

Social Robots and Religion:

The Case of Judaism

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Social Robots and Religion

- Social Robots play a greater role in Society
- Religion is an important part of peoples lives
- Hence religious behavior will be part of social robots

- Let's take Judaism as a case study how religion could effect social robots
- The story of the Golem of Prague

Agenda

- Items with implications for human – social robots interaction
 - Jewish Law
 - Jewish Culture/Customs
 - Jewish Ethics (out of scope)

Robots and Jewish Law

- Jewish Law / Halacha and it's place in Judaism
 - Variations of how committed to it
 - Variations of interpretations
- Examples
 - [Short clip](#)
 - Golem counted in Quorum/Minyan
 - Shabbat observance
 - Robots as agents
 - Matters of Law vs Maintaining a Proper Milieu

Robot and Jewish Custom/Culture

- Role of Customs in Jewish life
 - Variety (some based on ancestral location (i.e. geo-cultural))
 - Relationship with Jewish law
- Examples
 - Form of address and titles
 - Mourning
 - Phrases
 - Food
 - Appearance

Implications

- Awareness
- So many details, almost impossible to preprogram, so probably need some form of learning
 - Formal – Jewish Law Texts and books of customs
 - Case Studies – Jewish Responsa
 - Learn by Example and Training
- Field will evolve (example of Shabbat Refrigerator, Tefilon App)
- Need for interaction with Halachic Experts
- [Example](#)