

# Introduction

This list is very much a work in progress, and there's many additions, revisions, organizational improvements, etc to be made. My goal in this list is to provide people with resources they need. Some things I'd like to add more of: qehilot, nosah, and siddurim from outside the US; teachings from Sephardic women.

Note: This list uses the term Sephardic in the pan-Sephardic sense of the word (ie inclusive of Mizrahim, as well as including traditions that weren't necessarily based in Sephardic Rite - i.e. Kavkazi, Gorski, Yemenite, Romaniote, Italki, etc). Different people have very different definitions and understandings of these names and identities; as well as different understandings as to what qualifies as Sephardic/pan-Sephardic. In order to provide the most benefit to folks from different traditions and backgrounds, I've opted towards a Big Tent definition of Sepharadi/pan-Sepharadi.

A good handful of items on this list have come from suggestions made by others. Anyone on viewing this has the ability to leave comments with suggested resources - so if there is something you feel should be on here - plz comment with it!! We can do much more as a community than any of us can on our own.

## Rabbis, Hakhamim, and Others - Modern or Recent

### Rabbi Joseph Dweck

1. [Perspectives](#) - a playlist of nine 2-3 minute short meditations on fundamental concepts in Judaism.
2. [What do we mean by "God"? - Rabbi Dweck | Jewish Wisdom | J-TV](#)
3. [Rabbi vs Catholic - Must we avoid physical pleasure to be spiritual? | J-TV](#)
4. [Freedom: more than doing what you want but becoming what you want | Jewish Wisdom | J-TV](#)
5. [SCA Faith in Our Future: Panel with Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and Rabbi Joseph Dweck 11/15/16](#)

### Rabbi Haim Ovadia

### Sephardic History

1. [The Sephardic Paradox - Why no Reform & Conservative movements in Sephardic Jews](#)

## Kashrut

1. [Chug the Bug? How far do we go with checking for bugs?](#)

## Tzniut

1. [Modesty: History, Truths, and Myths - Part 1](#)

## On Rabbi Yosef Messas

1. [Public Transportation on Shabbat - R Yosef Messas](#)
2. [R. Y. Messas on Leadership](#)
3. [Moroccan Zionism in the 18th Century - Rav Y Messas](#) - This goes into the life story and family history of R' Yosef Messas, and is an incredibly inspiring testament to both his character and achievements
4. [Electricity on Yom Tov](#) (not entirely about R' Messas, but it discusses him)

## On Rabbi Yehuda Fetaya

1. [Hakham Yehudah Fetaya, Part 3: Bereaved Father Argues with God](#)
2. [Zekhut Rahel - זכות רחל - Rahel's Merit](#) (prayer composed by H' Y Fetaya in honor of Rahel). Video [here](#) (chanted by R. Yehudah Ovadia-Fetaya)
3. [Hakham Yehudah Fetaya, Part 4 Between Men and Women](#)

## Halakha

1. [Jewish Law 101 Series](#)
2. [Shabbat Intro](#)
3. [Strict Is Lenient](#)
4. [Public Transportation on Shabbat - R' Yosef Messas](#)
5. [Aliyah for Women? What does the Shulchan Aruch Say?](#)
6. [Electricity on Yom Tov](#)
7. [Changing Minhag - Relying on Kashrut of Host](#)

## Egalitarianism

1. [Aliyah for Women? What does the Shulchan Aruch Say?](#)
2. [Hakham Yehudah Fetaya, Part 3: Bereaved Father Argues with God](#) (see "The Mother's Prayer" section)
  - a. [Zekhut Rahel - זכות רחל - Rahel's Merit](#) (prayer composed by H' Y Fetaya in honor of Rahel). Video [here](#) (chanted by R. Yehudah Ovadia-Fetaya)
3. He has a Podcast about women serving as Rabbis, that I can't seem to find at the moment - will update once I've found
4. [Eshel Outloud - Coming Out Orthodox](#)

## Hazzanut

1. [Shaharit - Yishtabah until end of the Amidah](#)
2. [Shabbat Shaharit - Sephardic Tradition](#)
3. [Arvit for Shabbat - Sephardic Nahawand](#) (Nahawand is an Arabic Maqam)
4. [MSDC Concert of Sephardic Liturgy and Selihot](#) (In Traditional Arabic musical style)
5. [Correct Sephardic \(Liturgical\) Hebrew Pronunciation](#)

## Hakham Ben-zion Uziel

1. [Jewish Ideas - The Grand Religious Worldview of Rabbi Benzion Uziel](#)
2. Add in Yonatan Halevy videos

## Hayim David Halevy

1. [Pulling the Plug](#) - amazing and surprising teshuvah, regarding life support & terminal illness - and whether or not one is permitted to disconnect life support.
2. [Mourning for Someone that has Abandoned Judaism](#) - another incredible and surprising teshuva

## Joey Mosseri

- [SY Community - Joey Mosseri Classes](#) - A playlist of many incredible shiurim from a great scholar, who is extremely knowledgeable about Sephardic history, traditions, and halakhic approach.

