

Dear Ben,

Here is my first attempt at the abstract. Please correct and add as you see fit, there is still space for 2-3 more sentences (it should be max. 250 words in total).

Below are also suggestions for some keywords.

What do you think?

With warm regards,

Ariane

The paper describes the importance of the Hebrew language among the Jews of Afghanistan in the 18th and 19th centuries. It attempts to show that the use of Hebrew was widespread, not only among elites, but in different aspects of life, thereby also pointing out trajectories of passing on knowledge across countries and generations. By presenting original material from different genres, the article shows that Afghan Jews produced a wide range of different texts and how they were disseminated. This includes not only the establishment of book printing for Judeo-Persian texts in Jerusalem, but also insights into schools and teaching methods among Jews in Afghanistan, as well as the transformation of these institutions in the early 20th century. By presenting first-hand testimonies from daily life, the article provides insights into Jewish life in Afghanistan, which until now has been little researched in international academia. By bringing to light new aspects of the lively and thriving world of Afghan Jews, their connection to other communities in Central Asia, Iran and

Jerusalem, this paper situates Afghan Jewish history in a wider context, yet giving a detailed account of the local histories.