

Call to Meeting

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Dear Colleagues,

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It is my privilege to encourage you to attend the 2012 annual meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics in Washington, D.C., January 6-8. I look forward to exciting presentations and discussions with leading scholars from North America, Israel, and Europe.

Our keynote speaker will be Michael Walzer, renowned author and Professor Emeritus of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J. Dr. Walzer will speak on "Conceptions of Peace in the Hebrew Bible." This theme also will be addressed by a panel on "Recent Trends in Thinking About War: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives," which will include Reuven Firestone, Lisa Cahill, and Sohail Hashmi. With this panel, we will benefit from the resources of The Society of Christian Ethics and the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics, with whom our meeting is held in conjunction.

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The SCE program includes plenary presentations by important scholars Andrew Bacevich of Boston University, and Stephen Carter of Yale University School of Law. Those attending the SJE meeting are welcome to attend all sessions of our sister societies. The SJE program will include presentations by leading secular bioethicists Ezekiel Emmanuel and Tom Beauchamp, who are Jewish, and innovative papers, such as "Between Maimonides and Spinoza: Constructing an Ethics of War and Peace in the Jewish Tradition," and "Suffering Rabbis and Other Animals: Theorizing the Connections between Animal Ethics, Worker Justice, Gender and Suffering in *Bavli Baba Metsia* 83b-85a," by SJE members. Those interested may register for an additional session on Thursday afternoon with selected papers from the Bioethics Group of SJE (there is a small additional fee for this session). See <http://societyofjewishethics.org> for our program, <http://scethics.org/> for the larger program.

Even more valuable than these exciting presentations are the informal conversations, schmoozing, and networking with Jewish ethics scholars and practitioners who gather from around the world for this event. Come be a part of the cutting-edge scholarship as well as the collegial culture of the Society.

Staff:

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Please register at our web site: <http://societyofjewishethics.org>. Please join or renew your membership at the site to register for the annual conference at the reduced member rate. An additional \$50 reduction is given for those who register by December 1. I also encourage you to sign up for our (subsidized) kosher supervised vegetarian meals Friday night and Saturday lunch. I have enjoyed the warm conversations over meals as a highlight of past meetings.

Please make your hotel reservation directly with the Grand Hyatt Washington, 1-888-421-1442 or 402-592-6464, or online at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/sce2012>. For the refundable conference rate of \$139, please reserve by December 1st in the SCE/SJE/SSME ROOM BLOCK.

I look forward to seeing you in January. Best wishes for a good and sweet year of 5772. *G'mar hatimah tovah.*

Sincerely,

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Aaron L. Mackler, Ph.D.