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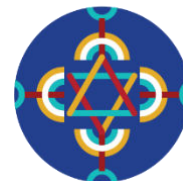
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J.R. Elyachar Center for
Studies in Sephardic
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The Quincentennial
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of Turkish Jews



The Eleventh Annual Conference of the Society for Sephardic Studies
and the Sephardic Studies Research Institute of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Sephardic Jews between Messianism and Modernity
dedicated to the loving memory of Prof. Tamar Alexander,
one of the Society's founders and a member of its Steering Committee.
The conference is being organized in cooperation with
the Izmir Jewish Heritage Project and the Jewish Community Foundation of Izmir,
the Ottoman-Turkish Sephardic Culture Research Center and the Quincentennial Museum of Turkish Jews,
the Center for Sabbatean Sephardic Culture,
the J. R. Elyachar Center for Studies in Sephardic Heritage
and the Council of Sephardic and Oriental Communities – Jerusalem
Izmir, October 9-13, 2023.

Sunday, October 8th

Arrival of conference participants and accommodation.

19:00: Optional shared dinner (not sponsored by the organizers) for early arrivals.

Monday, October 9th

Portugal Synagogue

Portekiz Sinagogu, Kemeraltı Çarşısı, 926. Sk. No:44, 35370 Konak/İzmir

9:00-09:45: **Registration**

9:45-10:30: **Opening Ceremony**

Words of welcome from

Nesim Bencoya, the Izmir Jewish Heritage Project

Abraham Sevinti, the Jewish Community Foundation of Izmir

Silvio Ovadia, the Quincentennial Museum of Turkish Jews

Avraham Shalom, the Council of Sephardic and Oriental Communities – Jerusalem

Haviva Pedaya, the J.R. Elyachar Center for Studies in Sepharadi Heritage

Bariş Telimen, the Center for Sabbatean Sephardic Culture

Regina Boxer, patron of the Sephardic Studies Research Institute, Ben-Gurion University

Eliezer Papo, the Society for Sephardic Studies

10:30-11:15

Session 1. First keynote speaker: Jacob Barnai	
Chairperson: Eliezer Papo	
Jacob Barnai University of Haifa	The Jewish Community of Izmir between the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Centuries

11:15-11:45: Coffee break

11:45-12:45

Session 2. Sacred Topography of Izmir	
Chairperson: Ricardo Muñoz Solla	
Maoz Kahana Tel-Aviv University	One Lock, One Axe: The Oral Life of a Particular Shabbat in the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue
Şakir Çakmak Ege University S. Burçak Çikıkcı and independent researcher	Aspirations and Recommendations concerning the Restoration of Izmir's Orehim Forasteros (Foreigners) Synagogue

12:45-14:00: Lunch break

14:00-16:00

Session 3. Restoring Jewish Messianism	
Chairperson: José Alberto Rodrigues da Silva Tavim	
Peter Sh. Lehnardt Ben-Gurion University	<i>Ma'ase Yeşurun</i> : A New Kind of Sephardic Messianism as Depicted by R. Aaron HaKohen of Dubrovnik
Haviva Pedaya Ben-Gurion University	Ottoman-Sephardic Tradition of Moderate Apocalypses, from Šabbetai to R. Yehudah Alkalay
Eliezer Papo Ben-Gurion University	<i>For Torah shall Emanate forth from Zemun and the Word of the Lord from Serbia</i> : R. Yehudah Alkalay's Concept of Messiah, Theodor Herzl and His True Origins
Cengiz Şişman University of Houston-Clear Lake	Between Messianism and Modernity: Missionary Activities among Izmir's Jews and Dönmes in the Nineteenth Century

16:00-16:30: Coffee break

16:30-18:00

Session 4. The Jewish Community of Izmir: Language, Identity and Livelihood	
Chairperson: Avraham Shalom	
David M. Bunis Hebrew University	The Language of Rabbi Avraham Palacci's <i>Sefer We-Hoxiaḥ Avraham</i>
Rachel Saba Wolfe Ben-Gurion University	<i>What Language shall He Teach His Children?</i> The Language Debate in Izmir's Judeo-Spanish Press as a Matter of Identity
Orly C. Meron Bar-Ilan University	Jewish Entrepreneurship in Izmir: Sephardic Commercial Networks

18:00-18:45

Session 5. Second keynote speaker: Dina Danon	
Chairperson: Cengiz Şişman	
Dina Danon Binghamton University	Rethinking Jewish Modernity: Class and Community in Ottoman Izmir

18:45 – 20:00

Projection of the movie

The Language of the Father

by Rami Kimchi

(55 minutes)

followed by discussion, led by the movie director.

