

GOURMAND
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The Best in the World 2006

Israel



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The **Gourmand World Cookbook Awards** reward and honour every year those who cook and drink with words. Since its beginning at the Frankfurt Book Fair, over 90 countries have competed, and 57 countries have won a Best in the World award. **Israel** won its first major award with the **Israel – Wine-Guide**, by **D. Rogov**.

The Gourmand Awards this year took place April 7, 2007 in Beijing, China. **The Israeli Museum** won the **Best in the World Award** for the book **Bread Culture - Symbol of faith, Staff of Life**. This book gives a view of the history of bread around the world, with its symbols and meanings. It is an important book.

The increase in the quality of bread is now worldwide. This is also true for the demand in bread books. The book that came second in the competition is **Pains d’Hier et d’Aujourd’hui**, Breads from Yesterday and Today, by **Mouette Bardoff**, published by **Hoebecke** in Paris. The author is one of the top two or three experts and researcher on bread in France.

Another interesting book in the Gourmand Awards this year, were **Pasión por la Cocina Judia**, Passion for the Jewish Cuisine, by **Miriam Becker**, published by **Atlantida** in Argentina. One of the best cookbook front covers of the year was for **Cooking with the Kosher Butcher’s Wife**, by **Sharon Lurie**, published by **Struik** in South Africa.

But at the **Gourmand Awards** in Beijing, the big success with the public was **From Lokshen to Lo Mein, the Jewish love affair with Chinese food**. This Kosher Chinese cookbook by **Don Siegel**, with illustrations by **Esther Stegel** is published by **Gefen Publishing House**. The book was a success both with the Chinese visitors and the guests from over 30 countries who attended the Gourmand Awards.

More information can be found on www.cookbookfair.com and in the **Gourmand Yearbook 2007** which was published for the **Gourmand Awards in Beijing**.

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