

In memory of Michel Halperin who dedicated his life to advance interfaith dialogue

Sacred Spaces in the Abrahamic Religions

03-04
JUNE 2019

Barkan Hall,
Zlotowski Student Center and
Administration Building (70),
BGU Marcus Family Campus,
Be'er Sheva



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Site visit to Jerusalem led by
Prof. Jackie Feldman



June 3 Monday 2019

9:15-10:00 Breakfast and Reception

10:00-10:30 Opening Remarks

Chaim Hames

Anna Sapir Abulafia

Ephraim Shoham-Steiner

10:30-12:30 Theology

Chair: Catalin-Stefan Popa

Jeana Ferguson - The Body, the Temple, and the Ekklesia: Sacred Space in 1 Corinthians

Rachel Cresswell - Stabilitas Loci in Medieval Monasticism

Steven Firmin - Political Space: Sacred or Profane? A debate amongst three Christian theologians

Respondent: **Cana Warman**

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Mentality

Chair: **Erika Trittle**

Lior Yaari Dolev - Religious Conversions as a Mental Journey to an Inner Sacred Place

Mari Ovsepyan - 'Sacred Spaces Are Never Empty': Cognitive Science of Religion and Migration of the Holy

Alexander Van Der Haven - The Madness of Sacred Space: Critical Reflections on the 'Jerusalem Syndrome'

Respondent: **Keren Abbou Hershkovits**

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-18:00 Holy Land

Chair: **Helen Flatley**

Davidi Borabeck - The Most Sacred Place in the State: Mt. Zion, 1948-1967

Gideon Elazar - Back to Earth: Christian Zionism and Sacred Space in the Activity of "Hayovel"

Rose Stair - A Homeland in the Home: The Role of the Domestic Space in Cultural Zionism

Respondent: **Amnon Raz Krakotzkin**

18:00-20:30 Dinner in "Arabica"

June 4 Tuesday 2019

8:15-9:00 Breakfast and Informal Gathering

9:00-11:00 Inter-Religious

Chair: **Oded Cohen**

Azri Amram - Fifty Shades of Kosher: Inter-Religious Encounters in Palestinian Food Spaces in Israel

Lauren Morry - United in Prayer? Analyzing a Church-Mosque Partnership in Aberdeen, Scotland

Elazar Ben-Lulu - The Place of the Sacred or the Sacredness of the Place

Respondent: **Nimrod Hurvitz**

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:30 Geography & Borders

Chair: **Steven Firmin**

Yamit Rachman Schrire - Medieval Imagination and the Stones of Jerusalem: Place, Text, Image

Helen Flatley - Shared Spaces in Medieval Toledo

Matan Orian - The Purpose of the Balustrade in the Herodian Temple

Respondent: **Jackie Feldman**

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:30 Pilgrimage

Chair: **Uri Shachar**

Mirjam Lücking - The Mount of Olives as a Site of Sacred Separation? Experiences of Tourists and Residents

Catalin-Stefan Popa - To go or not to go to Jerusalem? The 1st memra of Bar Hebraeus's Ethicon as a literary case from the Syriac Renaissance

Oded Cohen - Describing the Holy Places in a New Era: Yihus ha-Avot and the Ottoman Conquest of the Land of Israel

Respondent: **Ora Limor**

16:30-17:00 Break

17:00-19:00 Body & Embodiment

Chair: **Matan Orian**

Yishai Gesundheit - The "Holy Man" in Tractate Ta'anit, Babylonian Talmud

Stephan Hecht - Thinking as "Sacred Space": The Metaphorization of the Jerusalem Temple in Philo of Alexandria

Antje Carrel - 'Union with Christ as Embodiment of Sacred Space in Religious Writings from the Early Fifteenth Century in England

Respondent: **Michal Bar-Asher Siegal**

19:00-19:20 Concluding Remarks:

Martin Whittingham

Anna Sapir Abulafia

Ephraim Shoham-Steiner

19:20-21:50 Dinner in "Hadromit"

June 5 Wednesday 2019

7:30 Bus leaves U-Tel for Jerusalem

22:30 Bus returns to U-Tel from Jerusalem

