

United Congregation

Mikvé Israel - Emanuel

on the 250th anniversary of
the dedication of our

SYNAGOGUE

is pleased to present

to the

General Public of Curaçao

an

ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

on Western Sephardi history
in the 17th and 18th centuries
in Curaçao and the Caribbean

CENTRO PRO ARTE

Sunday, March 21, 1982

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dress: casual

Admission: free

9:15 INTRODUCTION OF
overall theme and lecturers by
Prof. Dr. Alfred Gottschalk
Moderator

9:30 LECTURE I
Prof. Dr. R. J. Zwi Werblowsky
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Theme: WHAT'S IN A NAME
The Sephardim: the origin of their
name and their liturgical customs.
Why, when and how the Jews of the
Iberian peninsula and their emigrant
descendants came to be called "Sephar-
dim," and why, when and how their
specific traditions and minhagim de-
veloped.

10:45 LECTURE II
Prof. Dr. Yosef Yerushalmi
Columbia University, New York

Theme: BETWEEN AMSTERDAM AND NEW
AMSTERDAM: THE PLACE OF CU-
RACAO IN EARLY MODERN JEWISH
HISTORY. Curaçao and other Caribbean
Jewries as a microcosm of seminal new
developments in Jewish history in the
17th - 18th centuries, with emphasis on
economic trends, legal status and culture.

11:35)
-) Question Period
12:30)

10:20 Coffee-break (complimentary)

12:30 A complimentary sandwich lunch is
offered to all present

R. J. Zwi Werblowsky is Martin Buber Professor
of Comparative Religion; Chairman Departments of Com-
parative Religion and of Jewish Thought.

Born 1924, Bachelor of Arts London, Dr-es-letters Geneve
1951, taught at University of Leeds and the Institute of
Jewish Studies in Manchester, was Visiting Professor at
Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, Brown University, Rhode
Island (U.S.A.) University of Chicago, University of Notre
Dame, University of Melbourne, Harvard University, Stan-
ford University.

Secretary General of the International Association for
the History of Religions, Chairman The Israel Interfaith
Committee, Editor of several scholarly journals.

Yosef Yerushalmi is Salo Wittmayer Baron Professor of
Jewish History, Culture and Society and director of the
Center for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia Univer-
sity. Born in New York City, he received his Ph.D. from
Salo Baron at Columbia in 1966; taught at Harvard Univer-
sity, as Jacob E. Safra Professor of Jewish History and
Sephardic Civilization was Chairman of its department of
Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Specializes in
the history of Spanish and Portuguese Jewry both before
and after the Expulsion. Has done extensive research in
the archives of the Inquisition in Portugal, Spain and
Italy.

Author of: FROM SPANISH COURT TO ITALIAN GHET-
TO, HAGGADAH AND HISTORY, THE LISBON MASSA-
CRE OF 1506. Fellow of the American Academy for Je-
wish Research and Fellow of the National Endowment for
the Humanities. Was awarded the Newman Medal for Dis-
tinguished Achievement by the City University of New
York.

1:45 LECTURE III

Prof. Dr. Yosef Kaplan

Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Theme: THE SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITIES OF AMSTERDAM AND CURAÇAO IN THE 17th AND 18th CENTURIES. The organizational ties between the Curaçao and Amsterdam communities from the middle of the 17th century to the middle of the 18th century; the common sources of the communities; the unique aspects of the Curaçao community; and the activities of Amsterdam rabbis in Curaçao.

2:35 Tea-break (complimentary)

Yosef Kaplan, born in Buenos Aires, Argentine 1944. Received Ph. D. Hebrew University, Jerusalem (1979). Lecturer in Department of Jewish History, Hebrew University and Dean of Four-Year Programme of the Overseas School, Hebrew University. Publications in various scientific journals on Sephardic Judaism in Western Europe. Has done extensive research in the archives of the Portuguese Jewish congregation of Amsterdam and has delivered various lectures in this field. Forthcoming in Magnes Press: AN INTELLECTUAL BIOGRAPHY OF ISAAC OROBIO DE CASTRO.

3:00 LECTURE IV

Prof. Dr. Daniel Swetschinski

University of Arizona, Tucson

Theme: CONFLICT AND OPPORTUNITY IN "EUROPE'S OTHER SEA": THE ADVENTURE OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON CURAÇAO AND IN THE CARIBBEAN. A comparison between Jewish enterprise in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean: the conflict between Christendom and Islam versus that between Spain and Holland/England and concomitant Jewish opportunities; the Portuguese Jews compared to other European settlers in the Caribbean; the significance of Caribbean Jewish settlement from the New Christian point of view from Lisbon-Madrid and from the Jewish point of view from Amsterdam-London.

3:55)
-) Question Period
5:00)

5:00 Conclusion

Daniel Swetschinsky is Assistant Professor of Jewish History in the Department of Oriental Studies at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Born in Brussels, Belgium he grew up in Amsterdam, Holland. He received his education in Semitic languages and Judaic studies at the Universities of Ghent, Amsterdam and Brandeis. Has done extensive research in the archives and libraries of Israel, Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Holland. Served as lecturer in Jewish history at McGill University, Montreal. He is presently working on Hugo de Groot's Jewry law and toleration, on the religious writings of Menasseh ben Israel, on Huguenot-Jewish relations in seventeenth century Holland and on a study of the Portuguese Inquisition. His chief interest lies in the social and economic history of modern Sephardic Jewry.

MODERATOR

Prof. Dr. Alfred Gottschalk is President of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

He was born in Germany, obtained his Bachelor of Arts at Brooklyn College, received his Ph. D. from the University of South California, his D. Lt. from Dropsie College and his LL. D. from University of Cincinnati.

Taught at University of California and Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

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