

MEMORANDUM

To: The Law School Community

From: Richard Revesz

Date: November 20, 2007

Re: Moshe Halbertal

I am delighted to announce the exciting news that Professor Moshe Halbertal has accepted our tenured offer. Moshe, who has long been affiliated with the Law School as a global visiting professor and more recently as the Gruss Visiting Professor of Law, will continue to spend one semester with us and one semester in Israel where he is a professor of Jewish thought and philosophy at Hebrew University and a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He will be the Gruss Professor of Law at NYU Law School.

Moshe is a highly accomplished and internationally-recognized scholar of Jewish and Talmudic law who has made significant contributions to the study of the intersection of law and philosophy in medieval Jewish law. He is the author of several books including, *Concealment and Revelation: Esotericism in Jewish Thought and its Philosophical Implications*, published by Princeton University Press, *Idolatry* (co-authored with Avishai Margalit) and *People of the Book: Canon, Meaning, and Authority*, both published by Harvard University Press.

Moshe has also served as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School and at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is the recipient of the Bruno Award of the Rothschild Foundation, and the Goren Goldstein award for the best book in Jewish thought in the years 1997-2000. He received his Ph.D. from Hebrew University in 1989, and from 1988-92 he was a fellow at the Society of Fellows at Harvard University.

For many years, Moshe has been a wonderfully engaged member of our intellectual community, and we are so delighted that he will now join us on a permanent basis.

Please join me in welcoming Moshe as a tenured member of our faculty.