## Sephardic Tradition & Approach (Intro)

1. [Torah - Ancient Relic or Living Law](#) - along with Zvi Zohar's writings, this is easily one of the best introductions to the foundations and nature of pan-Sepharadi halakhic traditions.
  - a. Most of the passages are from cited from Zvi Zohar's [Jews among Muslims: Communities in the Precolonial Middle East - "Positive Regard for Modern Science and Technology"](#)
2. Hayim David Halevy (see above):
  - a. [Pulling the Plug](#)
  - b. [Mourning for Someone that has Abandoned Judaism](#)

## Halakha - Foundations & Methodology

1. [Minhag and its Place in Pesiqat Halakha](#) - also covers the scope and limits of "Aseh Lekha HaRav" and following a single poseq or hakham

2. [Did Anyone Ever Follow RAMBA"MS Rulings?](#) - covers the halakhic prominence of Rambam, the “acceptance” of Shulhan Arukh by Sepharadim, and Ovadia Yosef’s idiosyncratic (and ahistorical) halakhic methodology and ideology

## Kashruth

1. [Noten Ta'am Bar Noten Ta'am](#) - covers the the status of pareve food cooked in dairy or meat pots

## Liturgy - History & Composition

1. [A Prayer for Rain](#) - on Mahzor Shalom Yerushalayim’s glaring omission of אוֹרְרָה הַטּוֹב in “Mekasseh Shamayim”. This section prays to Borei Olam (God) for [balanced] rain and sustenance for \*All people\* - everywhere in the world. It’s urgently essential Tiqqun Olam to say this line in the tefillah!
2. [Our Siddur - Tefillah](#) - the history of the Siddour and Tefillah used by the Sephardic communities of the Middle East, and in New York. Covers what books were used by whom, when, and why.

## Teshuvoth & Iggeroth (Other)

1. [Ben Ish Hai - On Riding a Bicycle on Shabbat](#)
2. [Mezizah B'Peh](#) - addresses halakhic solutions and whether or not it’s even required
- 3.

## Zvi Zohar

1. [Academia - Zvi Zohar](#)
  - a. [Teleological Decision Making in Halakha](#)
  - b. [The Rabbi and the Sheikh](#) (also published on [haSepharadi](#))
  - c. [Women Heroines Of Torah Study As Portrayed By Rabbi Joseph Mesas In Nahalat Avot](#)
2. [Traditional Flexibility and Modern Strictness: Two Halakhic Positions on Women's Suffrage](#) - exploring Rav Kook and Hakham Uziel’s approaches to Women’s Suffrage in Israel
3. [What All Jews Can Learn From Great Sephardic Rabbis of Recent Centuries](#)
4. [Zvi Zohar - Rabbinic Creativity in the Modern Middle East](#) - a must-read for understanding the approach of our Sepharadi hakhamim and how they adapted to the challenges and changes brought by modernity.

## Harvey E. Goldberg

1. [Sepharadi and Middle Eastern Jewries: History and Culture in the Modern Era](#)

## Rabbi Raḥmiel Ezra Travitz

1. [Ra'hmiel 'Ezra Travitz - Academia.edu](#)
  - a. [The Origin of the Custom to wear Costumes on Purim \(2nd Draft\)](#)
  - b. [The Custom \(Minhag\) of Eating Dairy on Shavuot](#)
  - c. [Practical Guide to the Laws of Hanukka according to the Geonic/Maimonidean Tradition](#)
2. [Rachmiel Travitz - YouTube](#)
  - a. [Halakhic Legal Positivism, Women in Halakha and Serara](#)

## David Ramirez

1. [Ideological and Contextual: Legal Reasoning Deployments by Kook and Uziel - on Women's Suffrage in early 20th Century Israel](#)
2. [On Halakháh leMa'aséh and the role of the Mishnéh Toráh](#)
3. [Renee Levine Melammed - The Status of Women in the Sephardic Jewish Tradition - 10th to 15th Centuries](#)
4. [Yehonatán Ele'azar De Mota - The Role of Spanish & Portuguese Conversas as a Model for the Future of Sephardic Jewry](#)

## Rabbi Yonatan Halevy

1. [Shiviti](#) - Learning Forum run by Rabbi Yonatan Halevy and Rabbanit Devorah Halevy
  - a. [Shiviti - YouTube Playlists](#)
    - i. [Candid Conversations with Rabbi Yonatan Halevy](#)
    - ii. [Refreshing Perspectives in Halakha](#)
    - iii. [Impactful Insights](#)
    - iv. [Teshuva](#)
    - v. [Miscellaneous Classes](#)
  - b. [Shiviti - Facebook Group](#)
2. [Rabbi Yoni - Blog](#)

## Hakham Jose Faur

1. [Moreshet Sepharad - Articles and Lectures](#) - Some of the best historical writing on Sephardic History out there. Covers topics like the Sephardic Response to the Enlightenment, the anti-Maimonideans and the formation of Kabbalah in the context of the Reconquista, the Sephardic tradition of Religious Humanism, Conversos, etc
  - a. [Anti-Maimonidean Demons](#)
  - b. [Vico, Religious Humanism and the Sephardic Tradition](#)
  - c. [Rhetoric and Hermeneutics: Vico and Rabbinic Tradition](#)
  - d. [Reading Jewish Texts with Greek Eyes](#)

- e. [Intuitive Knowledge of God in Medieval Jewish Theology](#) - Compares the understandings of Rabbinic and Qaraite theology, and utilizes Arabic terminology and concepts to do so
- 2. [Archive.org - Jose Faur Studies](#) - Contains some papers and divrei torah that aren't on Moreshet Sepharad. Here's a list:
  - a. [Basic Concepts in Rabbinic Hermeneutics](#)
  - b. [Delocutive Expressions Found in Hebrew Liturgy](#)
  - c. [Early Zionist Ideas Amongst Sephardim in the Nineteenth Century](#)
  - d. [God as Writer: Omnipresence and the Art of Dissimulation](#)
  - e. [Monolingualism and Judaism](#)
  - f. [Parashat Va'era: And By My Name, The Lord, I did not Make Myself Known To Them](#)
  - g. [Politics and Religion, Then and Now](#)
  - h. [The Biblical Idea of Idolatry](#)
- 3. The Horizontal Society
  - a. [Alan Yuter - Review Essay: Recovering the Straight and the Good](#)
- 4. Other
  - a. [Congregation Anshe Shalom - The Disqualified Rabbi](#) - a derasha on Perashat Toledoth, While not specifically about H' Faur, the last few paragraphs reference the history of his being pushed out from teaching in the SY community, due to his former association with JTS.
  - b. [R' Jose Faur, "Golden Doves with Silver Dots", page 29](#) - a quick quote about the differences between Hebrew and Greek Thought

