The three talks center around social positioning and what people eat. Beyond simply survival, food conveys signs of distinction. The first two talks implicitly compare the informal rules of culinary distinction in two places and periods. The third describes the particular case of Jewish food in the United States, how it was defined and its gradual fading away both as a common restaurant category and as a marker of Jewish-American identity.

1. **Food and Social Prestige in the Middle Ages**  
   **Sunday, 15 March 16:30** (University of Haifa, Eshkol Observatory)

2. **Food and Social Prestige in the United States**  
   **Monday, 16 March 16:30** (The Open University, University Road 1, Ra’anana, Kanbar Hall)

3. **Jewish Food as an “Ethnic” Cuisine in the United States**  
   **Tuesday, 17 March 16:30** (University of Haifa, Eshkol Observatory) - keynote lecture of the annual conference of the Historical Society of Israel “Bread and Wine: Food in History”

* Refreshments will be served before each lecture