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Eating Religiously: Food and Faith in the 21st Century

Wednesday-Friday, May 22-24, 2019 | Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Building 72 Room 348

An International Seminar sponsored by the Israel Science Foundation

Day I, Wednesday, May 22

9:00-9:30: Registration, Coffee

Greetings: **Steve Rosen**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Vice President for External Affairs and Canada Chair in Archeology

Raz Jelinek, Ben Gurion University of the Negev Vice President and Dean for Research and Development

Nir Avieli and Fran Markowitz, Conference Co-Conveners, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

9:30-11:00

Session 1, Chair: **Yifat Gutman**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Catie Gressier, University of Western Australia

The Paleo Diet, Populism and Taboo in Australia

Nir Avieli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

"Here I Can Like Watermelon": Culinary Redemption among the Hebrew Israelites of Dimona

11:00-12:30

Session 2, Chair: **Uri Shwed**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Susan Pattie, University College London

Contemporary Animal Sacrifice: Interpretations of the Madagh Among Armenians.

Jakob Klein, SOAS University of London

Potatoes, Popular Religion and Party-State in the People's Republic of China

12:30-13:30 Falafel LUNCH

13:30-15:00

Session 3, Chair: **Stavroula Pipyrou**, University of St Andrews

Hagar Salamon, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

From Hand to Mouth: Exploring Religious Dimensions of the Ethiopian Gursha

Azri Amram, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Fifty Shades of Kosher: Thoughts on Kashrut in Palestinian Food Spaces in Israel



Day II, Thursday, May 23

9:00-11:00

Session 4, Chair: **Sara Helman**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Thien-Huong Ninh, Cosumnes River College

Seoul Food: Sex, Sexuality, and Morality

Mirjam Lucking, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Food unites us... not anymore." Indonesian pilgrims eating kosher and halal in Jerusalem

Melissa L. Caldwell, University of California

Between Hospitality and Service: Faithfulness and Food Justice in Moscow

11:00-13:00

Session 5, Chair: **Dafna Shir-Vertesh**, Achva College

Joelle Bahloul, Indiana University

Food, Faith, and Migration: Setting Internal Boundaries of Culinary Secularization after Emigration

Susan Sered, Suffolk University

Gendering Food and Faith: Food Preparation as Religious Ritual

Limor Chen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

"This is not Kosher" – The Performance of Religion in Israeli Vegan Activism

13:00-14:30 Couscous LUNCH

14:30-16:00

Session 6, Chair: **Ron Dudai**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Jessica Hardin, Pacific University

Eating Religiously, Dancing Religiously: Polynesian Zumba and Women's Testimony

Fran Markowitz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Edenic Veganism and Righteous Black Bodies in the Kingdom of Yah

Day III, Friday, May 24

8:30-10:30

Session 7, Chair: **Daniel M. Knight**, University of St Andrews

Hanna Garth, University of California, San Diego

Doctrine at the Table: Alimentary Dignity and Essentialized Fare in Santiago de Cuba

Janet Alison Hoskins, University of Southern California

Esoteric and Exoteric Coadaim At the Table: Hierarchies of Restrictions and Hierarchies of Spirituality

Isabelle Bianquis, Université de Tours

Social hierarchies and food colors: How are spirits and ancestors fed in Mongolia?

10:30-12:30

Session 8: Final Session and Concluding Discussion, Chairs: **Fran Markowitz and Nir Avieli**

Erik Cohen, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Drinking Religiously

Michael Herzfeld, Harvard University

Avoidances of Many Kinds: Religious Observances and Other Moralisms

Concluding Discussion