



*Kon Dalce!
May it be
a Sweet
Year!*

2025-5786

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September 2025

Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome you to renew your membership and join us for another exciting year together - our **2025-2026 Season! Mashalla!** Enclosed is your **Membership Renewal Form** and a season preview of fantastic activities.

~ For 2025-26 we continue our popular Sunday series of **Vijitas de Alhad en Kaza** hosted at members' homes with light programming, refreshments and social time!

~ We are proud to announce a new partnership with **Beth Ami Congregation** who will host our fascinating monthly **Havruta** session with **Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé**. Come make new friends with this very welcoming temple family in Boca Raton.

~ Our partnership with the **Levis Boca JCC Sandler Center at the Boca JCC** is so successful they are again extending **FREE Gold Memberships** with discounts to their entire season to all paid members of our organization! (Just call them at 561-588-2520 and say you are a member of our Federation to register for the offer.)

~ At the Sandler we'll present our **Sephardic Film Series**, a lecture by professor **Jacob Daniels** on his new book "The Jews of Edirne," and our 12th Annual South Florida International Ladino Day which will include a concert featuring the exciting Ladino singer, **Lily Henley** and a fun new event called **Fiesta Ladino**.

~ Join us on a Miami Beach bus trip to hear author **Dahlia Abraham-Klein** speak on "The Caravan of Hope" about Bukharian Jews and then enjoy an authentic lunch!

Lots to enjoy!! Plus, connecting with the international Sephardic community to support successful efforts by others preserving our heritage has become a proud part of our mission. Contributions to projects like **Sephardic Adventure Youth Camp** come from your membership and donations — *so you can feel proud too!*

Thank you for your continued support.

"Asta ke mos vemos kon salud i vida."

"Until we see each other, with health and life."

Rose Pappo Allen, President

P.S. Help us tell others about our wonderful activities by sharing our website!

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Our PBC Sephardic Calendar – A Quick Look

*Check details for Program Description, Location, Admission and RSVP in following pages.
Confirm info at our website www.sephardifederationpbc.org*

October 2025

10/29 **Wednesday**, *Havruta* with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé at Beth Ami, 2pm

November 2025

11/2 **Sunday**, *Vijita en Kaza—Dan and Miriam Levy*, Speaker Abraham Hamaoui, 1pm

11/5 **Wednesday**, Sephardic Films, 1pm

11/9 **Sunday**, *Vijita Bus Tour* — Miami Beach Museum w/Dahlia Abraham, 9am-4pm

11/12 **Wednesday**, Sephardic Films, 1pm

11/19 **Wednesday**, *Havruta* with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé at Beth Ami, 2pm

December 2025

12/4 **Thursday**, Remembrance Day for Expulsion of Jews from Arab Lands, 1pm

12/10 **Wednesday**, Sephardic Films, 1pm

12/17 **Wednesday**, *Havruta* with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé at Beth Ami, 2pm

12/21 **Sunday**, *Vijita Annual Luncheon at Rafina*, 12 Noon

January 2026

1/6 **Tuesday**, *Meldaremos Endjuntos* Book Lecture, Alka Joshi *Six Days in Bombay*, 2pm

1/11 **Sunday**, *Vijita en Kaza—Lori & Jeff Charnow*, Speaker Dr. Rachel Harris, 1pm

1/28 **Wednesday**, *Havruta* with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé at Beth Ami, 2pm

February 2026

2/1 **Sunday**, International Ladino Day Concert wth Lily Henley, 2 pm

2/2 **Monday**, International Ladino Day Celebration, 1 pm-4pm

2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24 **Tuesdays**, *Viva Ladino* In-Person and Zoom, 12 Noon

2/25 **Wednesday**, *Havruta* with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé at Beth Ami, 2pm

March 2026

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 **Tuesdays**, *Viva Ladino* In-Person and Zoom, 12 Noon

3/8 **Sunday**, *Vijita en Kaza* — Bob & Marcia Altabet 1pm , Speaker Naomi Spector, 1pm

