

Back to Babylon

2600 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN IRAQ

Exhibitions
Leon Levy Galleries
Center for Jewish History
15 West 16th Street, New York
Opening November 2, 2006

Baghdad Revisited
Iraqi-Jewish Art and Artifacts from
Private Collections

By The Rivers of Babylon
Photographs from the
London Jewish Museum

The American Sephardi Federation with Sephardic House
cordially invites you to the

Opening Program of the Inaugural Series: Historic Jewish Communities in the Islamic World

Thursday November 2 - Sunday November 5, 2006

A four-day program exploring the venerable and multifaceted culture of Iraqi Jewry
dedicated to the legacy of Meir Basri^{z"l}, last President of the Jewish Community in Iraq

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tribute to the Late Meir Basri^{z"l}

Last President of the Jewish Community in Iraq

Professor Shmuel Moreh
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Meir Basri: A Filmed Interview
with Carole Basri

Screening of
The Jewish Community of Babylon (Israel 1989)
Q&A with filmmaker Salim Fattal

The Farhud in Baghdad, 1941: Background and Consequences
Naim Kattan, Université du Québec, Montreal

Under Color of Law: The Ethnic Cleansing of Iraqi Jews
Carole Basri, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Admission: CJH Auditorium \$25 general/ \$20 members

Friday, November 3, 4:30 PM

Shabbat Services followed by Shabbat Dinner and *Zemirov*
in the Iraqi Tradition

My Little Baghdad: Growing Up Iraqi in Israel
A talk by Professor Zvi Ben-Dor, New York University

Admission: \$60 general / \$40 students / \$20 children
Congregation Shearith Israel, 2 West 70th Street New York City

Saturday, November 4, 7:30 PM

Sounds of Baghdad

An Iraqi Jewish Musical Journey
with Yair Dalal

Admission: CJH Auditorium \$20 suggested donation

Sunday, November 5, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CONFERENCE

Moderator

Professor Shmuel Moreh
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Morning Session: 11:00 – 12:30

*Iraqi Jewish Cosmopolitanism
and the Compilation of the Babylonian Talmud*
Professor Yaakov Elman, Yeshiva University

*The Medieval Judaeo-Arabic Civilization:
Social and Cultural Life of the Jews of Iraq*
Professor Norman Golb, University of Chicago

Luncheon

Afternoon Session: 1:30 – 4:00

The Emergence of Modern Hebrew Literature in Iraq: 1735-1950
Professor Lev Hakak, University of California, Los Angeles

*Vestiges of the Jewish Past in Iraqi-Kurdistan
Impressions from Two Recent Visits*
Professor Yona Sabar, University of California, Los Angeles

Visual Arts among the Jews of Iraq
Professor Shalom Sabar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

~ Dietary rules observed for all meals ~

Admission: CJH Auditorium \$30 general / \$25 ASF members & students
4-Day Program Discount:

\$130 general / \$100 ASF members & students

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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