

Religion, Law, and State in Israel

Evening Lecture Series for Students

Judaism in the Israel Defense Force: Bridge or Barrier?



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Food and drink provided!
Reception at 5:40, Lecture at 6 pm

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For many years, the IDF High Command regarded Jewish religious rites and norms as a stimulant to cohesion within the ranks. Consequently, even though overwhelmingly secular, it encouraged the celebration of many traditional rituals. Do the assumptions upon which that policy was based still hold? Could it not be argued that, today, religion acts as a force-divider even more than as a force-binder?