3/11 **Wednesday**, Sephardic Films, 1pm

3/18 **Wednesday**, Sephardic Films, 1pm

3/19 **Thursday**, *Meldaremos Endjuntos* Book Lecture, Jacob Daniels *The Jews of Edirne*, 2 pm

3/25 **Wednesday**, *Havruta* with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé at Beth Ami, 2pm

April 2026

4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 **Tuesdays**, *Viva Ladino* In-Person and Zoom, 12 Noon

4/15 **Wednesday**, *Havruta* with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé at Beth Ami, 2pm

~ Keep posted for more information on additional activities and changes in our calendar. Check our website for updates and online payment options.



2025-2026 Season Preview for the Sephardi Federation of Palm Beach County

Sundays en Kaza



"Vijita de Alhad" Sunday Visits

Our *Vijitas* combine an educational presentation with social time and Sephardic-style refreshments.

RSVP is REQUIRED! Limited Seating - First RSVP, First Listed. Hosts provide Driving and Parking Directions.

~ Sunday, November 2, 2025- 1:00pm

"An Egyptian Heritage"—Hosted by Dan and Miriam Levy

We'll start the season with genuine camaraderie! Let's meet, eat and learn about the fascinating personal journey out of Egypt from **Dr. Abraham Hamaoui**, one of our newest members. Abraham will share his family history and dedication to the story of Sephardim who were forced to leave Arab lands.

\$18/\$20 member/guest Donation Includes coffee and Sephardic-style refreshments

RSVP: Dan Levy, (201) 281-6562, danlevy@optonline.net, 8229 Green Mountain Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33473



~ Sunday, January 11, 2026- 1:00pm

"Judaic Studies Blossoms at FAU"—Hosted by Lori and Jeff Charnow

Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton has had a Judaic Studies program and Judaic library collection for decades, albeit small and underutilized. Our Federation had several years of successful partnership with both sections, bringing lectures, events and Ladino concerts to the campus. Now, FAU has a new director, **Dr. Rachel Harris** who will share all the new and exciting developments she is spearheading. Let's welcome her warmly and see how we may rebuild our old partnership to new advantages for all!

\$18/\$20 member/guest Donation Includes coffee and Sephardic-style refreshments

RSVP: Rose Allen (for Lori), (561) 301-0119, roseallen@comcast.net, 1894 Grantham Court, Wellington, FL 33414



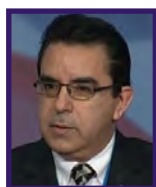
~ Sunday, March 8, 2026 — 1:00pm

"Sephardic Herbalism and Healing" —Hosted by Robert and Marcia Altabet

Did you grow up with the "superstitions," with sayings to ward off the evil eye and the medicinal uses for Raki? Then **Naomi Spector** knows what you are talking about! She has been studying the healing traditions of Sephardim and has compiled a wonderful book on the topic. From inquisition records, songs, poetry, folk tales, interviews and medical texts, she reveals a world of earth-based knowledge that colored our ancestors' Sephardic life and followed them throughout the diaspora.

\$18/\$20 member/guest Donation Includes coffee and Sephardic-style refreshments

RSVP: Robert Altabet, (914) 962-5795, administrador@sephardifederationpb.org, 1220 NW 26th Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33445



HAVRUTA with Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé

Monthly on Wednesdays, 2:00pm at Beth Ami Congregation

Rabbi Elnecavé was born in Mexico City and has served Sephardic communities in Latin America, Jerusalem, New York City and is currently at Temple Moses in Miami Beach. During *Havruta*, the Rabbi covers a current Torah portion or Holiday using academic and historic commentary. Open discussion, covering contemporary topics, is always encouraged.