Tuesday, October 10th

09:00 – 13:00

Excursion: La Juderia de Izmir

13:00-14:30: Lunch

Parallel Sessions				
Sinyora Synagogue Kemeraltı Çarşısı, 927. Sk. No:79, 35250 Konak/İzmir			Eş Hayim Synagogue Kemeraltı Çarşısı, 937. Sk. 5 C, 35250 Konak/İzmir	
14:30-16:30				
Session 6. Virtual Sepharad			Session 7. Communities at Crossroads	
Chairperson: Nesim Bencoya			Chairperson: Peter Sh. Lehnardt	
Jonathan Vardi Hebrew University	The Ottoman Copyists of Andalusia's Golden Age: Modern Philology and Traditional Heritage		Dotan Arad Bar-Ilan University	Image, Self-Image, Reality: Attitudes of Sephardic Sages toward the Musta'ribs
Talha Kaan Ünlü Amasya University	An Effective Community: The Salonica Jewish Community in the Sixteenth Century and its External Relations, through the Notes of Samuel de Medina		Ricardo Muñoz Solla Universidad de Salamanca	Caminos mesiánicos a la utopía: el caso de los judeoconversos de Úbeda y Baeza
Shai Srougo University of Haifa	Traditional Ottoman Practices on the Thessaloniki Waterfront: Jewish Stevedore Work Culture (1900-1920)		José Alberto Rodrigues da Silva Tavim Universidade de Lisboa	Revisiting the Presence of Portuguese Jews in the Ottoman Empire
Gila Hadar University of Haifa	The Sephardic Family in the Throes of Crisis: The Aftermath of the Mass Conversions to Islam following Šabbetai Sevi		David Manrique Ben-Gurion University	Between Theurgy and Education: Sabbatian Ladino Translations of the Zohar

16:30-17:00 Coffee Break

17:00-19:00

Session 8. The Jewish Community of Izmir: Characters and Edifices		Session 9. Books, Theater and Music	
Chairperson: Dina Danon		Chairperson: Haviva Pedaya	
Marcos Silber, University of Haifa	Messianic Memories, Jewish Nationalism and the Izmir Setting: R. Ḥayyim Falachi meets Adam Mickiewicz	Dina Eliezer independent researcher	
Miguel Ángel Espinosa Villegas University of Granada	Between Sefarad and Turkey: Tradition and Modernity in the Architecture of Izmir Jewry	Avishag Ben-Shalom Ben-Gurion University	The Theater as a Modern Means for Preserving and Cultivating a Venerable Oral Tradition
Hatice Ayşegül Demir, Nihan Bulut and Mine Hamamcioglu-Turan Izmir Institute of Technology	The Remains of the Jewish Hospital in Kemeralti and the Challenges Facing its Preservation	Donatella Melini Pavia University	Arab Instruments, Jewish Luthiers, Christian Musicians: The Annals and Construction of Musical Instruments in Europe between the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Century
Doğa Filiz Subaşı Yozgat Bozok University	La comunidad judía de Esmirna según sus actores directos, análisis y resultados de un trabajo de campo	Judith Cohen York University	Music in Portuguese Crypto-Jewish Life: A Quarter-Century of Change and Adaptation

Wednesday, October 11th

Parallel Sessions	
Sinyora Synagogue Kemeraltı Çarşısı, 927. Sk. No:79, 35250 Konak/İzmir	Eş Hayim Synagogue Kemeraltı Çarşısı, 937. Sk. 5 C, 35250 Konak/İzmir

09:00-11:00

Session 10. Sabbatian Studies I Venue: Sinyora Synagogue Chairperson: Bariş Telimen		Session 11. The City of Izmir in Jewish Literature Venue: Eş aHayim Synagogue Chairperson: Avishag Ben-Shalom	
Moisés Orfali Bar-Ilan University	Prayers and Liturgical Poems by R. Isaac Aboab da Fonseca and R. Solomon Oliveira in Honor of Šabbetay Ševi	Michal Moskovitz Bar-Ilan University	The Sephardic Jews in Izmir as Reflected in the Novel <i>Seniorita from Izmir</i> by Michal Moskovitz
María José Cano Pérez University of Granada	La figura de Šabbetay Ševi en la literatura creativa: <i>El viaje de Baldassre</i> de Amin Maalouf	Jan Miklas-Frankowski University of Gdańsk	The Image of Smyrna in Olga Tokarczuk's <i>The Books of Jacob</i>
Efrat Lederfein-Gilboa Ben-Gurion University	From Constantinople to Reggio: Benjamin haCohen Vitali's Commentary on Lamentations	Susy Gruss Bar-Ilan University	Esmirna – mi ciudad, mi comunidad, mi lugar
		Tania María García Arévalo University of Granada	Entre Esmirna, El Cairo y Jerusalén: análisis preliminar de la novela <i>La sinyatura del kontrato</i>

