

Darchei Noam's **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (SJAC)**
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Religious Freedom, Equality, and the Icing on the Cake

Freedom of religion and equality are both fundamental human rights. But what happens when these rights conflict—when, for example, a person's religious beliefs compel them to refuse service to a gay person (e.g., a bakery owner who refuses to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex marriage)? What happens if the positions are reversed, and a religious person asks a bakery to make a cake expressing a religious homophobic sentiment? Real cases about bakeries, bed-and-breakfasts, marriage commissioners, and print shops have arisen in recent years in Canada and the U.S. Is there a conceptual way to resolve the issues? Do all the positions deserve the same respect? And what do we do when intolerance of intolerance may be its own disguised form of bigotry? Noa will give a d'var and lead a post-Kiddush discussion on this topic.

Noa Mendelsohn Aviv has worked in law and civil and human rights for over 15 years.

FINAL D'VAR
Saturday May 30, 2015

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