\$10 min. Donation Wednesday 10/29, 11/19, 12/17, 1/28/, 2/25, 3/25, 4/15

Arrive early at 1:30pm for social time! Beth Ami Congregation 1401 NW 4th Ave, Boca Raton, FL



Tuesdays at Temple Torat Emet

"Viva Ladino" Ladino Language Study Group at 12:00 Noon

Facilitated by Robert Altabet and Dianne Mortensen

A fun classroom activity using a variety of instructional and cultural resources to gain or improve skills in reading, writing and speaking the Ladino language. Knowledge of Spanish helpful.

Presented In-Person and on Zoom. **RSVP: administrador@sephardifederationpb.org**

Tuesdays, Weekly at Noon from February 1, 2025—April 28, 2025 Free Admission

Temple Torat Emet 8600 S. Jog Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33472 Contact Dianne Mortensen for notifications (561) 430-7122.





SFPBC At The Sandler Center

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Levis JCC Phyllis & Harvey Sandler Center | levisjcc.org
21050 95th Avenue S., Boca Raton, FL 33428 | 561-558-2520

**Use this QR code to PURCHASE SFPBC TICKETS*—Set Up An Account
Log In to Access Your Gold Discount then search date of events.**

*Online ticket purchases include a \$2.50 service fee. Call in purchases to avoid fees.

"ORAS DEZAORADAS" "HOURS WITHOUT HOURS"



**South Florida 12th Annual
International Ladino Day Concert**

In memory of Miriam Behar

Sunday, February 1, 2:00pm

\$35/\$40/\$45 Members/Guests/Reserved Seating

**At The Levis JCC Phyllis & Harvey Sandler Center
21050 95th Avenue S., Boca Raton, FL 33428
Tickets (561) 558-2520**

Groundbreaking, Evocative and Beautiful...



Award-winning folk singer, songwriter **Lily Henley** performs original songs and traditional Sephardic Jewish ballads with new melodies, reviving an endangered tradition of joy and sorrow.

Her music blends diverse influences to showcase the history and culture of her Sephardic ancestors, exploring themes

of transience and exile. Her album *Oras Dezaoradas* combines ancient and modern languages sharing the hopes and stories of Sephardic life. A Fulbright awardee, Henley has performed at Carnegie Hall and collaborated with Grammy winners. She sings this concert with folk artist **Duncan Wickel**.

Lily Henley



"Fiesta Ladino"

Monday, February 2, 2026 at 1:00 pm

International Ladino Day Celebration



Join us for a **Panel Discussion** (*in English*) on the current status of Ladino Language Education followed by a **Ladino Karaoke Party** – all lyrics and English translations provided.

1:00-2:00 pm Panel Discussion **2:00-2:30 pm** Refreshments

2:30-4:30 pm Ladino Karaoke & Sing-A-Long Party – **Knowledge of Spanish NOT required!**

Admission: \$15 members/ \$20 guests - includes refreshments

Levis JCC Sandler Center Auditorium—Tickets (561) 558-2520

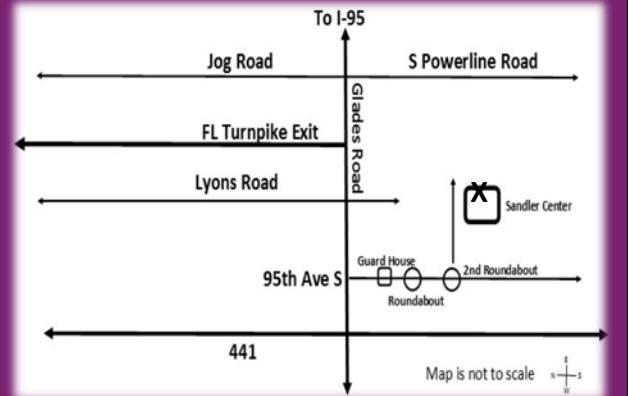
Directions

21050 95th Avenue S., Boca Raton, FL 33428
Sandler Center is off Glades Road just east of 441.
95th Ave. South has its own traffic light.

Follow road to JCC Campus Guard House.

Show ID- Must Not Be Expired!!

