

American Jews Who Support Shariah Imperil Us All

by Jerry Gordon (April 2012)

Rachel Lipsky and [news release](#), the NCJA said:

“Why Jews Can't Criticize Shariah.” Breger’s arguments are reflective of his views expressed at a [Washington Faith and Freedom](#) conference last June. In the *Moment* essay Breger criticizes both Yerushalmi and Rabbi Jonathan Hausman suggesting that Halacha and Shariah are compatible and not in conflict with the US Constitution. In contrast, we had earlier published Rabbi Hausman’s essay, “[Halacha, Shariah and the Religious Acceptance of Constitutional Governance](#).” He articulates a basic Talmudic principle: “That principle is known as *Dina d’malchuta Dina*; the law of the country is binding and, in certain cases, is to be preferred to Jewish law/Halacha.” Hausman, in addition to his academic, legal and orthodox rabbinic training attended the American University in Cairo. He speaks and reads Arabic in addition to Hebrew and other languages. Further, he is conversant with the Qur’an, Hadith and Sunnah.