



Food, Kitchens and Cooking in the Crusader Period; between East and West

Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation 5-7 September 2022, University of Haifa

Monday – 5 September 2022

Sammy and Aviva Ofer Observation Gallery (Mitzpor) 30th Floor, Eshkol Tower, University of Haifa

09:30 Registration

09:45 Greetings

Efraim Lev, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Haifa

Gil Gambash, Director of the Haifa Centre for Mediterranean History, University of Haifa

Yuval Baruch, Head of the Archaeology Division, Israel Antiquities Authority

10:00 Introduction: Food and Food Habits in the Crusader Context 1095-1291.

Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa)

10:30 Coffee break

Session I: Food in Religious Context

Moderator: Gil Gambash (University of Haifa)

11:00 Feeding Monks and Nuns: Comparative Evidence from Latin and Greek Monastic Sources.

Andrew Jotischky (Royal Holloway, University of London)

11:30 Monastic Food in Byzantium.

Béatrice Caseau (Sorbonne University, Institut Universitaire de France)

12:00 Food as Religious Practice in the Medieval Kingdom of Hungary.

Nora Berend (University of Cambridge)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

Session II: If Pots Could Talk – Approaches to Pottery Used in Food Production

Moderator: Iris Shagrir (The Open University of Israel)

14:00 Beirut Cooking Wares: A "Crusader" Success Story?

Yona Waksman (French National Center for Scientific Research, Lyon)

14:30 Ceramics and Sugar Production in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem: Cross Cultural Influences.

Edna J. Stern (Israel Antiquities Authority and University of Haifa)

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

Session III: Peculiarities of Regional Cuisines

Moderator: Gil Fishhof (University of Haifa)

- 16:00 What's Cooking? An Overview of the Protein Diet in Arsur (Apollonia-Arsuf) and Other Selected Sites during the 12th and 13th Centuries.
Miriam Pines (Tel Aviv University)
- 16:30 Surf and Turf in Crusader Chalcis: Cooking, Wining and Dining in a Greek Byzantine City.
Joanita Vroom (Leiden University)
- 17:00 Discussion
- 18:30 Dinner at the Druze restaurant "Nura's Kitchen"

Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Old city of Acre: Visitors Center and the Knights Halls (the Hospitaller compound)

*****This day is for invited participants only*****

09:00 Pick up at the hotel and drive to Acre

Session I: Markets and Metal Work in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem

Moderator: Benjamin Z. Kedar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

- 10:30 Food Markets in Frankish Towns.
Adrian Boas (University of Haifa)
- 11:00 Food and Cooking: The Metalwork from the Kingdom of Jerusalem.
Joppe Gosker (Israel Antiquities Authority)
- 11:30 Discussion
- 12:00 Lunch break

Session II: Food and the Hospitaller Order: Following the archaeological evidence in Acre

- 13:30 Introduction of the Hospitaller Headquarter in Acre
Eliezer Stern (Israel Antiquities Authority)
- 14:00 Between Ideal and Reality: The Role of the Refectory of the Hospitaller Order
Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa)
- 14:15 What Lies Beyond our Reach: The Kitchen Tract of the Hospitaller Compound
Lisa Yehuda (University of Haifa)
- 14:30 Ceramic Tableware Found in the Hospitaller Headquarter
Edna J. Stern (Israel Antiquities Authority and University of Haifa)
- 14:45 Discussion
- 15:15 The Latrine of the Hospitaller Order and the Bioarcheological Finds Indicating Food Consumption on Site.
Eliezer Stern (Israel Antiquities Authority)
- 15:45 Sugar Production by the Hospitaller Order: the Surprising Archeological Evidence
Edna J. Stern (Israel Antiquities Authority and University of Haifa)
- 16:30 Discussion
Return to Haifa and free evening



Wednesday, 7 September 2022

Sammy and Aviva Ofer Observation Gallery (Mitzpor) 30th Floor, Eshkol Tower, University of Haifa

Session I: Food on the Move – Foreign Scents and Flavors in Local Cuisines of the Near East and Europe

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Moderator: Miriam Frenkel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

09:00 When East and West Meet: Food in 13th Century al-Sham.

Limor Yungman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

09:30 The Circulation of Specialized Foods in Lusignan Cyprus, 1300-1460.

Nicholas Coureas (Cyprus Research Centre)

10:00 Local Jewish Foodways in Medieval Egypt: Symbolic Boundaries and the Question of Domestic Cooking.

Adi Namia-Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

Session II: Food, Medicine and Charity in the Mediterranean Arab World

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Moderator: Adrian Boas

11:30 Food as a Socio-Political Tool: Soldiers' Payment and Religious Endowments (in Egypt and Syria in Ayyubid and Mamluk Eras)

Yehoshua Frenkel (University of Haifa)

12:00 Workshop of Medieval Medicinal Substances; Including Incenses, Perfumes, Condiments and Spices.

Efraim Lev (University of Haifa)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

Session III: The Kitchen as a Room in its Own Right

Moderator: Joanita Vroom (Leiden University)

14:00 Food Preparation in Late Ayyubid Jordan: Inside a Rural Kitchen at Tell Hisban

Bethany J. Walker (University of Bonn)

14:30 On a Crusade for a Kitchen – The Frankish Kitchen in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem

Lisa Yehuda (University of Haifa)

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Concluding Remarks

19:00 Farewell Dinner at “Rola Levantine Kitchen”, Haifa