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You are cordially invited to participate in an evening of delicious food

ARUCHA V'HALACHA

and exciting Shiurim on Mesorah and Kashurut.

With the advent of commercial food production in the last fifty years and the move toward centralized *shechita*, the *Mesorot* on many birds, *chagavim*, and animals are on the verge of being lost to *Am Yisrael* forever. In addition, many people are no longer familiar with the myriad facets of *Kashrut*.

In an effort to stem this loss and to familiarize the community with these *halachot*, we are organizing the **Mesora Dinner – ARUCHA V'HALACHA** – a unique educational and gastronomic event. The Mesora Dinner combines rare and unusual kosher delicacies, hands-on *halachic* adventuring, fascinating Jewish history and Torah study.

Our first Mesora Dinner was held in Yerushalayim (2002), followed by dinners in New York and Los Angeles in conjunction with the OU. Our goal is to preserve the *Mesorot* on these creatures and to clarify arcane and often unknown or misunderstood *halachot*.

What Is A Seudat Mesoret ?

The **ARUCHA V'HALACHA** evening will include *shiurim* on *Simanei Kashrut*, the *halachic* considerations of each item on the menu, and investigation of the *Mesorah* of the Five Grains and the Seven Species of Eretz Yisrael.

The menu is scheduled to include chicken, duck, muscovy, wild turkey, quail, dove, pigeon, pheasant, wild chicken, guinea hen, and sparrow, for all of which we have a continuous *Mesorah* from a living Shochet or Rav. We will also serve meat from cows, goats, sheep, deer, gazelle, and buffalo. Unusual fish, including kosher swordfish and the famed *Shibuta* of the Talmud directly from the Euphrates River, will be featured.

Where and When Is The Event ?

This will be our biggest and most encompassing event yet. It will, *Y"H*, be held at the Eucalyptus Restaurant of world-acclaimed gourmet chef Moshe Basson, located in Chutzot Hayotzer, opposite the walls of the **Old City of Yerushalayim**, on the 11th of Av, Thursday, July 22nd, 2010. The event will begin promptly at 5 pm and will be a fascinating and delicious learning experience.

Each of the 11 or so gourmet courses will be accompanied by a hands-on demonstration, video, or slide presentation, explaining the *halachic* relevance of that course. We will be passing on the *Mesorah* in an active manner by displaying specimens of many of the animals, birds, fish and locusts.

Every aspect of this dinner is unique. *Shechita* has been done especially for this meal, and it promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Details

Space at this **Mesora Dinner** is very limited. If you are interested in participating, you must reserve your spot immediately by responding to this email. While we do not yet know the exact cost of this evening, we estimate that it will be approximately 380 NIS per person, which just covers the expenses involved. Our goal is to share this experience and pass the *Mesorot* of Am Yisrael on to as many people as we can.

We will email more detailed information as the date approaches. For now, you might enjoy browsing <http://halachicadventures.com/?p=589>, which has in-depth information about our previous dinners, as well as photographs of some of the more interesting animals being prepared for this dinner.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ari Greenspan & Ari Zivotofsky

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