



3FF Middle East Branch to address Cambridge University international gathering of religious leaders

6th & 7th August 2014, University of Cambridge

The Israel branch of 3FF, the Three Faiths Forum, runs a ground-breaking project for improved intercultural relations between Muslims, Christians and Jews in Israel.

Over the past seven years we have worked with 200 participants annually in the humanities and healthcare improving understanding between different faiths and cultures. The core of the project provides compulsory intercultural training for medical and healthcare professionals. We have worked in hospitals around Israel and leading healthcare institutions including Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv and Hadassah Hospital (Ein Karem and Mount Scopus). The aim of the project is to enhance intercultural communication between medical professionals, their patients and fellow staff members. Our educational methodology is based on the interreligious techniques and values of 'Scriptural Reasoning'.

We have won the support of the Israeli Ministry of Health, and have partnered with the Tanenbaum Centre for Interreligious Understanding (New York) which is publishing a detailed report on the subject of religion and culture in Israeli hospitals. Through these efforts we have managed to build on the coexistence in hospitals by investing in the values that serve to enhance healthcare provision for all Israeli citizens.

In August, the founding director of the project, Dr. Miriam Feldmann Kaye, will be addressing the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme's annual international training for emerging religious leaders of all faiths. She will deliver two presentations, one of which will showcase the healthcare project, and another which will explore religion and conflict resolution between Israelis and Arabs. You are invited to attend the lectures:

6th August 11:30-12:30

7th August 11:30-12:30

To confirm attendance, please contact maa46@cam.ac.uk. Places are limited.



Dr. Miriam Feldmann Kaye is a lecturer in the Department of Jewish Thought, and a Lady Davis Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Department of Comparative Religion both at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She holds a BA in Theology and Religious Studies from the University of Cambridge, an MA from the University of London, and a Doctorate from the University of Haifa, Israel.

Her research interests are the development of the changing concept of truth in our postmodern age, and its impact on theology in monotheistic religions. She is preparing the manuscript for her first book. In conjunction, Miriam is Founding Director of the Three Faiths Forum Middle East (3FFME), which works in a variety of educational and scholarly contexts to transform conflict communication methods between citizens of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, based on 'Scriptural Reasoning'.

She has lectured in Israel at Bar Ilan University (Education Department), Tel Aviv University (Department of Philosophy of Religion) and Haifa University (Department of Philosophy), at the World Congress of Jewish Studies, as well as at international conferences in Sarajevo, Berlin, Thessalonika and London. Miriam is a fellow at the Van Leer Institute and the Polonsky Institute for Advanced Humanities and Sciences.

Miriam was raised in a Modern Orthodox Jewish community in London. She is a graduate of Midreshet Lindenbaum and the Bradfield Orthodox Jewish Women's Educators Programme. Miriam is a fellow of the Leadership Programme of 'Kolech Religious Women's Forum' in Israel and a visiting teacher at Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies. Miriam has recently become a member of the Rabbinic Bet Midrash of Ideas at 'Beit Hillel' which works towards an inclusive model of Orthodox Judaism in Israel. She is a member of the Jerusalem Centre for Ethics advisory committee, and a past advisor to the British Government on Faith Relations and Community Cohesion.

Miriam lives in Jerusalem with her husband, two daughters and son.