11:00-11:30: Coffee Break

11:30-13:30

Session 12. Sabbatian Studies II		Session 13. Sephardic Networks	
Chairperson: Rami Kimchi		Chairperson: Maoz Kahana	
Jonatan Meir Ben-Gurion University	Picturing Sabbatianism: Literature, Art and Heresy	Susanne Marten-Finnis Universities Bremen and Portsmouth	The Sephardic Community in Late Sixteenth-Century Zamość: Understanding Urban Neighborhood Principles in Light of Polish-Ottoman Relations
Noam Lefler Tel-Aviv University	A Test Case for the Legacy of Sabbatian Leadership in the Rabbinic Literature: Samuel Primo	Benedetto Ligorio Sapienza University of Rome	The Sephardic Silk Road Bridging Italy and Balkan Cities during the Renaissance
Eliezer Baumgarten Ben-Gurion University Uri Safrai and Herzog College	Between R. Moses Zaccuto and R. Nathan of Gaza: <i>Tiqqunim</i> , Zohar Commentary and Prayer Intentions	Yehonatan Elazar-Demota University of Antwerp	The Talmud Torah Eş Hayim School in Eighteenth Century Amsterdam: Private International Law between the Nação and Jews of the Ottoman Empire
Miquel Beltrán and University of the Balearic Islands Meritxell Blasco University of Barcelona	Kabbalistic References in Abraham Miguel Cardozo's Letter to the Judges of Izmir Defending the Fallen Messiah	Silvina Schammah Gesser Bar-Ilan University	Converso Traits in the Spanish Baroque Period? Rereading the Eternal Image of Santa Teresa of Ávila as a Pillar of "Hispanidad"

13:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30

Session 14. Ottoman Sephardic Literature			Session 15. Families and Ethno-Confessional Communities in Izmir
Chairperson: Svetlana Smolčić Makuljević			Chairperson: Nenad Makuljević
Iskra Dobрева independent researcher	<i>Lights and Shadows from the Life of the Bulgarian Jews: The Prose Work of the Sephardic Poetess Grazia Albohayre (1925-2018)</i>		Siren Bora and Yasin Özdemir independent researcher
Gordana Todorčić the Gaon Center, BGU	Haim the Diegetic Mediator		Yitzchak Kerem independent researcher
			Izmir Jewry's Socio-Economic and Legal Problems and the Boundaries of the City's Jewish Quarter through the Prism of the Levi Family Archives (1804-1906)
			Relations and Mutual Influences between Greek-Orthodox and Izmir Jewry from the Late 1800s to the First Half of the Twentieth Century

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30

Session 16. Ottoman Sephardic Folk Culture			Session 17. Sephardic Diasporas
Chairperson: Vuk Dautović			Chairperson: Moisés Orfali
Sanja Trifunović University of Vienna	Jewish Performers between Messianism and Modernism		Isaac Amon Jewish Heritage Alliance
Hanita Barbiro Ben-Gurion University	The Question of Djoha's Ethno-Confessional Identity		Javier Leibiusky INALCO University, Paris and Goethe Universität, Frankfurt
Nazlı Alimen Birmingham City University	Jewish Women's Ferâces: Fashion in the Ottoman Public Sphere between the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Centuries		Damien Fabre Bordeaux Montaigne University
			An Extraordinary Age: The Sephardic Diaspora amid the Seventeenth Century
			Judeo-Spanish Immigration from the Ottoman Empire to Buenos Aires – the Story of an Invisible Community (1876-1930)
			The Re-Compositions of Sephardic Identity in the Columns of Sephardic Judaism (1932-1966, Paris, London)

18:00

Karagöz and Hacivat: Traditional Ottoman Shadow Play

"Sanathane" 1298. Street. No: 21, Konak/İzmir

19:00

La ija i la madre, komo la unya i la karne: Romansas i kantigas de la tradision sefaradi

Judith Cohen & Tamar Ilana

Linnet & Kamila Saul

"Sanathane" 1298. Street. No: 21, Konak/İzmir

Thursday, October 12th

Parallel Sessions	
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09:00 – 10:30

Session 18. Sephardica Balcanica		Session 19. Messianism from the Generations that Composed the <i>Zohar</i> to Sabbateanism (in Hebrew)	
Chairperson: Gordana Todoric		Chairperson: Jonatan Meir	
Vuk Dautović University of Belgrade	The Sephardic Community of Belgrade in the Age of Historicism.	Ruth Kara-Ivanov University of Haifa	Birth and Anti-Birth: Messianic Dreams of Kabbalists from the Thirteenth to the Twentieth Century
Nenad Makuljević University of Belgrade	The Migrations and Remembrance Culture of Sephardim in the Ottoman Empire	Biti Roi Hebrew University	Theories on Cain and Abel's Reincarnation from the Iberian Peninsula to Safed
Svetlana Smolčić Makuljević Belgrade Metropolitan University	The Image of Jews in the Ottoman Balkan Visual Culture	Elchanan Reiner Tel-Aviv University	R. Neḥemia haKohen: A Jewish Polish Prophet in <i>Migdal 'Oz</i>

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00

The Annual Meeting of the Society for Sephardic Studies

Items on the agenda:

- Decisions regarding the Twelfth Annual Conference (2024)
- Election of a new Steering Committee member
(to replace the late Tamar Alexander)

Venue: **Sinyora Synagogue**

Kemeraltı Çarşısı, 927. Sk. No:79, 35250 Konak/İzmir

12:00-13:00 Lunch break

13:15-19:15

Excursion to the Sardis Synagogue and the Temple of Artemis

Friday, October 13th

08:00-15:00

Excursion to the Historic City of Ephesus

The Society's Steering Committee

Eliezer Papo
Tamar Alexander ת"ר
Yaron Ben-Naeh
Ricardo Muñoz Solla
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