## Rabbi Abraham Faur

- 1. General
  - a. [Talmud, Baba Mesia 59a - 59b : The Tora Is Not in the Heavens! הרב אברהם](#) - Incredible class on the Talmudic sugya of "Akhnai's Oven", utilizing the traditional Surata Dishmata methodology.
  - b. [The Experience of Sinai](#) - a short video on personal vs. national (or collective) memory and experience
- 2. [Discussions with Hakham Faur - Playlist](#)
  - a. Miqra
    - i. [What is the Text of the Tanach?](#) - What are the different levels of text? What is the purpose of Tehilim? Mishle? etc?
    - ii. [Discussion with Hacham Faur Re Different Levels of Textuality](#)
  - b. Halakha and Rabbinic Judaism
    - i. [Talmud, Megilla 27b - 28a, How the Hachamim Use to Be!! Rab Faur, March 23, 2014](#)
    - ii. [Thunder & Lightning! The Dual Torah System - Part 1](#) - Why attempts by modern Rabbis to derive Halakha from Biblical verses are an affront to the Tora and to Am Yisrael.

1. [Thunder & Lightning! The Dual Torah System - Part 2](#)
- iii. [The Rule of the Creator vs The Rule of a Dictator!](#)
- c. Philosophy, Theology, Humanities, etc
  - i. [Moreh Nebukhim - Part 3 Ch. 12](#) - on the Guide for the Perplexed
  - ii. [How Nature Shows Can Help with Talmud Tora!](#)
  - iii. [Discussions on Job and Satan - A Jungian Perspective](#)
- d. [Bricat Ha-Ilanot - Praising Boreh Olam for the Beauty Around Us](#) - re the Jewish attitude towards Hashem's creations
3. [Miscellaneous Talmud Classes - Playlist](#)
4. [Tora From Hashem - Playlist](#) - Are hypotheses about composite authorship or allegorical nature of the history in Tanakh inherently contradictory with being an observant Jew? (i.e. Stories vs. Actual Historical Events)
5. Hazzanuth - there are many great hazzanuth recordings by Mickey Kaiery and others, on his website

## Rabbi Richard Hidary

1. [Sephardic Approaches to Conversion](#) - Easily one of the most important papers on on Sephardic Tradition and its historical flexibility and inclusiveness. Partially a response to the unnecessary Humrot of today's Orthodox Conversion practices; Partially a response to the Syrian Community's takkanah regarding conversions and intermarriage.

## Esther Hidary

1. [Staying Relevant in the 21st Century: Moderated Panel Discussion between Rabbi and Mrs. Hidary 9/22/16](#) - Discusses keeping Jewish Education strong, inspiring, empowering, and meaningful (iirc)

## Rabbi Marc Angel

1. [Ideals - Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals](#) - a collection of articles by R' Marc Angel (Rabbi Emeritus of [Congregation Shearith Israel](#)) and Hayyim Angel. Largely formed as a response to the increasing Haredization of Orthodox Judaism. Marc Angel grew up in a mix of Sephardic and Ashkenazi communities, and is largely a part of both Sephardic and Modern Orthodox tradition.
2. [Minhagim: Divinity and Diversity](#) - discusses co-ethnic recognition failure and related issues

## Rabbi Hayim Angel

1. [Embracing Tradition and Modernity: Rabbi Benzion Meir Hai Uziel](#)

## Rabbi Yosef Bitton

1. [SY Community - Forgotten Giants](#) - A special lecture on Sephardic Hakhamim, 14th Century and Beyond, and celebration of Rabbi Bitton's New Book, "Forgotten Giants"
  - a. [The \(Almost\) Lost Sephardic Approach to Gemara \(Talmud\) Study. Surata Dishmata](#) [Note: it's been expressed that Darchei HaTalmud is \*not\* Surata Dishmata, and that the video's title is misleading]
2. Halakhaoftheday.org
  - a. (Thanks - great doc!)

## Rabbi Yonatan Halevy

1. [R' Yonatan Halevy - YouTube Channel](#) - Many exceptional videos - I'd recommend anything on Hakham Uziel, Geirut (conversion process), and others (will expand upon later)
  - a. [Refreshing Perspectives](#) - YouTube Playlist containing many excellent videos. Again, I highly recommend any of the content on Hakham Uziel. Hakham Uziel's (traditional Sephardic) approach has largely been lost in the Haredization of the Israeli Sephardic Rabbinate that's followed, since his time as Chief Rabbi.
2. [RabbiYoni.com - Articles by Rabbi Yonatan Halevy](#)

## Conversion

1. [Halakha of Conversion - pt.1](#)
  - a. [Halakha of Conversion - pt. 2](#)

## Rabbi Yosef Messas

1. [Teshuvah of Rav Yosef Messas z"l on Women Covering Their Hair](#)
  - a. [Direct PDF of the English translation of this Teshuva](#)
2. [Rabbi said WHAT?!?! Unexpected and Amazing Teachings from Rabbi Yosef Messas](#) - Sefaria Source Sheet of some of the writings and letters of R' Yosef Messas
- 3.

## Rich Dweck

1. [Jewish Pink Elephant - Sephardic Jews \(Education, History, and Culture\)](#)

## Ella Shohat

1. [The Invention of Mizrahim](#)

## David Shasha

1. [Some Books to Help You Learn More about “The Levantine Option” - David Shasha](#)
  - a. Originally published at [Mondoweiss - A Jewish voice left silent: Trying to articulate ‘The Levantine Option’](#)
2. [David Shasha - Entering “Pottersville”: Modalities of Destruction and Self-hatred in Sephardic Jewish History](#)
3. [Sephardi Typologies: Hating Ourselves and Others](#)

## Shmuel Gonzales

- [Hardcore Mesorah](#) - has some of the best and most accessible examinations of Sephardic and Ashkenazi traditions and Halakha!!

