International Workshop

Food and Eating: Ritual and Social Aspects in Jewish Communities from Antiquity to Early Modern Europe
May, 16th and May, 17th 2019 | Bildungshaus St. Ursula and Kleine Synagoge

May 16 | Bildungshaus St. Ursula and Kleine Synagoge
Meals and Rites of Passage
4.00 pm | Adi Namia-Cohen (Hebrew University)
“Meals and Mourning: The Post-Funeral Meal and Tisha’ah B’Av Meal in Medieval Germany and Northern France (11th–14th century)”

4.30 pm | Shalem Yahalom (Ariel University)
“Betrothal Celebrations in Ashkenazi Communities: A Prism of Interaction of Halakha, Kabbalah and Society in Post-Medieval Europe”

6.00 pm | Lecture by Stefan Reif (Cambridge/Haifa/Tel Aviv) at Kleine Synagoge
“An Overview of Food Rituals in the History of Jewish Liturgy”

May 17 | Bildungshaus St. Ursula
Food and Dining in Ritual Texts and Lyrical Hymns
9.00 am | Laura Lieber (Duke University)
“Sabbath in the Garden of Eden: Two Samaritan Hymns for Sukkot”

9.30 am | Sima Hurwitz (Tel Aviv University)
“Bahya Ben Asher’s Shulhan shel Arba – Collected Jewish Wisdom or Revolution?”

Social and Communal Aspects of Dining and the Preparation of Foods
10.30 am | Rachel Furst and Sophia Schmitt (LMU München)
“Dining Against Debt: A Medieval Jewish-Christian Legal Ritual”

11.00 am | Jörn Christophersen (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/M.)
“Of Meat and Blood and Politics – How Jewish and Christian Butchers in Medieval Ashkenaz Came to Arrangements for Butchery”

11.30 am | Susanne Härtel (Universität Potsdam)
“Food and Eating Rituals as Indicators of Jewish Plurality”

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