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Contextualizing Lived Religion: Ethnographic and Comparative Perspectives

Research Workshop of the Israeli Science Foundation, May 22-24, 2023

Begin-Sadat Center, Building 203, Room 101.

Organizers: Rachel Werczberger, Hadassah Academic College | Shlomo Guzman-Carmeli, Bar Ilan University

Monday May 22, Bar Ilan University

09:00-09:30 **Greetings and introduction**

09:30-10:45 **Opening keynote**

Nancy Ammerman, Boston University
Studying Lived Religion in comparative context

10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-12:45 **Session 1: Theorizing Lived Religion**

Chair: Shlomo Guzman-Carmeli, Bar Ilan University

Ruth Illman, Åbo Akademi University
What is unique about vernacular religion?

Rachel Werczberger, Hadassah Academic College
Studying Lived Judaism: Beyond social cleavages and dichotomies

Michal Pagis, Bar Ilan University
Enacting religious experience: Between active doing and submission

12:45-14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00-15:45 **Session 2: Lived Orthodoxies: Challenges and negotiations**

Chair: **Adam Klin Oron**, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Rivka Neriya Ban Shachar, Sapir Academic College

Their Lived Religion: Perspectives of Amish and Ultra-Orthodox women on fertility

Ofira Fuchs, Bar Ilan University
"Not being counted": Women's place and religious space in Jewish Orthodox communities during the COVID-19 crisis

Lea Taragin-Zeller, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Lived Religion as a "straightening object"

19:00

Conference dinner

Tuesday May 23, Bar Ilan University

09:30-11:15 **Session 3: Power, politics, governance and protection**

Chair: **Tanya Zion Waldoks**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Susan Sered, Suffolk University
Gender, power, and Lived Religion

Hagar Lahav, Sapir Academic College
Jewish Israeli secular believers from the Lived Religion perspective

Ben Kasstan, University of Bristol
Quest/ions of protection: Religious schools, equality entitlements and statecraft strategies in Britain



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Session 4: Lived mythology and spirituality

Chair: **Michal Pagis**, Bar Ilan University

Adam Klin Oron, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Lived Religion as institutionalization: The domestication of wild channeling

Terhi Utriainen, University of Helsinki
Articulations and concerns of (lived) spirituality in Finland: Two perspectives

Asaf Sharabi, Peres Academic Center
Mediums, objects, and the problem of presence in the Western Himalayas

13:15-14:30

Lunch break

14:30-16:00

Session 5: Religious practice in contradiction

Chair: **Dmitry Uzlaner**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Helena Kupari, University of Helsinki
Practicing conversion? A Lived Religion perspective on the study of individual religious change

Tammar Friedman, Bar Ilan University
'Lived Atheism': Practices and spiritual elements in the lives of Jewish-Atheists in Israel

Jacki Feldman, Ben Gurion University
What does the elephant tell us about blindness? One pilgrimage, two perspectives

Wednesday May 24, Hadassah

Greetings: Hadassah Academic College

10:00-12:00

Session 6: Practicing Lived Judaism

Chair: **Jacki Feldman**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Shlomo Guzman-Carmeli, Bar Ilan University
Bottom-up Judaism: The experiential reading of Tehilim

Vanessa Ochs, University of Virginia
"May you be comforted among the (online) Mourners of Zion and Jerusalem"

Tanya Zion-Waldoks and Nataly Dahari-Ben-Namer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Towards a "Theology of care": Belief in God and family at the intersection of religion, ethnicity and gender amongst young Mizrahi-Masorti Israelis

12:00-13:00

Lunch break

13:00-17:00

Session 7: Lived pilgrimages and intimate sacredness, on-site: Walking tour in the Old City of Jerusalem

Clara Unger, Rachel Werczberger, Shlomo Guzman-Carmeli