

# Conference in honor of Prof. Michael Walzer on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

*The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute  
and The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities  
November 30, 2025*

**10:00–10:30 Gathering**

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- **Prof. Yuli Tamir**, Beit Berl College
- **Prof. Shai Lavi**, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; Tel Aviv University
- **Prof. Moshe Halbertal**, The Hebrew University; Academy Member

**11:00–12:30**

**Session I: Jewish Political Tradition**

Chair: **Prof. Ronit Irshai**, Bar-Ilan University

- **Prof. Menachem Lorberbaum**, Tel Aviv University
- **Prof. Moshe Halbertal**, The Hebrew University; Academy Member
- **Prof. Julie Cooper**, Tel Aviv University
- **Prof. Noam Zohar**, Bar-Ilan University

\* Audience comments and discussion

**12:30–13:30 Lunch Break**

**13:30–14:45**

**Session II: The Paradox of Liberation**

Chair: **Prof. Shai Lavi**

- **Prof. Yuli Tamir**
- **Prof. Khaled Furani**, Tel Aviv University
- **Prof. Menachem Mautner**, Tel Aviv University

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**14:45–15:00 Short Break**

**15:00–16:30**

**Roundtable and open mic – Walzer's Legacy**

Chair: **Prof. Yuli Tamir**

- **Prof. Chaim Gans**, Tel Aviv University
- **Prof. Nissim Mizrachi**, Tel Aviv University
- **Prof. David Heyd**, The Hebrew University
- **Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger**, University of Haifa
- **Prof. Noam Gidron**, The Hebrew University

**17:30–19:00**

**Evening Session: Just and Unjust Wars**

Chair and opening remarks:

**Prof. Avishai Margalit**, The Hebrew University; Academy Member

Keynote speaker: **Prof. Michael Walzer**

Commentators:

- **Prof. Raef Zreik**, Ono Academic College; The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo; The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
- **Prof. Yael Sternhell**, Tel Aviv University; Israel Young Academy Alumnus



Admission to the conference is free;  
prior registration is required.

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