## Rabbi Shalom Morris

- [Rabbi Morris' blog](#) - on the Sephardi UK website, with articles and audio classes on S&P history
- [Rabbi Morris' website](#) - with torah, academics and musings, not been updated since August 2018 though

## Dr. Henry Abramson

Jewish history lectures

- [The Sephardic Diaspora](#)
- [The Jews of Sepharad](#)
- [The Jews of Italy](#) - starting Feb 2019

## Emily Solis Cohen

- [Woman in Jewish law and life: an inquiry and a guide to literary sources of information concerning the nature of Jewish law, and the status accorded women](#)
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## Henry Pereira Mendes

- [Jewish Religion: Ethically Presented](#)
- [Jewish History: Ethically Presented](#)

## Jacob Mendes De Sola

- [A catechism of the Jewish religion](#)
- [The Jewish student's companion. First part: Post Biblical history. Second part: Explanation of Mosaic commands](#)
- [A Vocabulary of the Pentateuch : containing all the words of the five books in their primitive forms, with an English translation](#)

## Sabato Morais

- ["Dust and Ashes": The Funeral and Forgetting of Sabato Morais](#)

## Hebrew, Aramaic, and Other Linguistic

### Hebrew

#### Biblical Hebrew

- [J. Weingreen A Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew, 2nd Edition](#) - probably the best work out there
  - [Google Drive link](#)
- [A Vocabulary of the Pentateuch : containing all the words of the five books in their primitive forms, with an English translation](#) - Jacob Mendes de Solla
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- [Hebrew for Biblical Interpretation -Arthur Walker Jones](#)
- [Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar](#) - free wiki book

#### Mishnaic Hebrew

- [Jastrow Dictionary Online](#) - Searchable dictionary for Mishnaic and Talmudic Hebrew - incredible resources!!
- Note: replace with Sefaria link

### Aramaic

- Diqduk Aramith Bablith - J Epstein (written in Hebrew)

## Educational Organizations and Publications

## Yeshivoth

### MeMizrah Shemesh - ממזרח שמש

1. [MeMizrah Shemesh ממזרח שמש](#) - Jerusalem based

### Sephardic Educational Center

1. [Sephardic Educational Center](#) - dedicated to strengthening Jewish identity for youth and young adults, and to building a new generation of spiritual and community leaders. From our historic campus in the Old City of Jerusalem to our various diaspora branches, the SEC's philosophy of Classic Sephardic Judaism offers Jews an opportunity to connect with their roots in a warm, friendly and positive environment.
  - a. [SEC Jerusalem Campus](#) - for an example of their studies, see [This Week at Beit Midrash Sha'arei Uziel](#)
  - b. [Sephardic House](#) - hosts guests and events
  - c. [Hamsa Israel](#) - trip for Teens
  - d. [HaMerkaz Magazine](#) - year publication, downloadable as PDFs

## Community & Publications

### haSepharadi

[haSepharadi](#) is an independent platform dedicated to the shared and varied traditions, cultures, histories, music, and other art forms of the many unique groups within the pan-Sephardic community.

- The collective engages scholars, academics, students, and artists of diverse disciplines to discuss ancient texts, grapple with contemporary issues, and work together to build a stronger, prouder, and more conscious Sepharadi community.
- Our Mission: To **perpetuate continuity** of authentic pan-Sephardic thought and practice, **cultivate pride** in our unique identities, and **celebrate** our histories and achievements

### Sephardic Horizons

- [Sephardi Horizons](#) - an incredible quarterly publication covering a very diverse range of Sephardic history (recent and further past). As its name suggests, it reflects and engages with the vibrant worldliness and diversity of Sephardic Jewry.
  - All the issues are made [available for free](#) on their website.

## Homens da Nação

- [Homens da Nação](#)- a collection of works and writings by and about Western Sephardic intellectuals, hakhamim, and educators. Genres span commentary, translations, history, dictionary and grammar, pedagogical, sermons, social commentary, etc.
  - [Western Sephardic Intellectual Tradition](#) - links to online versions of works by Sepharadi hakhamim and educators
  - [Hakhme Sepharad in Italia](#) - a separate list of links for Italian Sepharadi hakhamim not found in the previous link

## Sephardic Community Alliance

- [Shabbat Shalom Weekly Reader](#) - weekly articles and teachings for Shabbat (you can choose which authors to subscribe to)
- [Qol Ha-Qahal Magazine](#)
- [SCA YouTube Channel](#)

## Institute for Jewish Ideas & Ideals

1. [Institute for Jewish Ideas & Ideals](#) - many of the articles on this site are really more from a Modern/Open Orthodox understanding, rather than from Sepharadi approach. However, there are some excellent articles on various Sephardic Hakhamim as well

## SY Community

1. [SY Community - Youtube Channel](#) - a collection of teachings by rabbinical and scholarly teachings from the larger Brooklyn Syrian community, as well as different prominent history and events in the community's history.

## American Sephardi Federation

1. [Sephardi world weekly](#) - shares brief introductions and links to timely, thought-provoking articles on Greater Sephardi history, the arts, and current affairs
2. [Sephardi Ideas Monthly](#) - is a continuing series of essays from the rich, multi-dimensional world of Sephardi thought

## Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America

1. [Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America](#) A network of Sephardic synagogues across America. Has resources for Ladino, Scholarship, Israel trips focused around Sephardic Jewry and community, and a variety of other community programming and events
  - a. Has email newsletter - subscribe on homepage

## Judaic Seminar

1. <https://web.archive.org/web/20181215171419/http://www.judaicseminar.org/>
  - a. I believe this later became the [Sephardic Community Alliance](#)

## Halakha

1. [The Sephardic Responsa Forum](#) - a collection of teshuvot that focus on the opinions of Sephardic hakhamim of recent and historical times.
  - a. Run by Rabbis Ilan Acoca, Yossi Azose, Ron-Ami Meyer, and Ben Hassan
    - i. Rabbi Yossi Azose is the son of Hazzan [Isaac Azose](#)
2. [Halakha Yomit](#) - Daily halakhic rulings, based on Hakham Ovadia Yosef's halakhic works. Available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), and [Hebrew](#), and run by Rabbis Yaakov Sasson, Yitzchak Fadda, Meir Gavriel Elbaz, and David Pitoun
3. As has been pointed out [elsewhere](#), Hakham Ovadia's assertions about minhag [didn't always reflect](#) the historical reality and variety of Sephardic minhag. He also occupied a very complicated space with regard to classical Sephardic tradition
  - a. Nevertheless, Ovadia Yosef's style was very encyclopedic, and as a result makes for a good point to further dive into other halakhic sources.

