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# Eating Religiously: Food and Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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