

Thursday, 12 July 2018

Excursion to archeological excavation of Stobi with its ancient synagogue and to the city of Bitola/Monastir, its Jewish quarter and cemetery, organized and sponsored by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and ARHAM.



The excursion will be followed by the Ceremony of Bestowing the Order Kavalyero del Ladino al nombre del Don Yitzhak Navon, the Fifth President of the State of Israel and the first Honorary President of the Moshe David Gaon Center for Ladino Culture at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev upon

Dona Berta Romano
for her important contribution in preservation of the Sephardic culture and Ladino language in the Republic of Macedonia;
Don Emilian Vilos (posthumously)
and
Dona Maria Geras Dochovska

for the important role they have played in the project of restoration of the Jewish cemetery in Bitola/Monastir. The ceremony will be conducted by Don Erez Navon, the Master of the Order; Prof. Tamar Alexander, the Director of the Israeli National Authority for Ladino Culture and Mr. Dan Oryan, the Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of Macedonia.



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FROM GAZA TO SKOPJE
NATHAN, THE PROPHET OF SABBATHIANISM
IN HISTORY, LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY
JULY 10 – 12, 2018
MACEDONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS



Tuesday, 10 July 2018

08:30 – 09:15 Registration

Session I – Opening Session

Chairperson: Eliezer Papo

9:15-10:00

Taki Fiti – President of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Zvi Hacohen – Rector of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Berta Romano – President of the Jewish Community in the Republic of Macedonia

Goran Sadikarijo – Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia

Haviva Pedaya – Head of J. R. Elyachar Center for Studies in Sephardic Heritage

Dan Oryan – Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of Macedonia

Keynote Speaker

Chairperson: Tamar Alexander

10:00-10:30

Jacob Barnai, University of Haifa
Nathan of Gaza – His Image in Jewish Conscience and Historiography

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee-break

Session II – Nathan, the Man and the Prophet

Chairperson: Cengiz Sisman

11:00-11:30

Noam Lev El, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Epistle of R. Nathan of Gaza to Raphael Joseph: Meaning and Reception

11:30-12:00

Maoz Kahana, Tel-Aviv University
The Traditional Stability of a Change Mode: Sabbetai Sevi, Nathan of Gaza and Sasportas on “Hora’at Sha’ah” (‘temporary order’/‘emergency order’)

12:00-12:30

Roy Caspi, Tel-Aviv University
Prophet and Interpreter - Hermeneutics of Prophecy

12:30-13:00

Ruth Kara-Ivanov Kaniel, University of Haifa
Sin and Redemption: Zoharic Theosophy in Nathan’s Prophecies

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

Session III - Visual Art and Polemical Literature

Chairperson: Pawel Maciejko

15:00 – 15:30

Jonatan Meir, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Sabbatian Hagiography and Jewish Polemical Literature

15:30 – 16:00

Svetlana Smolčić Makuljević, Metropolitan University, Belgrade
The Image of Nathan of Gaza in European Art and the Image of Jews in the Balkan Visual Culture

16:00 – 16:30

Nenad Makuljević, University of Belgrade
Sephardic Jews and Balkan Christians in the Time of Sabbatian Revolution

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

Session IV - Nathan, the Theologian

Chairperson: Jonatan Meir

17:00 – 17:30

Noam Lefler, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
A Prophet of an Absent Messiah

17:30 – 18:00

Dor Saar-Man, Tel-Aviv University
The Attitudes of Samuel Primo and Abraham Cardoso towards Nathan of Gaza

18:00 – 18:30

Avinoam J. Stillman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Nathan of Gaza, R. Yaakov Koppel Lifshitz and the Varieties of Lurianic Kabbalah

19:00 Visit to the Jewish Community Center and the Synagogue
(Reception, followed by cocktail and buffet)



Wednesday, 11 July 2018

Session V - Nathan and the Sabbatians after Sabbetai’s Death

Chairperson: Jacob Barnai

09:00 – 09:30

Hadar Feldman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Legacy of Nathan of Gaza in the Late Sabbatian Movement

09:30 – 10:00

Cengiz Sisman, University of Houston-CL
Nathan of Gaza and the Formation of the Dönme Kabbala

10:00 – 10:30

Pawel Maciejko, Johns Hopkins University
Nathan of Gaza in Frank’s Words of the Lord

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session VI – Nathan in Literature

Chairperson: Yitzhak Ben-Mordechay

11:00 – 11:30

Nan Goodman, University of Colorado at Boulder
Nathan of Gaza and the Jewish Renewal Movement in America

11:30 – 12:00

Jan Miklas-Frankowski, University of Gdańsk
Sabbetai Sevi and Nathan of Gaza as the Messianic Predecessors of Jacob Frank in the Olga Tokarczuk’s Novel *The Book of Jacob*

12:00 – 12:30

Gordana Todoric, Gaon Center for Ladino Culture
Political Discourse as a Field of Deconstruction of Figure of a Prophet

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Session VII – Nathan as a Cultural Hero

Chairperson: Haviva Pedaya

14:30 – 15:00

Eliezer Papo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Nathan – Between Oral Legends and Written Hagiography

15:00 – 15:30

Tamar Alexander, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Nathan of Gaza – After Death: Encounters in Dreams

15:30 – 16:00

Federico Dal Bo, University Autònoma de Barcelona
Nathan as John the Baptist and Paul: Gershom Scholem and Jacob Taubes Disputing over Sabbetai Sevi’s Heritage

16:30 Visit to the Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia
(Followed by a traditional Macedonian dinner)