## Hazzanut

## Piyutim & Pizmonim

### General

1. [Invitation to Piyut North America](#) - contains PDFs of many piyutim (with Hebrew, English transliteration and translation, and historical or compositional notes), Recordings (browsable by name or tradition), Holiday Guides, and Chant Cards (Note: the melodies are Westernized and not in their original maqamat).

**Note:** the [magamot](#) of piyutim and pizmonim here have been flattened to fit into the Western Scale. Please see the sections below, for more traditionally authentic recordings

- a. [B'nai Jeshurun - Invitation to Piyut North America](#) - a consolidated/teaser version of the full site
- b. [18 Piyutim and Mizmorim](#) - Printable booklet of the selections on BJ's site - contains musical notation for each selection.
- c. [Hakhanah La'Tefilah \(Preparation for Prayer\)](#) - Study sheet with a selection of piyutim and readings.

- d. [Piyut Holiday Guide](#) - Selection of 18 piyutim, grouped by Holiday
2. [Wikipedia - Pizmonim](#)

## Books

1. [Shira Hadasha](#) - Collection of Pizmonim & Songs for Shabbat, Simhaot, and other sederim, by Hazzanim David Shiro and Menachem Mustaki - arranged by maqam.
2. [Abia Renanot](#) Note

## Spanish & Portugese

1. [London Sephardi Congregational Melodies - Sabbath Table Songs](#)
2. <http://www.yedeabraham.com/tiki/tiki-index.php>
3. <https://sites.google.com/site/londonspmusic/home>
4. <https://sites.google.com/site/londonsephardimusic/home>
5. <http://www.archivio-torah.it/AUDIO/tempiospagnolo/>
6. <http://www.chazzanut-esnoga.org/>
7. <http://www.mikvehisraelmusic.org/>
8. <http://riteportugais.free.fr/>

## Syrian

1. [Sephardic Pizmonim Project](#) - an archive of the Syrian Community's "Red Book" ([Shir Ushbaha Hallel VeZimrah](#)) and other pizmonim. Contains lessons on all of the Arabic maqamat (musical modes/orders) and which parts of the liturgy they're used for. Also contains recordings of the various pizmonim, parashiyoth, ta'amim, etc.
  - a. [Maqam of the Week](#) - the weekly maqam for Shabbath Shaharit, corresponding to the perasha. Note: Musaf is done to the following week's maqam.
  - b. [Library](#) - Digitized versions of Miqra (including the Aleppo Codex), Pizmonim collections, Haggadah, Mahzor Aram Soba, etc.
  - c. [Mekor Judaica - Shira Ushbaha](#) (physical copy - new)
  - d. Ebay - used [here](#)
2. [Sephardic Hazzanut Project](#) - Recordings of all the (Syrian) Sephardic liturgy, ta'amim, baqashot, and pizmonim
3. [SY Community - Pizmonim of Aleppo](#) - YouTube playlist of Syrian pizmonim
4. [Aram Soba Orchestra](#)

## Selihot

1. [David Dery - Selihot album](#)

- a. [Daat - Selihot - Nusah Edut HaMizrah](#) - Hebrew text of all of David Dery's Selihot album. If you want the English translations and commentary, buy [Orot - Kol Yehuda - Selihot](#).

## Baqashot

1. [Emili Zrihan - 3am Ne'Emani](#)
  - a. [Invitation to Piyut \(Old Site\) - עמ נאמני](#) - Hebrew text of the Piyut here

## Tanakh, Liturgy, Perasha, and Ta'amim

### Bukharian

- [Shacharit Shel Shabbat pt. 1](#)
  - [Part 2](#)

### Egyptian

- <http://www.ahaba.org/mediadetail.asp?id=72> Egyptian Torah melody
- <http://www.ahaba.org/browsemedia.asp?id=6> Egyptian haftarah recordings
- <http://hazzan.qpon.co.il/Front/Multimedia/albom.asp?mBoundary=11371&aType=3> Iraqi melodies for selected passages (Hebrew language site)

### Italian

- <http://www.archivio-torah.it/HTM/indiceaudio.htm> Parashiyot and haftarot in Italian melody

### Moroccan & North African

1. [Darke Aboteinu](#) - Recordings of Moroccan Hazzanut, with notation on which local minhag they come from.
2. [Sha'ar Hashamayim of London](#) - Moroccan Haggadah recordings
3. <http://www.tht.co.il/default.asp> Torat Hashem Temimah Torah reading in Moroccan style (clips and CDs; Hebrew language site)
4. [http://www.toratemet.net/21292/Lire\\_La\\_Torah\\_Paracha\\_Taamim](http://www.toratemet.net/21292/Lire_La_Torah_Paracha_Taamim) Torat Emet - Comparing North African melodies (French language site)

### Spanish & Portuguese (S&P)

1. [http://www.chazzanut-esnoga.org/Miscellaneous/Neginoth/parasha\\_and\\_haftarah.htm](http://www.chazzanut-esnoga.org/Miscellaneous/Neginoth/parasha_and_haftarah.htm) Spanish and Portuguese Torah and Haftarah melodies, Amsterdam style
2. <http://www.sephardim.org/liturgiy/> Spanish and Portuguese Torah and Haftarah melodies, London style: recording

