**Part B-2 Section 6 – Ethical Issues**

Ethics self-assessment

The suggested research is based on an analysis of literary, historical, and philosophical primary and secondary sources on heresy in Jewish modernity.

The research does not involve the study of humans, human tissues, or animals and does not include elements that may adversely affect the environment or the health and safety of anyone. The following issues have been identified as potential ethical concerns:

* Personal data
  + The research is not based on the collection of personal data. That said, personal letters or other personal historical materials may be used.
  + In large measure, the study will be based on letters that are already part of a formal public collection.
  + If a previously unpublished private communication is required, a formal approval letter will be written to the person in charge (owner/next of kin) to request permission to use the material.
* Misuse of research
  + The study of heresy may present challenging and unorthodox visions of religion. As such, this study may be misused in the ongoing conversation about the role and meaning of religion in modernity.
  + To manage this risk, each stage of the action is tailored in a way that ensures extensive feedback and intense academic scrutiny from multiple sources, starting with the Bucerius Institute and the department of Jewish History and Thought at the University of Haifa.
  + As part of this process, the ethical implications of the claims of the study will be comprehensively considered and calculated.