Emory University and The MirYam Institute are proud to announce the founding of The MirYam Institute Project for International Ethics and Leadership: Law, Religion, Health & Security, at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Academic offerings will focus on values-driven leadership informed by the best practices of Israel and the United States in the areas of medical and legal diplomacy and practice, security, strategy implementation, entrepreneurship and more, under the tutelage of Israeli, American and internationally renowned academics, leaders and professors of practice, together with Emory University’s exceptional faculty. Travel to Israel and local and international internships will be central to the extra-curricular offerings.

Benjamin Anthony and Rozita Pnini, co-founders of The MirYam Institute, noted, "Israel has become an international powerhouse across multiple sectors that are relevant to aspiring future leaders. We are delighted to help export Israel's know-how and expertise to American students in partnership with a truly excellent university. This partnership is a welcome step along the journey of synthesizing the best thinking of Israel and the United States, to the benefit of all people. We are also passionately looking forward to championing debate, dialogue and discourse within the campus environment, in the pursuit of better thought, action and leadership."
Housed in the Center for the Study of Law and Religion (CSLR), the undertaking will be led by Dr. Ira Bedzow, in collaboration with Emory Law professor Michael J. Broyde.

“Dr. Bedzow brings a unique interdisciplinary lens to his work. His deep knowledge of ethics and broad interests in fields impacting executive decision making make him the ideal bridge between the Emory faculty, MirYam Institute experts and the graduate student body at Emory.” said Anthony and Pnini.

“Working with the interdisciplinary faculty at Emory and with the experts and leaders within The MirYam Institute network creates a deep bench to produce a robust program in ethical leadership training. Our students will change the world for the better,” says Bedzow.

John Witte, CSLR director, says “Our center is delighted to host this project and to welcome Ira Bedzow as leader. He brings rare intellectual gifts and forceful leadership.” Broyde adds, “The relationship between leadership and ethics has yet to be fully explored and we hope to do so in this project. Dr. Bedzow’s expertise in ethics and values-driven leadership will provide important perspectives for faculty and students.”

Bedzow, will serve as director of The MirYam Institute Project in International Ethics and Leadership at CSLR and Head of the Unit of the International Chair in Bioethics (World Medical Association Cooperation Centre). He is a senior scholar of the Aspen Center for Social Values, co-director of the Maimonides Institute for Medicine, Ethics and the Holocaust, and a regular contributor in Forbes. He is also an Orthodox rabbi. He received his PhD in religion from Emory University, an M.A. from the University of Chicago and a B.A. from Princeton University.