

The Rise and Fall of Ladino-Speaking Jewry
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Readings (provided electronically)

Please note that the first reading for each lecture is a short scholarly article or chapter, while the second selection is a primary source - stories or first hand accounts.

Under the Wings of the Sultan: The Rise of Jewish Communities in the Ottoman Empire

Aron Rodrigue, "The Ottoman Diaspora: The Rise and Fall of Ladino Literary Culture," in David Biale, ed., *The Cultures of the Jews* (New York: Schocken Books, 2002).

Aron Rodrigue and Sarah Abrevaya Stein, eds., *A Jewish Voice from Ottoman Salonica: The Ladino Memoir of Sa'adi Besalel a-Levi* (Stanford, 2012): this is a translation of the first known Ladino memoir. Read preface, chapters 1-4, 7, 12, 16 (see also the glossary as needed).

A Jewish Language for All Occasions: Ladino Culture and Literature

David Bunis, "Judeo-Spanish Culture in Medieval and Modern Times."

"Story of the Baklava," *Folktales of the Jews: Tales from the Sephardic Dispersion*

The Sephardic Holocaust: The Destruction of the Jews of Greece

Mark Mazower, "Genocide," *Salonica City of Ghosts*

George Ioannou, "The Bed."

A Diaspora within a Diaspora: Sephardic Jews in America

Devin E. Naar, "From the 'Jerusalem of the Balkans' to the 'Goldene Medina': Jewish Immigration from Salonika to the United States," *American Jewish History* 93.4 (2007): 435-473

Emma Adatto, "Tia Estambulia."

Additional Readings (not provided):

Esther Benbassa and Aron Rodrigue, *Sephardi Jewry: A History of the Judeo-Spanish Community, 14th-20th Centuries* (Berkeley, Calif., 2000)

Julia Phillips Cohen and Sarah Abrevaya Stein, eds., *Sephardi Lives: A Documentary History, 1700-1950* (Palo Alto, C. A., 2014)

Paloma Díaz-Mas, *Sephardim: The Jews from Spain* (University of Chicago Press, 1992).

Jane Gerber, *The Jews of Spain: A History of the Sephardic Experience* (The Free Press, 1994).

Tracy K. Harris, *The Death of a Language: The History of Judeo-Spanish* (University of Delaware, 1994)

Recommendations for additional readings on specific subjects available upon request.

