



Stuart and Lynda Resnick Fellowship
Program at the National Library of Israel

Workshop on Rabbinic Responsa:
Jews in Politics in an Italian Long Renaissance ([JPOL](#))
Jerusalem, February 24-25, 2025
Organizing committee: Serena Di Nepi, Pinchas Roth, and Pierre Savy

Monday February 24, 2025, Centre de recherche français à Jérusalem
9.30 am-5 pm

Serena Di Nepi (Sapienza Università di Roma), Pinchas Roth (Bar-Ilan University), and
Pierre Savy (Université Gustave Eiffel)

Introduction

1. Alon Brand (Hebrew University)

The State, the Jews and the Halakhah in the Responsa of Rabbi Isaiah di Trani

2. Edward Fram (Ben Gurion University)

*A Rabbinic Reaction to the Use of Non-Jewish Courts by Jews in Early Seventeenth-Century
Italy*

12.30 pm Lunch

3. Omer Ahituv (Bar-Ilan University)

*Responsum from the Recipient's Perspective: Hierarchy, Authority, and Social Networks in
a Responsum from Liwa of Ferrara to Menachem Oldendorf at the Dawn of the Sixteenth
Century*

4. Alessandra Veronese (University of Pisa) and Michael Ryzhik (Bar-Ilan University)

How much of Abravanel's Responsa is Political?

Tuesday February 25, 2025, National Library of Israel

9.30 am-5 pm

1. Moshe Kravetz (independent scholar, Beit Shemesh) and Giuseppe Veltri (University of Hamburg)

The Da Pisa family and the controversial Will in R. Moshe Provenzalo's Responsum (187-189)

2. Pinchas Roth (Bar-Ilan University) and Rachel Furst (Ben-Gurion University)

Responsa of R. Jacob Israel Finzi

12.30 pm Lunch

3. Roni Weinstein (Rothberg School for Overseas Students, Hebrew University)

The Refusal of Political-Halakhic Authority: R. Joseph Kolon and the Issue of "Betrothal Expropriation" [Hafka'at Kiddushin]

4. Yeheskel Levy (independent scholar, Paris) and Pierre Savy (Université Gustave Eiffel)

"Dina de-malkhuta dina": Jews and Ducal Government in R. Azriel Daiana's Responsa