



2,000 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN MOROCCO: AN EPIC JOURNEY

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May 15 & 16, 2011

Symposium Schedule

Sunday, May 15, 2011 (DAY 1)

- 9:30am Continental breakfast
- 10:00am **Welcome & Introduction to the Symposium**
David E.R. Dangoor, ASF President
H.E. Aziz Mekouar - Moroccan Ambassador to the U.S.
- 10:30am **2,000 Years of Jewish Life in Morocco: A Visual Journey**
Sonia Fellous, School of Paris V Sorbonne, Paris
- 11:00am **Session (1) 'From Antiquity to Today'**
Berber, Arab and Sephardi: The Diversity of Jewish Life in Moroccan History
Daniel Schroeter, University of Minnesota
Foreign Influences in the 20th Century
David Bensoussan, University of Quebec, Montreal
- 1:00pm **Buffet Luncheon**
- 2:00pm **Session (2) 'Evolution of Jewish Life'**
The French Jewish 'Alliance', the American 'Joint' and the Jews of Morocco
Yaron Tsur, Department of Jewish History, Tel-Aviv University
Moroccan Jews and the Law: Halakha, Shari'a and Consular Protection in the 19th Century
Jessica Marglin, Princeton University
- 3:00pm Coffee Break
- 3:15pm **Session (3) 'Moroccan Jews and the Arts'**
Moroccan Jewish Literary Creativity
Yaelle Azagury, Freelance Cultural Reporter
Liturgy, Piyutim and Andalusian Music
Dina Sabbah, Ethnomusicologist, Montreal
Jews and Art in a Muslim Land
Vivian Mann, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York
- 5:00pm Conclusion of Day 1

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Monday, May 16, 2011 (DAY 2)

9:30am Continental breakfast

10:00am **Welcome**

Florence Tatistcheff, ASF Vice-President

Session (4) 'Tribute to Professor Haim Zafrani'

The Passion of a Scholar for his own Cultural Heritage

Nicole Serfaty, University of Paris

10:30am **Session (5) 'Morocco and Its Jews: History and Social Memories'**

Between History and Memory: Jews in Moroccan Muslim Narratives

Aomar Boum, University of Arizona

The Role of some Jewish Diplomats and Financial Advisers throughout the History of Morocco

Nicole Serfaty, University of Paris

11:30am **Session (6) 'Contributions of Moroccan Rabbis to Universal Jewish Thought'**

Old Wisdom for New Times: Insights from the Moroccan Rabbinic Tradition

Rabbi Marc D. Angel, Founder, The Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals

Elijah Benamozegh: The Kaballah and Interreligious Discourse

Clémence Boulouque, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm **Session (7) 'Contributions of the Moroccan Jewish Diaspora'**

Moroccan Jewry in the Diaspora: A Visual Passage

Sonia Fellous, School of Paris V Sorbonne, Paris

The Literature of Exile: The Origins in Marcel Benabou's Family Epic

Robert Elbaz, University of Haifa

The Moroccan Diaspora in Israel

Yafit Lev-Aretz, University of Pennsylvania

The Moroccan Diaspora in the Americas

David Bensoussan, University of Quebec, Montreal

3:30pm Coffee break

3:50pm **Session (8) 'Jews in Morocco Today: Preserving the Link'**

A roundtable discussion to include current efforts to preserve Jewish sites in Morocco

Invited guests: Serge Berdugo, Ambassador-At-Large for the Kingdom of Morocco;

Arlette Berdugo, author; Jacky Kadosh, President of the Jewish communities of Marrakesh and Essaouria; and Rabbi Rafael Benchimol.

Moderated by Stanley Urman, Ph.D., ASF Executive Director

5:00pm Closing Remarks: Florence Tatistcheff-Amzallag

All sessions and speakers are subject to change

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TICKET INFORMATION

	General Admission	ASF Members & Students with ID
Sunday, May 15th Includes Continental Breakfast, Coffee service & Buffet Lunch	\$ 65	\$ 55
Monday, May 16th Includes Continental Breakfast, Coffee service & Buffet Lunch	\$ 65	\$ 55
Sunday & Monday Package	\$120	\$100

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Please purchase your tickets by Tuesday, May 10, 2011 to insure your place at the buffet lunch. Dietary laws observed.



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