After Guard House go through first roundabout and at 2nd roundabout follow 95th Ave. S which turns left. Sandler Center will be 2nd building on the right



Meldaremos Endjuntos ~ Read With Us

Sephardic Book Discussions with Sandler's Literary Programs and More.

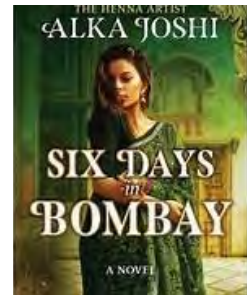
Register online at levisjcc.org/culture or call 561-588-2520.

~ Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 2pm, \$20

Alka Joshi, *Six Days in Bombay*

In-Person Appearance At Sandler Center

Alka Joshi's fascinating novel complements our December showing of the film *Shalom Bollywood*. Joshi is a superb storyteller delving into issues of identity and prejudice. *Six Days in Bombay* is a continent-crossing mystery set in 1937 that includes the fate of Jews trying to anticipate the political changes of the times.

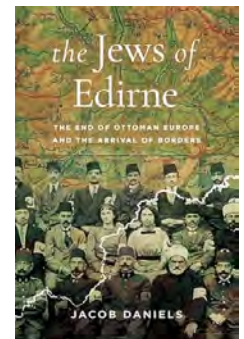


~ Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 2pm, \$15

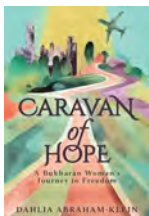
Jacob Daniels, *The Jews of Edirne*

In-Person Appearance At Sandler Center

At the turn of the twentieth century, Edirne city was a bustling center linking Istanbul to Ottoman Europe. Edirne Jews, one of the world's largest Sephardi communities, zigzagged between shifting political borders - *without moving a mile!* Using Ladino, French, English, and Turkish sources, Jacob Daniels challenges assumptions to tell a compelling new story about their resistance and survival.



~ Sunday, November 9, 2025 - Jewish Museum of Florida; Lecture at 11am



Dahlia Abraham-Klein wrote *Caravan of Hope* based on her grandmother's incredible story surviving a Soviet prison where she gave birth and then travelling by horse to return to her Bukharian family in Afghanistan. The family's trek continued through Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Israel and India ending in Forest Hills New York. Bukharian Jews were isolated from their northern Persia origins because of borders waes yet held on to their unique central Asian, Sephardic-style culture and orthodox traditions and thrived despite centuries of oppression. **See bus tour info on back page to meet the author, learn more and have a Bukharian lunch!**

~ Thursday, December 4, 2025 1:00PM

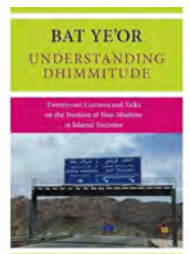
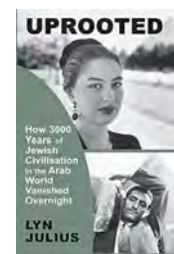
Jewish Expulsion from Arab-Ruled Lands Remembrance Day

Discussion based on *Uprooted* by Lyn Julius and *Understanding Dhimmitude* by Bat Ye'or.

Moderated by Dr. Abraham Hamaoui, Lynn Zussman, and Sandra Steinhau; and Candle Lighting.

Sponsors: Levis JCC, MACHSHAVA YEHUDIT Jewish Thought at JCC and The Sephardi Federation of PBC

At Levis JCC Sandler Center Auditorium — FREE but you Must Register at 561-588-2520



Wednesdays at The Sandler

***"Fascinating Sephardim: A Film Series"* at 1:00pm** In-Person with Rose Pappo Allen
\$10 per film/Prepaid \$40 for all 5 films. FREE to PAID Members of our Sephardi Federation!!

This season the film selection will feature *Sephardim in Surprising Places; Jews of many sorts*. Hidden in North Africa, Uzbekistan, China, India, Cairo and Italy we find largely unknown ancient communities that thrived for centuries and were forced to transform. These stories reveal our shared experiences of survival. Each film viewing will be followed by in-depth discussion providing historic and cultural context to the subject as well as Q&A.



