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The Second Exodus: The Clandestine Jewish Immigrants to Palestine from Muslim States Prior to Israel Independence

In part 2 of a 2-part series from the **Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami**, we welcome **Lyn Julius**, Founder of Harif, UK Association of Jews from Middle East and North Africa, and **Dr. Haim Saadon**, Ben-Zvi Institute (Jerusalem) in conversation with **Professor Henry Green**, Founder of Sephardi Voices. Aliya Bet was the illegal immigration of Jewish refugees during WWII, desperate to run the British shipping blockade to reach Palestine. Jewish communities in Egypt and Iran played their part in helping refugees escape. At the time, most immigrants to *Eretz Israel* were Ashkenazim from Europe, but a trickle of Jews entered Palestine from Arab countries, either as individuals or in small groups. The great *aliyot* of entire communities, such as those of Yemen and Iraq, were not to take place until after 1948 when Israel flung its gates open. But clandestine immigration continued, for example from Morocco: the problem was no longer the British refusing to let Jews in, but Arab countries refusing to let them out.



LYN JULIUS, Founder of Harif, UK Association of Jews from Middle East and North Africa

Lyn Julius is a journalist, blogger, and speaker. The

British-born daughter of Iraqi - Jewish refugees, her work has appeared in *JNS News*, *Times of Israel*, *Jewish Chronicle*, *Haaretz*, *Fathom*, *The Guardian*, etc. Her book *Uprooted: How 3,000 Years of Jewish Civilisation in the Arab World Vanished Overnight* (Valentine Mitchell, 2018) has been translated to Norwegian, Portuguese and Arabic.



DR. HAIM SAADON, Ben-Zvi Institute (Jerusalem)

A professor at the Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies at the Open

University and the Director of The Center for Documentation on North-African Jewry During World War II at The Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East in Jerusalem. He is the founding Editor of the *Jewish Communities in the East in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* series of books at The Ben-Zvi Institute in Jerusalem; and received numerous honors including the Shaul Ben-Simhon prize from Ben-Gurion University (2021); The Gaon Prize for research of the North African Jewish Heritage and the President's prize in honor of President Yitzhak Ben Zvi for Research of the communities in the East.



DR. HENRY A. GREEN, Founder of Sephardi Voices, Moderator

A Professor of Religious Studies at the University

of Miami and former Director of the Judaic/ Sephardi Studies Program, he is the founder of Sephardi Voices, a digital audio-visual archive project to document the exodus of Jews from Arab countries post World War II. The archive will be hosted by the National Library of Israel and available for all without cost. Dr. Green testified before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in Washington D.C. on the topic of truth, justice, and reconciliation for Jewish refugees from Arab countries, and serves on several boards for Sephardi-related organizations. His most recent book, co-authored with Richard Stursberg, *Sephardi Voices: The Untold Expulsion of Jews from Arab Lands* (2022) was just released and provides hundreds of portraits of interviewees and unseen photos of life in Arab lands.

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