

International Conference

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Monday, December 4, 2017  
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Adele H. Stamp Student Union, room 1210 (Prince George's room)

**09:30-10:00 Arrival and Registration**

**10:00-12:00 Opening Session**

Chair: Dr. Shimon Ohayon, Director of the Dahan Center

**Musical Opening:**

## Kol Sasson

The University of  
Maryland's Premier Jewish  
A Cappella Group



Greeting: Prof. Hayim Lapin, University of Maryland

**Lectures:**

Prof. Noam Norman Stillman, University of Oklahoma

**Prelude to Exodus: The Jews of Arab Lands in the Face of the Challenges and Transformations of the Modern Era**

Prof. Haim Saadoun, Open University and Ben Zvi Institute

**"The Colonial Drama"- North African Jewry from Prosperity to Demise**

**12:00-12:45: Lunch Break**

## 12:45-14:30 Second session

Chair: Prof. Hayim Lapin, University of Maryland

Prof. Bat-Zion Eraqi Klorman, Open University and Ben Zvi Institute  
**The Ancient Jewish Community of Yemen and its Emigration**

Prof. Henry Green, University of Miami  
**Sephardi Voices: Narratives of Expulsion, Memory and Identity**

Prof. Yaron Harel, Bar-Ilan University  
**The Jews of Syria and Lebanon: A Century of Emigration, Under the Shadow of Arab Nationalism**

Dr. Avi Picard, Bar-Ilan University  
**Independent Morocco and Tunisia, and Jewish Immigration to Israel, 1956-1961**

## 14:30-15:00 Break

## 15:00-16:45 Third Session

Chair: Prof. Paul Scham, University of Maryland

Prof. Shaul Regev, Bar-Ilan University  
**Babylonian Jewry: The Demise of a Flourishing Community and Two Thousand Years of Iraqi Jewish Civilization**

Prof. Nahem Ilan, Chair of the Graduate School of Jewish Studies, Ono Academic College, Jerusalem Campus  
**The Egyptian Jewish Community in the Modern Era – a Grim Ending to a Fascinating Story**

Dr. Shay Hazkani, University of Maryland  
**Shifting Moroccan Jewish Identity Between 1948-1959**

Dr. Carol Basri, Fordham University  
**The Taboo Topic: The Scope of Jewish Property and Artifacts of Cultural Heritage Left Behind in Arab Lands**



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**Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 17 Kislev, 5778**

**11:00-13:00**

Guided tour of the Iraqi Jewish Archive at National Archives in College Park