~ Wednesday, November 5, 2025 — A Double Bill ***"Bukharians: The Jews Who Survived 2,500 Years in Isolation"***

For over 2,000 years, Jews lived in the heart of Central Asia—then vanished from view. Cut off from the wider Jewish world, Bukharian Jews built their own customs, survived forced Muslim conversions, and kept their identity alive through food, folklore, and quiet resistance. Today, few remain in the area which is now Uzbekistan, but their descendants have carried Bukharian traditions to Israel, Canada, New York, and beyond.

2025, 19 mins. English, Unpacked Media

"The Forgotten Refugees"

In 1945, up to one million Jews lived in the Middle East outside of the Palestine Mandate and in North Africa. Within a few years, only a few thousand remained. The *Forgotten Refugees* explores the history and destruction of Middle Eastern Jewish communities, some of which had existed for over 2,500 years. Featuring testimony from Jews who fled Egypt, Libya, Iraq and Yemen, interspersed with footage, including rescue missions from Yemen and Iraq.

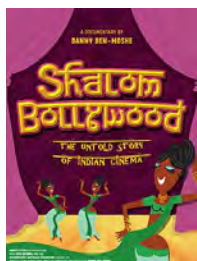
2005, 49 min., English, Michael Grynspan



~ Wednesday, November 12, 2025 — "Shanghai Ghetto"

Though a small minority, Chinese Jews have always lived openly since first arriving to Kaifeng as 8th century merchants from Persia. In the 1800's Jewish merchants from around the world began to trade in other ports like Shanghai. Sephardim from Iraq and India like the Sassoons and Kadouris became wealthy. But Shanghai became famous as a haven for Jews trapped in Europe following Kristallnacht. Narrated by Martin Landau, this film chronicles their story and lives in the Shanghai Ghetto.

2002, 96 minutes, English, German and Mandarin with English subtitles, Dana Mann



~ Wednesday, December 10, 2025 — "Shalom Bollywood"

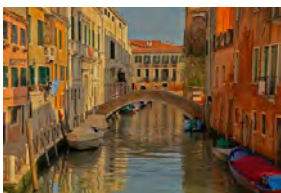
Learn about the unlikely story of the 2000-year-old Indian Jewish community and its formative place in shaping the world's largest film industry. When Indian cinema began 100 years ago it was taboo for Hindu and Islamic women to perform on screen, so Indian Jewish women took on the female lead roles, which they dominated for decades. Film clips from the era share the infectious, signature singing and dancing style known as Bollywood. The documentary introduces Sephardic history in India and then focuses on the lives of five of the greatest Jewish actors from the period.

2018, 76 minutes, English, Danny Ben-Moshe

~ Wednesday, March 11, 2026— *From Cairo to the Cloud: The World of the Cairo Geniza*

"From Cairo to the Cloud" tells the gripping story of the discovery of the Cairo Geniza, a vast treasure trove of manuscripts hidden for centuries in the "geniza," or sacred storeroom, of an ancient synagogue in Old Cairo. The Geniza is the largest cache of Jewish history ever found, illuminating over a thousand years of Jewish, Christian and Muslim life in the heart of the Islamic world.

2020, 92 minutes, English, Michelle Paymar



~ Wednesday, March 18, 2026 — A Double Bill

"The Jewish Ghetto of Venice: History, Faith, Survival"

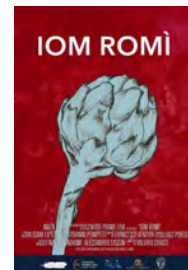
Nearly one-third of all Hebrew books printed in Europe before 1650 were made in Venice. In spite of their confinement, the Ghetto became the global heart of Jewish culture during the 16th and 17th centuries; the most vibrant Jewish center in Europe.

