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עיריית נתניה

מכון לחקר INSTITUTE FOR  
יהדות ספרד SEFARDI AND  
והאנוסים ANOUSIM STUDIES

המכללה האקדמית נתניה NETANYA ACADEMIC COLLEGE

You are invited to an  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
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## MAPPING THE ANOUSIM DIASPORA: Six Centuries of Pushing Borders

March 23-24, 2015, followed by a Genealogy Workshop on March 25, 2015  
at Netanya Academic College

Lectures will be accompanied by simultaneous translation, English-Hebrew and Hebrew-English



## Conference Program: Monday, March 23, 2015

All sessions will take place in Tshuva Hall

08:45 – 09:30 **Registration and refreshments**

09:30 – 10:00 **Opening and welcoming remarks:**  
Prof. Zvi Arad, President of Netanya Academic College  
Ms. Miriam Feierberg-Ikar, Mayor of Netanya  
Don Fernando Carderera Soler, H.E., Spanish Ambassador to Israel  
Ms. Colette Avital, former Israeli Ambassador to Portugal

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening lecture**  
Haviva Pedaya, the J.R. Elyachar Center, Dept. of Jewish History, BGU of the Negev:  
TOWARDS A PHENOMENOLOGY OF CONVERSOS: FROM THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY TO CONTEMPORARY CONVERSOS

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### Session I 10:30 – 11:30: Spain



Chair: Prof. Moisés Orfali, Bar Ilan University

José Manuel Laureiro Sol, Universidad Complutense, Madrid:  
STUDY AND CLASSIFICATION OF CRYPTO-JEWISH EPIGRAPHY NEAR THE SPAIN-PORTUGAL BORDER

Ignacio Ruiz Rodríguez, Rey Juan Carlos University, Madrid, Director of the Israel-Spain Chair:  
FALSE CONVERSOS IN THE HISPANIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIE

Judith Cohen, performer and ethnomusicologist, York University, Canada:  
MUSIC IN THE LIVES OF PORTUGUESE CRYPTO-JEWS: FROM BARROS BASTO TO THE INTERNET

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Coffee break : 11:30 – 11:45



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### Session II 11:45 – 13:30: Italy - Co-sponsored with ASSEI



Chair: Prof. Michael Corinaldi, Law School, Netanya Academic College

Nadia Zeldes, Ben Gurion University:  
SICILIAN CONVERTS AFTER THE EXPULSION (1492-1516)

Károly Dániel Dobos, Pázmány Péter Catholic University of Hungary:  
THE IMPACT OF THE CONVERSOS ON JEWISH POLEMICAL ACTIVITY IN BAROQUE ITALY

Yochanan Melech (Giovanni Melchionda), Psychologist , University of Rome, Italy:  
OVERVIEW OF THE ANUSIM IN ITALY

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Break for light lunch: 13:30 – 14:30



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**Session III 14:30 – 16:15: Latin America (1)**



Chair: Mr. José Benarroch, president, *Union Sefardi Mundial*, Israel

Schulamith Halevy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:  
THE CONTEMPORARY DIASPORA OF MEXICAN ANOUSIM

Yitzhak Kerem, researcher, Greek Ottoman and Sephardic Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:  
MAPPING THE DEUNME

Myriam Silvera, Università Tor Vergata, Rome:  
BETWEEN HAMBURG AND AMSTERDAM: NEW STUDIES AND DISCOVERIES ABOUT URIEL DA COSTA

Alexander Hernández Delgado, Rey Juan Carlos University, Madrid:  
ANOUSIM DESCENDANTS IN CUBA: THEIR POSITION UNTIL THE 1959 REVOLUTION

Tudor Parfitt, Florida International University, USA:  
THE LITTLE-KNOWN COMMUNITIES OF ANOUSIM IN AFRICA AND INDIA

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**Session IV 16:15 – 17:30: Portugal**



Chair: Mr. Inácio Steinhardt

Inês Nogueiro, University of Oporto, Portugal:  
THE GENETIC LEGACY OF CRYPTO-JEWS OF NORTHEASTERN PORTUGAL

Chagit Amrani, Bar Ilan University:  
DESCENDANTS OF ANOUSIM AND *MEGORASHIM* IN THE PORTUGUESE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF TUNIS

Moti Benmelech, Herzog Academic College, Israel:  
BETWEEN LISBON, ROME, AND REGENSBURG: FROM UNDERGROUND IDENTITY TO HYBRID IDENTITY

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**Cocktail Party and Honorary Award Ceremony: 17:30 – 18:30**



AWARD FOR DISTINCTION ON HIS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE CRYPTO-JEWS IN PORTUGAL

Opening Remarks: Mr. Miguel de Almeida e Sousa, Portuguese Ambassador to Israel  
Dr. David Altman, Senior Vice President, Netanya Academic College

