



The Technological Revolution and the Future of the Jewish People

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI)** invites established and emerging scholars to contribute innovative and creative research to a peer-reviewed academic volume exploring the Jewish future: how technological and scientific transformations will influence Jewish life, and how Jewish ideas and values might, in turn, shape those transformations. **We aim to publish the volume with a leading academic press.**

We live amid unprecedented changes: large language models are reframing creativity and knowledge; scientific and technological breakthroughs are redefining what it means to be human. This project seeks contributions that analyze emerging trends and imagine constructive responses – showing how Judaism and the Jewish People can adapt, innovate, and flourish in this new era.

We welcome interdisciplinary and cross-field work from the humanities, social sciences, policy studies, and the natural and applied sciences – including philosophy, theology, Jewish studies, sociology, political science, economics, psychology, education, anthropology, environmental studies, computer science, engineering, data science, and bioethics. Collaborative submissions across disciplines are especially encouraged.

Structure and Themes

- I. Spirit, Human, and Consciousness
- II. Matter, Body, and Life
- III. Society, Identity, and Nation
- IV. World, Creation, and Responsibility

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Submission Guidelines

Languages: English or Hebrew
Length: 6,000–10,000 words (including references)
Deadlines: Abstract (250 words): 15.2.2026
Full article: 1.9.2026
Review: All submissions will undergo double-blind peer review

Publication and Awards

- Selected papers will be published in a peer-reviewed volume
- Each accepted article will receive an honorarium of \$3,000
- A first prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to the most outstanding article by a non-tenure academic
- The prize will be presented at a distinguished ceremony celebrating the achievement of the winner

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APPENDIX

Possible research topics for each of the four areas

I. Spirit, Human, and Consciousness

The Metaphysical – Existential Question –

Exploring the nature of the human being in the age of artificial intelligence: boundaries between human, machine, and consciousness from Jewish ethical, theological, halachic, and sociological perspectives.

Possible topics:

- Artificial intelligence, robotics, and automation: implications for Jewish ethics, halacha, and philosophy.
- Artificial vs. human consciousness – what distinguishes them?
- Free will, algorithms, and moral responsibility.
- Moral and legal status of artificial entities.
- Virtual intimacy, love, and the limits of the human.
- Artificial intelligence and leisure.
- Shabbat observance in the era of automation.

II. Matter, Body, and Life

The Biological – Existential Question –

Addressing the biotechnological revolution and the boundaries of life, family, and the body from Jewish theological, halachic, and sociological perspectives.

Possible topics:

- Transhumanism and Judaism.
- Genetic engineering and the moral and halachic limits of gene editing.
- Artificial reproduction and surrogacy: implications for family and parenthood.
- Cloning and synthetic life: sanctity versus human creation.
- Life extension and digital immortality.
- The digital body: changing experiences of embodiment and sexuality.
- Halachic implications of automation and medical technology.

III. Society, Identity, and Nation

The Social–Public Question - Examining how technology transforms Jewish identity, Zionism, community, and education.

Possible topics:

- Digital religion and virtual communities: online prayer, learning, and authority.
- Data privacy, surveillance, and halachic or ethical dilemmas.
- Cryptocurrency, digital economies, and Jewish law.
- Israel–Diaspora relations in the digital age: how digital platforms transform diasporic ties, collective memory, and transnational Jewish solidarity.
- Digital antisemitism, hate movements, and strategies of response.
- Digital memory and commemoration: virtual remembrance of the Holocaust and October 7 in the digital age.
- Educational innovation: AI, VR, and the future of Jewish learning.

IV. World, Creation

The Ecological – Environmental Question - In an age when humanity can engineer life and alter the laws of creation, profound ethical and ecological questions arise regarding Jewish responsibility toward the world. This section invites reflections on how Jewish thought, law, and practice engage with the challenges of sustainability, environmental justice, and the moral implications of human technological power.

Possible topics:

- Climate change, inequality, and technology through Jewish frameworks.
- The ethical responsibilities of Jewish communities in addressing global crises.
- Biodiversity preservation and Jewish law and theology.
- Animals and technology: moral status and the ethics of cultured meat.
- Jewish ecological thought as a framework for balance, restraint, and renewal.

Proposals addressing other relevant topics are welcome if they meaningfully engage with the theme of the technological revolution and the Jewish future.

