

The Society of Jewish Ethics

2013 Call for Papers

The next meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics will be held at the Hilton Chicago in Chicago, IL, January 3-6, 2013. Paper proposals dealing with any aspect of Jewish ethics—theoretical or applied, classical or contemporary—are welcome. Special attention will be given to papers related to the theme of this year's meeting, "Social Ethics on the Margins." Submitters should explore the various ways in which "social ethics" is enacted, challenged, or ignored on the "margins" and the relationship of Jewish ethics to this conversation. As such we encourage members to consider: (1) individuals on the margins and our Jewish ethical responses to them; (2) theories or methods that have been marginalized from the study of Jewish ethics; (3) Jewish ethics in marginalized geographical areas; (4) whether Jewish ethics itself is marginalized; (5) the effect of marginalization on the shaping of ethics. Papers on contemporary issues such as labor justice, environmental ethics and animal studies are especially welcome. We are also eager to read proposals that relate to the 50th anniversary of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's first meeting in Chicago, IL in 1963. Submitters are invited to reflect on the status of race relations in the Jewish community today and Jewish social justice.

The SJE's Bioethics affinity group will meet in the afternoon of January 3rd. It is possible to participate in that meeting alone (though all presenters must be members of the SJE). If submitting a paper on Jewish Bioethics, please indicate whether you want it considered only for the affinity group (Thursday) session, or also for the general SJE program (Friday through Sunday).

Proposals should include: tentative title, abstract (700-1000 words), selected bibliography, and contact information of the presenter (name, institutional affiliation, phone numbers, and e-mail address).

Proposals should be sent by e-mail to:

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The deadline for submission of proposals is **March 5, 2012**.

The Society of Jewish Ethics is an academic organization dedicated to the promotion of scholarly work in the field of Jewish ethics, including the relation of Jewish ethics to other traditions of ethics and to social, economic, political and cultural problems. The Society also aims to encourage and improve the teaching of Jewish ethics in colleges, universities and theological schools, to promote an understanding of Jewish ethics within the Jewish community and society as a whole, and to provide a community of discourse and debate for those engaged professionally in Jewish ethics. All participants in the Annual Meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics must be members of the Society. For membership forms and other information, please consult the website: <http://societyofjewishethics.org>.

The Society of Jewish Ethics annual conference runs concurrently with that of the Society of Christian Ethics and the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics. Presented papers may be eligible for publication in the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*.