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# International Ladino Day: A Celebration of Words & Music

2PM on Sunday, 10 February 2019

Center for Jewish History – 15 West 16th Street, New York City

Celebrate Ladino, also known as Judeo-Spanish, in the company of highly acclaimed writers and musicians. Hear author Jane Mushabac's story, "Seven Songs"; clarinetist Danny Elias; composer Avi Amon introducing his musical fantasy, *Salonika*; scholar Bryan Kirschen speaking on Ladino's rich culture; Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé on wisdom tales; and the Alhambra Ensemble's Songs of Courtship, Love, and Holidays with oud, violin, shawm, dumbek and voices.

Since 2013—when Israel's 5th President Yitzhak Navon endorsed Zelda Ovadia's idea of International Ladino Day—celebrations have been held in Jerusalem, Seattle, Istanbul, Madrid, Dallas, Forest Hills, Boston, and other cities. February 10th marks the Second Annual International Ladino Day at the Center for Jewish History.

Ladino is a bridge to many cultures; it's a Spanish language that includes words in Hebrew, Turkish, Arabic, and more. The mother tongue of Jews in the Ottoman Empire for 500 years, Ladino was the home language of Sephardim worldwide in the early 20th century.

Although today Ladino is only spoken by a small fraction of Sephardim, the interest in the language and its culture is experiencing a resurgence through distinguished university programs, publications, concerts, and events of many kinds.



Jewish musicians in Salonica, Turkey (Postcard), circa early 20th Century

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