2025, 25 minutes, English, Italian, Slice Media

Iom Romi (A Day in Rome)

"Iom Romi" chronicles a day in the life of the contemporary Jewish community of Rome, which for centuries has lived in limbo between persecution and integration. As the only cultural group in the city that can claim an uninterrupted line of descent from the times of the empire, Roman Jews have fostered rituals and traditions that are unique in the world. From dawn to dusk, through the voices of several characters living and working in the historic Ghetto quarter, *"Iom Romi"* tells the story of a community both fiercely independent and distinctly Roman.

2017, 30 minutes, English, Italian with English subtitles, Valerio Ciriaci



The Sephardi Federation of Palm Beach County

32nd Annual Luncheon ~ Sunday, December 21, 2025, 12 Noon

Rafina Greek Taverna 6877 SW 18th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Featuring International Entertainer Thierry Khalfa

Hanukkah Candles, Board Installation and Sephardic Style Lunch

Shared Appetizers of Pita, Tzatziki, Hummus, Taramosalata, Yaprakas and Fried Zucchini.

Shared Family Entrées of Spanikopita, Grilled Salmon, Athenian Chicken.

Sides of Greek String Beans and Lemon Potato's. Baklava, Cold Drink, Coffee or Tea

Full Cash Bar Available

\$65 Members/\$70 Guests ~ Prepaid RSVP by Friday, December 12, 2025

Please make checks to: **The Sephardi Federation of Palm Beach County**

Mail checks to: **Rose Allen, 783 Foresteria Avenue, Wellington, FL 33414**

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

#_____ Members @ \$65 #_____ Guests @ \$70 = Luncheon Total: \$_____

I cannot attend but here is my Luncheon Donation: \$_____

Check Total: \$_____

Questions about your membership? Contact Sheila Pozensky at (561) 966-9552 jazzmama1040@gmail.com

Names of people you are paying for:

Whom would you prefer to sit with? We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Sephardi Federation of Palm Beach County

MEMBERSHIP

Sep. 2025 - Aug. 2026

Membership is \$25 per person.

Individual Member—\$25; Two people—\$50

Please Print Clearly

Name _____

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Address _____ Apt# _____

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Enclosed # _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

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Total = \$ _____

Make checks out to: Sephardi Federation of PBC

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Rose Pappo Allen

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Contact Sheila for questions about your membership history.

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Thank You !

♥ *We appreciate your support.* ♥

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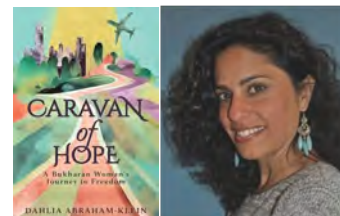
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More details to follow! Individual flyers will be emailed.

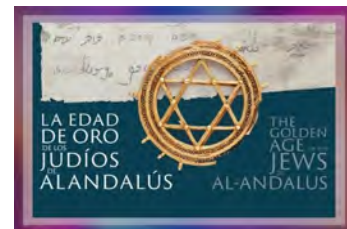
~ Sunday, November 9, 2025 – Jewish Museum of Florida 9am-4pm

Join us for a Miami Beach tour! We'll start at the **Jewish Museum of Florida** for a lecture by author **Dahlia Abraham-Klein** speaking about her fascinating Bukharian heritage. Then we'll drive up picturesque Collins Ave. to enjoy an authentic Bukharian lunch! **\$75 pp includes museum admission, transportation and Sephardic Bukharian Lunch**



~ March 2026 – Golden Age Exhibit 11am-4pm (Date TBD)

The Golden Age of the Jews of Al-Andalus Presented by University of Miami Libraries
Enjoy a guided tour of this special exhibition that explores the Jewish legacy of Alandalús, featuring influential figures like Maimonides and the Genizah documents from Cairo. It traces the Sephardic journey from Andalusia to global diaspora, preserving traditions, language, and a unique cultural worldview.



\$30 pp includes admission, tour and transportation. (Lunch at a restaurant may be added.)

RSVP for GROUP OUTINGS to Rose Allen — roseallen@comcast.net (561)301-0119



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