



OLAMAIE TO HOST ISRAELI HOME COOKING BRUNCH TO BENEFIT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 27

*Chef Michael Fojtasek to Host Special Brunch with Author Janna Gur
Featuring Recipes From Her Cookbook, "Shuk: From Market to Table, the
Heart of Israeli Home Cooking"*

WHAT: Texas Book Festival is thrilled to partner with Olamaie to host Janna Gur for an exclusive brunch on Sunday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are now on sale for \$125 per person and include a three-course brunch featuring recipes by Chef Fojtasek, adapted with collaboration from Gur and Einat Admony's *Shuk: From Market to Table, the Heart of Israeli Home Cooking*, along with Olamaie biscuits and brunch cocktails. Every ticket includes one signed copy of *Shuk* along with food and cocktails at brunch. Proceeds help support the Texas Book Festival's programs.

The morning will kick off with passed appetizers from Olamaie, with Gur on site to welcome and mingle with guests. Guests will then enjoy brunch courses, interspersed with remarks from Gur and the opportunity to ask questions.

Shuk is inspired by Israel's open-air marketplaces or *shuks*, which are the heart and soul of its daily life. Both authors' Middle Eastern heritage inform each authentic dish, from Persian rice platters and Moroccan tagines to Levantine spreads and the rare, hand-rolled couscous of North Africa. Written by two leading female voices in Israeli cuisine, *Shuk* presents an enticing portrait of this globally beguiling melting pot fare.

Gur was born in Riga, Latvia, and immigrated to Israel in 1974. She is the founder of *Al Hashulchan*, the premier Israeli food and wine magazine, which she edited for almost 30 years. Gur is the author of *The Book of New Israeli Food* and *Jewish Soul Food: From Minsk to Marrakesh* and has written and/or edited nearly 40 other cookbooks. She lives in Tel Aviv.

Admony, co-author, will be at the Texas Book Festival in the Central Market Cooking Tent. Schedule details will be available on the Texas Book Festival website the week of October 1.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.texasbookfestival.org and follow along on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.

WHEN: Sunday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Olamaie | 1610 San Antonio Street, Austin, TX 78701

TICKETS: \$125 | Include three-course brunch and signed copy of *Shuk: From Market to Table, the Heart of Israeli Home Cooking*

WEBSITE: <https://www.texasbookfestival.org/brunch-with-shuk-at-olamaie/>

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ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

With a vision to inspire all Texans to love reading, the Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by former First Lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee, and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival Weekend, the Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars Title I elementary school program, the Real Reads Title I middle and high school program, grants to Texas libraries, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol each fall and features more than 275 renowned authors, panels, book signings, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2019 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place October 26 - 27. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit www.texasbookfestival.org for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.

ABOUT OLAMAIE

Olamaie is a modern Southern restaurant helmed by one of 2018 and 2019 James Beard Awards "Best Chef: Southwest" finalists and FOOD & WINE's "Best New Chefs," Michael Fojtasek. Olamaie, *Austin American-Statesman's* 2015 and 2017 'Best Restaurant in Austin' and a James Beard Award "Best New Restaurant" Semi-Finalist, features a menu that focuses on farm-to-table freshness and a dining experience that combines classic Southern hospitality with modern restaurant craftsmanship. Located in the heart of central Austin at 1610 San Antonio Street, Austin, TX 78701 and is open for dinner every night of the week from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.