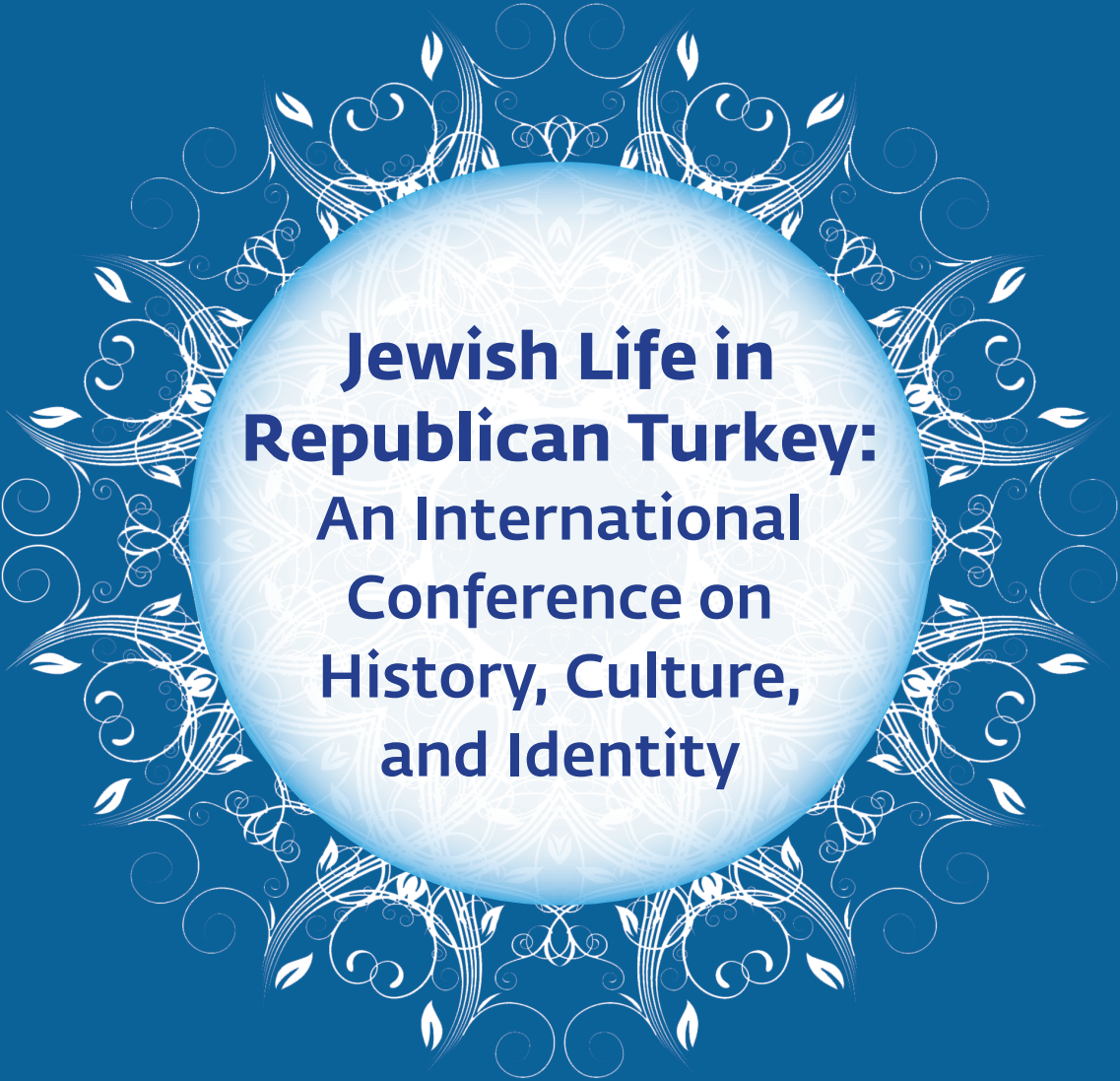


International Conference



Jewish Life in Republican Turkey: An International Conference on History, Culture, and Identity

**Sunday-Monday, 7-8 Kislev 5785
December 8-9, 2024**

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The lectures will be accompanied by simultaneous
English translation via ZOOM

Conference Program

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 7th of Kislev, 5785
Opening Evening at the Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem

18:30

Reception

19:00

Opening ceremony at Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem

Chair: Dr. Shimon Ohayon, Director Dahan Center, Bar-Ilan University

Greetings:

Prof. Miriam Frankel, Head of the Ben-Zvi Institute

Mr. Avi Cohen-Scali, director General of the The Ministry for Diaspora Affairs an Combating Antisemitism

Opening Lectures:

Prof. Eyal Ginio, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jews of Turkey: Between the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Nation-State

Rabbi Mendy Chitrik, Rabbi of the Ashkenazi community in Istanbul, Turkey, and Chairman of the Alliance of Rabbis in Islamic States

