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### Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Karin Carmit Yefet, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Haifa and ISEF Foundation Alumna



Noted advocate for women's rights, Dr. Karin Carmit Yefet is a sought after speaker who most recently presented "The Jurisprudence of Gendered Citizenship in Israel," speaking about love and the law at the International Junior Faculty Forum at University of Pennsylvania Law School. A previous recipient of the ISEF Foundation's joint ISEF-Fulbright scholarship for gifted Israeli students, Dr. Yefet is a shining example of the thousands of bright Israeli men and women who have excelled academically and professionally thanks to the support they received from ISEF, whose mission is to narrow Israel's social-economic gap through higher education for gifted students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The foundation also offers a broad network of support for students throughout their studies, as well as training in leadership and community service. ISEF, which celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, was co-founded in 1977 by Edmond J. Z"l and Lily Safra and Nina Weiner.

Dr. Yefet was raised in Afula, where the percentage of high school graduates is 46.8%, one of the lowest rates in Israel. She received an LLB *summa cum laude* and an LLM Honors Program, *summa cum laude* from Bar-Ilan University School of Law. She went on to receive her JSD and LLM from Yale Law School through ISEF. While at Yale, she specialized in the fields of constitutional law, family law and feminist legal theory. Among her numerous honors, Dr. Yefet has received the Israeli Bar Association Prize for Distinction in Legal Studies and Social and Legal Activities, as well as the Knesset and Heads of Israeli Universities Award.



Nina Weiner and Lily Safra (center) with Dr. Karin Carmit Yefet and other ISEF scholars and alumni at ISEF's 30th anniversary gala in 2007.