3. [http://utne.nvg.org/j/parasha/taamim\\_london.html](http://utne.nvg.org/j/parasha/taamim_london.html) Spanish and Portuguese Torah melody, London style: musical notation only (includes instructions for downloading musical notation font)
4. <https://www.sephardi.org.uk/community/sephardi-music/hazzanut%E2%80%A8/hazzanut-menu/> UK Sephardic community's Hazzanut pages. Covers the entire liturgy.
5. <http://www.shearthisrael.org/media>
6. <http://www.yedeabraham.com/tiki/tiki-index.php>
7. <https://sites.google.com/site/londonspmusic/home>
8. <https://sites.google.com/site/londonsephardimusic/home>
9. <http://www.archivio-torah.it/AUDIO/tempiospagnolo/>
10. <http://www.chazzanut-esnoga.org/>
11. <http://www.mikvehisraelmusic.org/>
12. <http://riteportugais.free.fr>

## Syrian

1. [Pizmonim.org - Ta'amim](http://Pizmonim.org) - Explanation and recordings of the Syrian ta'amim system
2. [Tanach Study - Tehilim](http://Tanach Study - Tehilim) - Classes and recordings of each perek of the Book of Psalms, from Syrian and Egyptian hazzanim
3. [Sephardic Hazzanut Project](http://Sephardic Hazzanut Project) - Recordings of all the (Syrian) Sephardic liturgy, ta'amim, along with some baqashot, and pizmonim
  - a. See the YouTube channel for more
4. [Taamim 101 Mickey Kairey Style](http://Taamim 101 Mickey Kairey Style)

## Yerushalmi

5. [Daf Yomi Review - Sephardic Parasha Recordings](http://Daf Yomi Review - Sephardic Parasha Recordings)

# Siddurim and Mahzorim

## Edot HaMizrah

1. [Orot - Kol Sasson Siddur](http://Orot - Kol Sasson Siddur) - Best Hebrew-English Edot HaMizrah siddur out there! Linear format, with a lucid translation and tons of commentary. Utilizes a transliteration and notation system that accommodates for the traditions of various pan-Sephardic communities
2. [Orot - Kol Yehuda - Selihot](http://Orot - Kol Yehuda - Selihot) - The traditional Selihot liturgy
3. [Koren - Sephardic \(Edot HaMizrah\) Siddur](http://Koren - Sephardic (Edot HaMizrah) Siddur)
4. [Avodat Hashem](http://Avodat Hashem) - Hebrew - Minhag Ovadia Yosef. This siddur differentiates between Kamats Qatan & Gadol, as well as She'va Nah and She'va Na - making it extremely helpful for learning proper pronunciation.
  - a. [Sheliah Tsibbur Edition](http://Sheliah Tsibbur Edition) (prayer leader)

## Syrian

1. [Kol Ya'akob](#) - standard Syrian siddur for Halabi/Aleppo communities. Also used or readily available in other Sephardic communities in NYC.
  - a. Available in Hebrew and Hebrew-Arabic-English
2. [Keter Shelomo](#) - Hebrew-English lucid, linear translation. Great for use during tefilot.

## Egyptian

1. <https://www.amazon.com/Siddur-Farhi-Prayers-Hebrew-Translation/dp/1506108458>

## Spanish & Portugese (S&P)

1. [Aaron DeSola Pool Siddur](#) - Traditional Spanish & Portugese Siddur. Also used by Kehila Kedosha Janina (Romaniote) in NYC
2. [Kol Tuv Sefarad Siddur](#) - Hebrew-Spanish - Based on the customs of the Amsterdam S&P community. Downloadable as PDFs
  - a. Also available as a [mobile app](#). The app version only includes the core prayers, and is intended for those who are newer or less familiar with te'filot. Contains some light halakhic or other commentary.
3. [Heshaim Siddurim](#) - The London community's siddurim, haggadoth, mahzorim, etc. Heshaim is an older transliteration of Etz Haim (Eṣ Haim)
4. [Homens da Nacao - Western Sephardic Liturgy](#) - Digitally archived siddurim going back to the 1500s

## Moroccan

1. [Koren - Avoteinu - Hakhmei Morocco](#) - The Koren Avoteinu Siddur is a complete Moroccan Siddur for weekdays and Shabbat that includes: explanations of, and sources for geographically-varied customs, commentaries from the Moroccan sages and language and pronunciation guides.
2. [Siddur Avot U'vanim - Hachmei Morocco](#) - Nusach Hachmei Morocco and Sepharadim. This siddur also has the haschemet of Hakham Shlomo Amar (a former Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem).

## Yemenite

1. [Siddur Tichlal - Tefilat Avot \(Temani/Baladi\)](#) - A Weekday/Shabbat siddur according to the minhag of the Jews of Yemen (Baladi).

## Persian

1. [Te'filat Ezra](#) - Hebrew-Farsi - standard Persian siddur (though the Persian minyan in Manhattan uses Kol Ya'akob)

## Qehilot (Synagogues)

### New York

1. [Shearith Israel](#) - S&P
2. [Magen David of Manhattan](#) - Syrian (Aleppo nusah)
3. [Tifereth Israel](#) - Yemenite (Baladi nusah)
4. [Congregation Beit Edmond](#) (formerly called the "Safra Synagogue") - Syrian
5. [Kehila Kedosha Janina](#) (Romaniote)

### Pennsylvania

1. [Congregation Mikveh Israel](#) (Philadelphia, PA)

### Maryland

1. [Magen David Sephardic Congregation](#) (Rockville, MD)

## Heritage

1. [SHINDC: Celebrating Sephardic Heritage IN DC](#) - Sephardic Heritage Organization in DC

## History

### General

1. [Moreshet Sepharad - Articles and Lectures](#) - Some of the best historical writing on Sephardic History out there. Covers topics like the Sephardic Response to the Enlightenment, the anti-Maimonideans and the formation of Kabbalah in the context of the Reconquista, the Sephardic tradition of Religious Humanism, Conversos, etc.
2. Asenath Barzani
3. Flora Sassoon

4. Diane Cohler-Esses
5. Abigail Lindo
6. [Dr. Marc B. Shapiro has a series on Torah in Motion](#) covering lives of various rabbis, he has talks on The Ben Ish Hai, Rav Ovadia Yosef, Rabbi Yosef Messas, Rabbi Shalom Messas, R' Yosef Kafih, R' Eliyahu Benamozegh, Hakham Ben Zion Uzziel
  - a. Note: I have not listened to these yet, and may or may not recommend them.

