

Second Conference on the Joint Heritage of Babylonian and Halab Jew

The Babylon Jewish Heritage Center in collaboration with the Aleppo Heritage Center held on May 15th 2000, a second conference on the joint heritage of these two communities, sponsored by the Institute for Research of Oriental Jews at Bar Ilan University. The Conference lasted a whole day and was attended by distinguished scholars and public personalities. Addressing the Conference were Prof. Yehuda Friedlander, the Rector of Bar-Ilan University, Mordechai Pen-Porat - Chairman of the Babylon Jewish Heritage Center, and Menahem Yedid - President of the Aleppo Heritage Center.

The speakers focused on a number of major issues regarding the cultural and historic link between the Jewish communities of Halab and Babylon; Arab-Jewish chatter in Bagdad and Halab, and the Jewish communities of both Halab and Babylon. The following personalities participated in the meetings and lectures: Prof. Amnon Shiloah, Prof. Itzhak Avishur, Prof. Shaul Regev, Dr. Zvi Yehuda, Prof. Yaacov Manzur, Dr. Moshe Nevo, Dr. Miriam Frenkel, Dr. Itzhak Askoff, Dr. Leah Bornstein-Makovzky, Dr. Yaron Harel and Mr. Moshe Cohen.

The conference ended with a festive musical event, including music and liturgical songs of Aleppo and Aram-Naharayim (Mesopotamia).

During the Conference, the Aleppo Heritage Center awarded research grants to Dr. Leah Bornstein-Makovzky, Suzanna Rogers-from Buenos Aires and Prof. Itzhak Avishur. The Conference was planned by the Aleppo Heritage Center's Research



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Mrs. Suzanna Rogers addressing the Conference. Beside: Professor Yaacov Shwekeh.

Committee headed by Professor Yaacov Shwekeh, in collaboration with its members - Prof. Moshe Ourfali, Dr. Shaul Regev, Dr. Itzhak Askoff, Ezra Shayo and Ezra Katzin. Prof. Moshe Ourfali, who serves as head of the Institute for the Research of Oriental Jewry at Bar Ilan University, organized the Conference.



משמאל לימין: פרופסור אמנון שילוח, ד"ר צבי יהודה ופרופסור שאול רגב.

From left to right: Professor Amnon Shiloah, Dr. Zvi Yehuda and Professor Shaul Regev.



משמאל לימין: ד"ר יצחק אסקוף, משה כהן, ד"ר מרים פרנקל, ד"ר לאה בורנשטיין - מקובסקי וד"ר ירון הראל

From left to right: Dr. Yitzhak Askoff, Moshe Cohen, Dr. Miriam Frenkel, Dr. Leah Bornstein - Makovzky and Dr. Yaron Harel.



מדי דוין, מזכירת המרכז ליד שולחן התצוגה של המרכז. מימין: חבר ההנהלה עו"ד יוסף דוויק

Mady Dayan, secretary of the Center, beside the Center's publications. On the right: Advocate Yossef Dwek.