Recipient: **Inácio Steinhardt**

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**Sephardic Music Performance: 18:30 – 19:30**

Judith Cohen, York University, Canada:  
SONGS OF *SEPHARAD* - SPAIN AND PORTUGAL - FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO TODAY



**Conference Program: Tuesday, March 24, 2015**  
All sessions will take place in Tshuva Hall

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**Session V      09:30 – 11:15: Personal Trajectories**



Chair: Prof. Tamar Alexander, Ben Gurion University

Doreen Carvajal, Paris-based reporter for the New York Times:  
THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MEMORY

Genie Milgrom, Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies, USA:  
JOURNEY BACK IN TIME IN SEARCH OF MY CRYPTO-JEWISH OR MARRANO ANCESTORS

David del Coso Westerman:  
BACK TO MY JEWISH ROOTS IN TOLEDO

Jay Sanchez, Attorney and Counselor-at-Law, USA:  
JEWISH PIRATES AND LAWYERS OF THE CARIBBEAN AND THEIR FIGHT AGAINST THE INQUISITION

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**Coffee break: 11:15 – 11:30**



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**Session VI      11:30 – 13:15: Latin America (2)**



Chair: Prof. Abraham Gross, Institute for Sefardi and Anousim Studies, and Ben Gurion University

Daniel Toutou, former rabbi in Brazil, Argentina, and Portugal:  
EL SALVADOR AND BELMONTE EXPERIENCES

Eliyahu Birnbaum, former rabbi in Uruguay:  
*BNEI ANOUSIM* IN SOUTH AMERICA

Yohanan Yedidya Medeiros, Anousim Congregation in Natal, Brazil:  
THE PHENOMENON OF AWAKENING *RETORNADOS* IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL

Aliza Moreno-Goldschmidt, Levinsky College of Education, Israel:  
THE CONVERSOS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF SOUTH AMERICA DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD

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**Break for light lunch: 13:15 – 14:15**



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**Session VII      14:15 – 16:00: Spanish Islands and North America**



Chair: Doreen Carvajal, Paris-based reporter for the New York Times

Dell Sanchez, Aliyah Sephardic Center, San Antonio, Texas, USA:  
THE LEGACY OF SECRECY AMONG SEPHARDIC CRYPTO JEWS IN THE USA

Jacqueline Tobias, Institute of Cultural Relations Balears-Israel:  
BALEARIC *CHUETAS*: MAKING THEIR WAY BACK TO THEIR ROOTS

Silvia Schoffer Kraut, Universidad de La Laguna de Tenerife, and Juan Manuel Valladares, journalist:  
ANOUSIM: THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE CANARIES, AND THEIR ASSIMILATION



Chair: Ms. Genie Milgrom, Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies, USA

Yael Cohen, Institute for Sefardi and Anousim Studies:  
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH UNIT AT THE INSTITUTE: PRESENTATION

Fernando González del Campo Román, Sefardi Genealogist, University of Barcelona:  
BUILDING CRYPTO-JEWISH LINEAGES - THE IBERIAN ARCHIVES

Abraham Gross, Institute for Sefardi and Anousim Studies, and Keren Cohen, Design Works:  
CREATING A LOGO FOR THE INSTITUTE: HISTORY AND ART

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**Closing lecture: 17:30 – 18:00**

Hayim Dynovisz, rabbi:  
SEFARDI JEWS: FROM JERUSALEM TO ESPAÑA AND BACK

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## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: Anousim Genealogical Research - Problems and Solutions

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 9:00- 11:30 at Senate Hall

### Participants:

Genie Milgrom, Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies, USA

Yael Cohen, Chief Genealogist, Institute for Sefardi and Anousim Studies

Fernando González del Campo Román, Sefardi Genealogist, University of Barcelona

Daniel Horowitz, Chief Genealogist, MyHeritage



# Registration Page

## Registration:

Payment will be made upon arrival at the conference

Please fill out and return this page to:

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## Important dates and times:

- Conference dates: March 23-24, 2015 at Tshuva Hall
- Payment: At door from 08:45
- Conference sessions: 09:30 - 17:30
- Cocktail party and musical performance: March 23, 17:30 - 19:30
- Genealogy workshop: March 25, 9:00 - 11:30, at Senate Hall

## Fees include:

- **Full Pass:** All sessions, coffee breaks, lunches, cocktail party, musical performance
- **Second day Pass:** Second day sessions, lunch
- **Cocktail Party Pass:** Cocktail party, musical performance
- **Genealogy Workshop Pass:** Workshop and refreshments

## Registration fee: (Israeli Shekels)

Methods of payment: cash, credit card, check

	SINGLE	COUPLE
FULL PASS	200	300
SECOND DAY PASS	100	150
COCKTAIL PARTY PASS	100	200
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP PASS	100	200

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