## Sephardic Women

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## Rabbis and Scholars

### Bukharian

- [Yosef Mammon \(Maimon\)](#) - descendent of Moshe ben Maimon haSepharadi (aka Rambam)
- [Shimon Hakham](#) - great-grandson of Rabbi Yosef Maimon. Translated many Hebrew works into [Bukhori](#)
- [Shlomo Moussaieff](#) - rabbi and gem trader. Helped found Rehovot haBukharim (the Bukharian Quarter)

### Spanish & Portugese

1. [The Spanish Tradition in Chronological Order](#) - a list of rabbis and scholars from the Spanish Tradition. Each entry includes some details about their significant works or contributions

## Hakham Bashi - Ottoman, Syrian

### Ottoman Empire (Hahambaşı)

- Eli Capsali (1452–1454)
- [Moses Capsali](#) (1454–1495)
- [Elijah Mizrachi](#) (1497–1526)
- Mordechai Komitano (1526–1542)
- Tam ibn Yahya (1542–1543)
- Eliyyah Benjamin ha-Levi (1543)
- Eliyyah ben Ḥayyim (1543–1602)
- Yeḥiel Bassan (1602–1625)
- Joseph Miṭrani (1625–1639)
- Yomṭov Ben Ya'esh (1639–1642)
- Yomṭov ben Ḥananiah Ben Yaqar (1642–1677)
- Ḥayyim Qamḥi (1677–1715)
- Judah Ben Rey (1715–1717)

- Samuel Levi (1717–1720)
- Abraham ben Ḥayyim Rosanes (1720–1745)
- Solomon Ḥayyim Alfandari (1745–1762)
- Meir Ishaki (1762–1780)
- Elijah Palombo (1780–1800)
- [Haim Palaci](#) - (1788-1868)
- Ḥayyim Jacob Benyakar (1800–1835)
- Abraham ha-Levi (1835–1836)
- Samuel ben Moses Ḥayyim (1836–1837)
- Moses Fresco (1839–1841)
- Jacob Behar David (1841–1854)
- Ḥayyim ha-Kohen (1854–1860)
- Jacob (or Yakup) Avigdor (1860–1863)
- [Yakir Geron](#) (1863–1872)
- Moses Levi (1872–1908)
- [Haim Nahum Effendi](#) (1908–1920)
- Shabbetai Levi (1918–1919)
- Ishak Ariel (1919–1920)

#### Turkish Republic

- Haim Moṣe Becerano (1920–1931)
- Haim Ishak Saki (1931–1940)
- Rafael David Saban (1940–1960)
- [David Asseo](#) (1961–2002)
- [Ishak Haleva](#) (2002–)

#### Galielee

- [Makhlouf Eldaoudi](#) (1889–1909)

#### Ottoman Palestine

- [Chaim Abraham Gagin](#) (1842–1848)
- [Isaac Kovo](#) (1848–1854)
- Haim Nisim Abulafia (1854–1861)
- Haim David Hazan (1861–1869)
- [Abraham Ashkenazi](#) (1869–1880)
- [Raphael Meir Panigel](#) (1880–1892)
- [Jacob Saul Elyashar](#) (1893–1906)
- [Elijah Moses Panigel](#) (1907)

#### British Mandatory Palestine

- [Jacob Meir](#) (1921–1939)
- [Ben-Zion Meir Hai Uziel](#) (1939–1948)

## Israel

- [Ben-Zion Meir Hai Uziel](#) (1948–1953)
- [Yitzhak Nissim](#) (1955–1972)
- [Ovadia Yosef](#) (1972–1982)
- [Mordechai Eliyahu](#) (1982–1993)
- [Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron](#) (1993–2003)
- [Shlomo Amar](#) (2003–2013)
- [Yitzhak Yosef](#) (2013–present)

## France (Provence)

- [Rabbeinu Nissim of Marseilles - One of the Most Radical of all the Commentators](#)

## Communities

### Bukharian

- [Ron Furman - Bukharan Roots](#) video
- [Bukharian Community.com - YouTube Channel](#)
  - [Bukharian Community in Uzbekistan](#)
- [Boris Abromov - Exit Uzbekistan](#) documentary

### Syrian

#### Aleppo (Halabi)

- Add links

#### Damascus (Shami)

- [Jewish Encyclopedia - Damascus](#)

#### Urfalim (Kurdish)

- See Kurdish section

### Diaspora

#### America

- [Syrian Jewish Communities of the United States](#)
- [Tablet: Road From Damascus by Paula Sadok](#) - about Brooklyn and Manhattan communities

## Kurdish

### Urfalim

- [Urfa \(Ur Kašdim\)](#) (Kurdish)
- [Ur Kadism \(Biblical\)](#)

## Yemenite

- [Yemenite Jews - 50 Places Where the Halakha is not like Maimonides](#)

## Ritual

1. [Bar and Bat Mitzvahs: Different traditions same rite of passage](#) - Mentions the Italian and Egyptian origins of the Bat Mitzvah ceremony - dating back to the 19th Century.
  - a. See also: [Jewish Practices and Rituals: Bar and Bat Mitzvah](#)

## Sepharadim and the Holocaust

1. See movies section, until further resources are added here

## Media

### Dance

1. [Silk Road Dance Ensemble](#) - Dance concerts, lecture demonstrations, and masterclasses in Uzbek, Persian, Tajik, Afghan, Azeri, Kazakh, Turkic, Uyghur, Bollywood, Arabic, Romani "Gypsy", Ancient Egyptian, and other traditions.

