

ZOOM TRAVEL 2023-24

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Sunday, November 19 @ 1:00 PM

"Jewish Cuba" with Abel Hernandez Eskenazi

A panoramic view of the whole Jewish presence in Cuba since the first group of Jews who arrived to Cuba until today, including the different historical periods of the Cuban Jewish Community, the most important Jewish places and the most important Jewish personalities.

Abel Hernández Eskenazi was born in Havana, Cuba. He obtained the "Relevant" award at the Cuban History Forum, at the Technological University of Havana, with the work "Impact of Jewish Personalities in the History of Cuba". He is an

active member of the Jewish Community of Cuba where he carries out different activities.



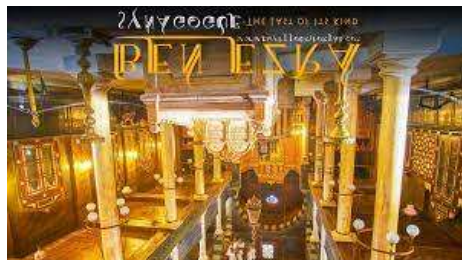
Sunday, December 17 @ 1:00 PM

"Jewish Greece" with Evan Kapros

Greece is full of history, and this is reflected in the history of Greek Jewry, a unique combination of Sephardic, Ashkenazi, and Romaniote communities with roots in Spain, the Balkans, and going back all the way to the Roman Empire. We will discover this rich history, and will talk about the social perceptions prevalent in contemporary Greek society concerning Jewish identities. Finally, no

good discussion about Greek Jewry can be conducted without talking about the language, food, and music of the community!

Evan Kapros was born in Greece, while later he moved to Ireland. Right now he lives in Barcelona, where he is a volunteer at Mozaika. When in Greece, Evan was involved with groups for refugee rights and against antisemitism, and in Ireland he was a member of the Education Committee of the Irish Jewish Museum.



Sunday, January 7 @ 1:00 PM

"Jewish Egypt" with Louise Arwas

Over the course of our virtual tour we will be time travelling: From the time of Moses, through to the Golden Age of Egyptian Jewry, and right up to present day Jewish Egypt. We will visit an Egypt that was tolerant and open, yet indigenous and traditional, where Jews and their Muslim neighbors lived

harmoniously, and extended, multigenerational families lived seemingly safe and joyous existences. We will be journeying through world history and Jewish history (and some of my own family history), Along the way we'll stop at some of the most iconic Jewish sites in Egypt.

Louise Arwas is originally from London. Her father, grandparents and great-grandparents came from Alexandria, Egypt, but were expelled, together with 30,000 Jews, during the Suez Crisis of 1956. She is

currently involved in several related education projects, including organizing heritage tours to Cairo and Alexandria with former community members.



Sunday, January 28 @ 1:00 PM

“Stories from Curaçao’s Jewish History” with Ron Gomes Casseres

This presentation will include both historical and current stories about the Curaçao Jewish community and practices.

Ronald Gomes Casseres descends from Sephardic Jews who came to Curaçao in 1690. He was born on the Dutch Caribbean island where he is a leader of the historic Mikvé Israel-Emanuel community. He has been active in numerous organizations and

institutions in Curaçao. He was awarded a Royal decoration by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for social and cultural contributions to the Curaçao community.



Sunday, February 25 @ 1:00 PM

“Jewish Portugal” with Gloria Ribeiro

The Jewish heritage of Lisbon started in Roman times (if not before). This visit will allow you to understand the living Jewish community in Lisbon and learn about their history, their traditions and their everyday life. We will see the Sharee Tikva synagogue and refer to the massacre of Passover of 1506, for which a memorial was built by Jews and Catholics to express the reconciliation between religions. We will walk virtually through

Lisbon's historic downtown, where two of the Jewish quarters used to be located. We will also learn about the growing community of Porto, representing about 500 Jews from more than 30 countries.

Glória Ribeiro finished her university degree on National Tourist Guiding, and became Portugal's official guide in five languages in 2004. She loves to show her people and their history to all her visitors, especially Portuguese Jewish history. She actually believes she has Jewish background herself.



Sunday, March 10 @ 1:00 PM

“Jewish Iran” with Alan Niku

Iran's Jewish community is one of the oldest diaspora communities in the world. This talk examines the lesser-known parts of Iran's Jewish History, a vast story of prophets, autonomous nations, divergent sects, epic poetry, and political intrigue. Through the music, languages, foods, writings, traditions, and stories of two millennia, along with their ties to neighboring and faraway communities, the Jews of Iran have forged a culture at once Persian

and Jewish, with traditions and aesthetics uniquely their own. We will use the knowledge of the past to look to the future of the community and discuss how the unique heritage of Iran's Jews can be preserved.

Alan Niku is a filmmaker, writer, and scholar of Mizrahi culture from San Luis Obispo, California, based in Los Angeles. A native speaker of Persian, he spends his time learning related Jewish languages, deciphering Judeo-Persian manuscripts, and interviewing community members about their stories. He is also a musician and an amateur chef, teaches history and Jewish heritage at various levels, and seeks to educate the world about the underrepresented cultures of the Middle East through his writing and films.