

Iranian Jewry: From Past to Present

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Saturday, November 1

University of Maryland, Van Munching Hall, 3rd Floor Lobby
Welcome Reception: 7:30PM -10:00 PM

Sunday, November 2

University of Maryland, Van Munching Hall, Howard Frank Auditorium
Opening Ceremony: 9:30AM -10:00 AM

Session I: Jews and Persians in Ancient Iran 10:00 AM-12:00 noon

Shaul Shaked, "*Marḏ ī ablaw* in Zoroastrianism and the Righteous in Judaism"

Yakov Elman, "Interrelations between Rabbinic and Sassanian Law in Late Antiquity"

Miriam Macuch, "The Sassanian Legal System and the Babylonian Talmud"

Session II: Jewish-Persian Relations in the Nineteenth Century 1:00 PM-2:45 PM

Daniel Tsadik, "Some Notes on the Jews in the Pre-Constitutional Years (1896-1906)"

Haideh Sahim, "The Herat War and the Expulsion of the Jews"

Nahid Pirnazar, "Voluntary Religious Conversion of Iranian Jews in the Nineteenth Century"

Session III: Iran and Israel in the World Today 3:00 PM-4:45 PM

David Menashri, "Iran and Israel: A Couple at Odds"

Trita Parsi, "Iran and Israel: Can a Modus Vivendi Be Achieved?"

Daniel Levy, "Iran and Israel in a Regional Context"

Concert, 8:00 PM, Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts
Izra Malakov's "Bukharian Jewish Folklore Ensemble"

Monday, November 3

Library of Congress, James Madison Building, Mumford Room (6th floor)

Session IV: Jews in Medieval Persian Cultures 9:30AM-11:15 AM

Parvaneh Pourshariati, "Jewish Participation in Over-Land Trade in Late Antique Iran: A Preliminary Assessment"

Maria Subtelny, "The Jews at the Edge of the World: The Islamic Ascension Narrative as Missionary Text in Medieval Iran"

Vera Moreen, "Neglected Sources: The Riches of Judeo-Persian Manuscripts"

Session V: Resources for the Study of Iranian Jewry 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Peggy Pearlstein, "Iranian Judaic and Hebraic Resources in the Collections of the Library of Congress"

Hirad Dinavari, "Jewish Resources in Persian and Iranian Collections at the Library of Congress"

Vera Moreen, "Of Making Many Encyclopedias There Is No End: Reflections on the *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*"

Session VI: Jewish Material Culture and Folk Art 1:30 PM-3:15 PM

Judith Goldstein, "Muslim Rulers and Jewish Holy Men: Oral Tradition and the Imagination of Political Agency"

Shalom Sabar, "Persian and Kurdish Jewish Amulets: Shapes and Images, Texts and Social Function"

Evan Rapport, "Bukharian Jewish Musical Life and Its Relationship to Judeo-Persian Culture"

Session VII: Jewish Culture in Twentieth Century Iran 3:30 PM -5:00 PM

Orly Rahimiyan, "The Iranian Shylock: The Image of the Jews in Iranian Cinema"

Jaleh Pirnazar, "Post-Revolutionary Jewish Iranian Literature"

The Sessions are Free and Open to the Public

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