

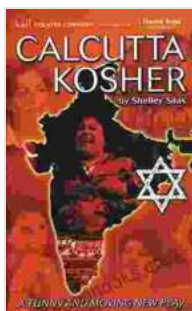
Calcutta Kosher: A Literary Feast of Identity and Culinary Fusion

: A Culinary Melting Pot

In the bustling metropolis of Calcutta (now Kolkata), where the Ganges River meanders through a vibrant urban tapestry, a unique culinary and cultural convergence has taken place over centuries. 'Calcutta Kosher,' a compelling new literary anthology from Oberon Modern Plays, delves into this fascinating fusion, exploring the intricate interplay between Jewish and Bengali cuisine. Through a series of captivating short plays, essays, and recipes, this collection offers a tantalizing glimpse into the world of Calcutta's Jewish community and their enduring connection to the city's diverse culinary heritage.

Chapter 1: The Synagogues of Dalhousie Square

The journey begins in Dalhousie Square, the historic heart of Calcutta, where synagogues stand as silent witnesses to the city's rich Jewish legacy. Playwright Mahesh Dattani deftly weaves tales of community, displacement, and resilience in his play "Eggs." The aroma of freshly baked challah bread mingles with the spicy fragrance of Indian spices as characters navigate the complexities of their Jewish-Indian identities.



Calcutta Kosher (Oberon Modern Plays) by Shelley Silas

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Chapter 2: The Jewish Bakers of Hogg Market

Venture into the bustling Hogg Market, where generations of Jewish bakers have plied their trade, creating a delectable synthesis of European and Indian flavors. In Amitava Kumar's essay, "The Jewish Bakers of Calcutta," we meet these culinary artisans, their stories intertwined with the sweet aromas of rugelach and the savory notes of samosas.

Chapter 3: The Kosher Kitchen of Magen David Synagogue

The Magen David Synagogue, a majestic landmark in Calcutta, houses a vibrant kosher kitchen. In Nilanjana Roy's play, "Preserving the Past," the women of the community gather to prepare traditional Jewish dishes, their conversations revealing the deep-rooted cultural ties that bind them.

Chapter 4: The Jewish Wedding Feast

No exploration of Calcutta Kosher would be complete without a glimpse into the lavish culinary traditions surrounding Jewish weddings. In Laura Apol's essay, "The Baghdadi Jewish Wedding Feast," we witness the intricate preparations, the elaborate ceremonies, and the joyous celebration that accompany these special occasions.

Chapter 5: The Cookbook and Its Legacy

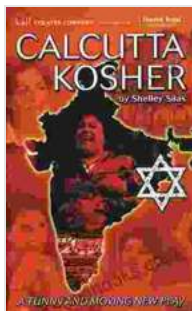
The culmination of this literary journey is a cookbook, a testament to the enduring culinary legacy of the Calcutta Jewish community. Featuring meticulously recreated recipes that have been passed down through

generations, this cookbook is not merely a culinary guide but a repository of cultural heritage.

: A Culinary and Cultural Legacy

'Calcutta Kosher' is more than just a literary exploration of food; it is a poignant and thought-provoking examination of identity, tradition, and the transformative power of cultural exchange. Through its evocative storytelling, delectable culinary insights, and meticulously crafted cookbook, this anthology invites readers to savor the unique flavors and rich cultural tapestry of Calcutta's Jewish community.

In a world often divided by differences, 'Calcutta Kosher' offers a refreshing reminder of the common threads that connect us all. It is a testament to the enduring human spirit and the transformative power of shared experiences.



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