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**5950 SW 88 Street, Miami, Florida 33156
Sunday Salon Special Event!**

January 31, 2016 at 10.00 am

Guest Speaker: Professor Henry Green

Spielberg for the Sephardi: Jewish Refugees from Arab Lands

Sephardi Voices is an audio-visual history project to collect and archive the testimonies and photos of Jews displaced from North Africa, the Middle East, and Iran in the wake of Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel and now living in Israel and the Diaspora. It gives voice to the nearly 850,000 Jews that were confronted by issues of human rights, many of whom lost their citizenship and became refugees. Their stories of displacement and resettlement ensure the preservation of the heritage of Sephardi/Mizrachi. With memories fading and elderly people passing on each day, this project, similar to Spielberg's Shoah collection, provides the last chance to document the human stories. Hundreds of life-stories have been collected in the UK, USA, France, Canada, and Israel.

Dr. Green will provide an overview of the project, screen a short film, *What We Left Behind*, which has played at numerous Jewish Film Festivals around the world, and report on Yom Sephardi activities in Israel.



Dr. Henry Green, Professor Religious and Judaic Studies, is the former Director of Judaic and Sephardic Studies at the University of Miami, Florida, USA. He is the Founding Director of MOSAIC: the Jewish Museum of Florida, and has published extensively on the Sephardim, Israel, and American Jewry. He has been invited to give testimony to the USA Congressional Human Rights Caucus, the British House of

Lords, and the Knesset.