:15-16:00**

**Chair:** Yaron Tsur, Tel Aviv University

**Genetics, Jewish Identity and the In-Between**

Doron Behar, Rambam Health Care Campus

**Inter-Religious Marriages in Law and Culture**

Zvi Triger, The College of Management

**Celebrating Israeli Familism around the Passover Seder Table**

Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University

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**Coffee break**

**16:15-16:30**

### Roundtable Discussion: Jews and Race between Genetics, History, Culture

**16:30 – 17:30**

**Chair:** Scott Ury, Tel Aviv University

Karl Skorecki, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa  
Sergio Della Pergola, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Snait Gissis, Tel Aviv University