## Movies

### Comedy (with Drama)

1. [The Band's Visit](#)
2. Yismah Hatani (The Women's Balcony) - ([trailer](#))

## Documentaries

1. Forgotten Refugees
2. The Ethnic Demon
3. Starting Over Again ([trailer](#)) - about the Egyptian Jewish communities, pre and post-Nassar/expulsion.
4. [Journey from Tunisia](#)
5. [Remember Baghdad](#)
6. The Ancestral Sin

## Drama

1. [The Loners](#) (about two Kavkazi soldiers)
2. [Closeness](#) (Story of Kavkazim who didn't immigrate to Israel after the Iron Curtain fell)
3. [Farewell Baghdad](#) - ([trailer](#)) - the story of the Baghdadi community leaving Iraq, after the Farhud

## Drama (Coming of Age)

1. [The House on Chelouche Street](#) - ([full film](#))

## Drama (Historical)

1. [Rembetiko](#) - ([full film](#))

## Drama (Holocaust)

1. A Bulgarian Rhapsody
2. The Third Half
3. [The Wedding Song](#) (set in Tunisia; centered around a straining friendship between a Muslim woman and a Sephardic woman)

## Drama (Mystery)

1. Shadow In Baghdad - ([trailer](#))

## Drama (Romance)

1. [Every Time We Say Goodbye](#)

## Fantasy/Adventure

1. [The Rabbi's Cat](#) (animated)

## Historical Fiction

1. [The Physician](#) (features Persian Jewish characters)

## Musical

1. Kazablan

## Unsorted

1. Baba Joon - ([trailer](#))
2. Septembers in Shiraz - ([trailer](#))
3. Atomic Falafel
4. Free Men
5. Salah Shabati
6. [צומת](#)
7. [Sof Ha'Olam Smola](#) (Turn Left at the End of the World) - ([trailer](#))
8. [שלוש אמהות](#) (Three Mothers)
9. Tipat Mazal

## TV Series

### Thriller

1. Fauda

## Musicians

1. Omer Adam
2. Gad Elbaz
3. Sarit Hadad
4. Mark Eliyahu
5. Eli Luzon
6. Itzik Kalah
7. Itzik Eshel
8. Shlomi Shabbat
9. Yehoram Gaon
10. Flory Jagoda
11. [Mor Karbasi](#)
12. Fortuna
13. Sara Aroeste
14. [Gad Elmaleh](#)
15. Yasmine Levy

16. Arik Einstein
17. Sarband - Sephardic Songs album

## Traditions and Nosḥaot (Rites/Liturgies)

### Moroccan

1. [Wikipedia - Moroccan Jews](#)

### Syrian

1. [Wikipedia - Syrian Jews](#)
  - a. Halabi (Aleppo)
  - b. Shami (Damascus)

### Iraqi

1. [Wikipedia - Iraqi Jews](#)

### Spanish & Portugese

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### Romaniote

- 1.

### Yemenite

1. [Wikipedia - Yemenite Jews](#)
2. [Wikipedia - Yemenite Jews - Religious Groups](#)
  - a. [Baladi](#)
  - b. Shami (Adopted Damascus Sephardic tradition)
  - c. [Dor Daim](#) (Reaction to the Shami tradition - strict followers of Talmudic law as compiled by Maimonides, aka "Rambam". They are regarded as a subdivision of the Baladi Jews, and claim to preserve the Baladi tradition in its pure form;

ardently opposed to the mysticism, superstition and fatalism that developed in Yemen, as a result of the Shami tradition).

## To Add:

1. [The Encyclopedia of Jewish Prayer: The Ashkenazic and Sephardic Rites](#) - an incredible resource that differentiates btwn. different nos7aot
  - a. [Google Books Preview](#) - where you can read much of the book
2. Kavkazi Resources (see fb group)
3. Relevant pages from [Henna By Sienna](#)
4. S&P UK
5. S&P Amsterdam
6. Persian Food from the non-Persian Bride by Reyna Simnagar
7. Aromas of Aleppo
8. <http://www.jpost.com/Jerusalem-Report/Sephardi-Judaism-Straining-to-Stay-Non-Denominational-513181> ??
9. [Mourner's Kaddish \(Sepharadi\)](#) - uses k instead of q for ק, also does ן and n as 'h. Probably don't bother... cuz really weird transliteration

## To Add (needs sorting):

Cookbooks: In English, I can't recommend Claudia Roden's "The Book of Jewish Food" enough - she centers Sephardic cooking rather than Ashkenazi cooking, and goes into incredible detail on Sephardic and Mizrahi culinary practices. I also recommend dafina.net (in French) for Moroccan Jewish food and a cool forum, and the work of Janet Amateau, who has written several books and has a good blog at Sephardic Food.com. Le Culte de la table dressée in French, by Joelle Bahloul, is an incredible resource for Algerian Jewish cooking.

Other resources: Gil Marks' Encyclopedia of Jewish Food is really good for ingredients and cooking methods, and details a lot on Sephardic influence on Ashkenazi food going back to the 1300s. Eat and Be Satisfied by John Cooper is also great. The Taste of Conquest by Michael Krondl is really good for the history of the Spice Trade, and also check out stuff on the Dutch Jewish Atlantic and Sephardic Dutch Jews by Jessica Roitman. For broader influences on Sephardic Jewish cooking, Rachel Laudan's Cuisine and Empire is one of the best books on food I have ever read. I need to find the citations on the herring industry, fish and chips, and the jam industry tomorrow - all of which were developed by Sephardim in Northern Europe.

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