The Jewish Community in Turkey Today: Challenges and Opportunities

20:15

A Journey Through the Musical Spheres of Turkish Jewry

Between Sacred and Secular - Ladino Songs, the Synagogue and Café Aman

Musical director and vocals: **Hadas Pal-Yarden**

Bağlama and vocals: **Yaniv Ovadia**

Guitar and oud: **Talia Levin**

Introduction: **Hadar Feldman Samet**



Monday, December 9, 2024, 8th of Kislev, 5785
Bar-Ilan University

09:30-10:00

Registration and reception

10:00-12:00

OPENING SESSION

Chair: Dr. Shimon Ohayon, Director, Dahan Center,
Bar-Ilan University

Greetings:

Prof. Amnon Albeck, Rector, Bar-Ilan University

Mr. Gilad Shadmon, director General of the Ministry of
Regional Cooperation

Traditional Turkish Music Selections

Yaniv Taichman, Ud & **Yossi Bronfman**, Kanun



Prof. Efrat Aviv, Bar-Ilan University

**The significance of investigating Turkish Jewry:
An academic exploration**

Dr. Arad Nir, Foreign News Editor of Channel 12 Israel
**The Jewish Community in Istanbul - Impressions
from Decades of Journalistic Coverage**

Ms Irit Lillian, Ambassador of Israel to the Republic of
Turkiye, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Turkiye-Israel Relations: "Will a crisis lead to Divorce?"

12:00-12:15

Coffee break

12:15-14:00

**SESSION 2: Between Turkish and Ladino: Music,
Language, and Community Consciousness
at Home and in the Diaspora**

Chair: Prof. Leah Bornstein-Makovetsky, Ariel University

Dr. Merav Bellaiche, Bar-Ilan University

**The Ladino Press in New York at the Beginning of
the 20th Century: A Connecting and Preserving
Cultural Thread in the Turkish-Jewish Diaspora**

Dr. Mira Cohen Starkman, Bar-Ilan University

**Ladino in Latin - Linguistic revolution in medical
literature from Istanbul as a social-conservative
advocate 1948-1950**

Dr. Sarit Cofman-Simhon, Emunah College of Fine Arts
and Design

**Nostalgia in contemporary Ladino theater in
Turkey and Israel**

Dr. Susy Gruss, Salti Institute for Ladino Studies

The Life Story of a Jew Born in Aydın

Mr. Yoram Arnon, Bar Ilan University

**Turkish Music in British-Mandate Tel Aviv: The
Legacy of Moshe Cordova**

14:00-15:00

Lunch Break

SESSION 3: Heritage Preservation, Holocaust, and Identity: Turkish Jews and Global Connections in the 20th Century

Chair: Mr. Yigal Bibi, Dahan Center Public Committee

Prof. Yossef Charvit, Bar-Ilan University

Turkey - Affinity and mutual relations between scenes of the Holocaust: Middle East-Eastern Europe-Land of Israel

Dr. Hadar Feldman Samet, Tel Aviv University

Secrets and Studies - Yitzhak Ben-Zvi and the Sabbateans in Turkey in the 1950s

Ms. Michal Moskovitz, Salti Institute for Ladino Studies

Manifestations of anti-Semitism in the writings of a Jew in Izmir

Mr. Uri Bar-Ner, Kiriaty Foundation Int.

Ms. Judith Kiriaty-Matalon, Kiriaty Foundation

Presentation of the project to preserve the ancient synagogues and the unique Jewish heritage of Izmir first and second phases

Ms. Dina Eliezer, Independent investigator, Philadelphia, USA

The rabbinic library of Izmir - A new encounter and initial attempt of preservation

SESSION 4: Shaping Relations: Atatürk, the Jewish Community, and the Diplomatic History between Israel and Turkey

ZOOM

Chair: Prof. Orly C. Meron, Bar-Ilan University

Prof. Siren Bora, Independent Researcher, Izmir, Türkiye
Atatürk's Understanding of Nationalism and the Reflections of the Impositions that went beyond this Understanding on Turkish Jews (English)

Prof. Zaki Shalom, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Kemal Atatürk and the build-up of Israel Defense Forces

Mr. Moshe Kamhi, Ambassador Emeritus, Former DCM at the Embassy of Israel in Ankara and Consul General in Istanbul
Sociological Perspectives on Jews as a 'Foreign Group' in Turkey

ZOOM

Dr. Aviad Moreno, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev &

Dr. Tamir Karkason, Martin Luther University, Halle Wittenberg
Long-distance nationalism and the Turkish diaspora in Israel

Dr. Yitzchak Mualem, Ashkelon Academic College
The Jewish Factor in Israel-Turkey Relations Prior to Establishing Diplomatic Relations: The Aliyah Issue

17:00-17:15

Coffee break

17:15-18:00

SESSION 5: Narratives and Structures: Jewish Life and Representation in Modern Turkish Media and Society

Lectures in this
session will be in
English ZOOM

Chair: Prof. Moisés Orfali, Bar-Ilan University

Dr. Melis Öneren Özbek, Bahcesehir University,
Department of New Media, Turkey

**Guests or Citizens? Mapping Social Media
Discourses on Turkish Jews in the Context of
Netflix's The Club Series**

Ms. Sarina Roffe, Sephardic Heritage Project, New York,
USA

Turkish rabbinate and community structure

ZOOM

Prof. Esra Almas, Bilkent University, Turkey

Inscribing Jewish lives into the fabric of the city

Concluding remarks:

Prof. Moisés Orfali, Bar-Ilan University



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