



# European Day of Jewish Culture 2007 Turkey Programme Sunday 2nd September 2007 Theme – ‘TESTIMONIES’

## NEVE SHALOM CULTURAL CENTER



The Neve Shalom Synagogue, meaning “The Oasis of Peace”, was inaugurated on March 25th., 1951. This synagogue’s main characteristic is that it can host a large number of people for religious ceremonies like weddings, circumcisions, Bar-Mitzvahs and funerals. The Neve Shalom Cultural Center was founded and put to use as a cultural center.

**11:30-12:15**

*Ulus Private Jewish High School Choir*

*Choir Leader: Emine Keskin*

**13:30-14:30**

*Izzet Keribar Slide Show And Presentation Of Synagogues In Turkey*

**11:00-17:00**

*Eti Koen: Patchwork Exhibit*



## **THE ITALIAN SYNAGOGUE**

The Italian Synagogue was opened on the year 1886 for the use of the Italian Jewish Community living in the Ottoman Empire. Up until 1922, every Saturday, there were concerts of “maftirim” and also of hymns sung to Turkish Classical music tunes. The building continuing to serve its community for the past 117 years, is an architectural masterpiece with its marble stairs and Gothic front.

**11:00-11:45** Sepharadic Synagogue Hymns Choir  
 Concert Choir Leader: Cako Taragano

**14:00- 14:45** Linet Şaül (Accompanied By Albert-Alper-Tracy D.Aziz):  
 Popular Sephardic Song Concert Performed By Opera Singer



## **THE ASHKENAZI SYNAGOGUE**

The Ashkenazi Synagogue was built in 1900 with the contribution of the Ashkenazi Jews and its official inauguration took place on September 23, 1900. Its architect Mr. G.J. Comaro was from Venice. The wooden sanctuary where the Sefer Toras are put (ehal hakodesh) and the altar (teva) were carved of ebony by Fogelstern, a carving master of the period.

**14:00-15:00** Tilbe Saran: Dramatized Poetry

**16:30-17:30** Klez-Mez Band: E. Bora Gürel, Özlem Gürel, Yuri Ryadchenko  
 Klezmer Music Performance

## **SCHNEIDERTEMPEL ART CENTER**

Transformed into a cultural art center in 1998, the building was inaugurated on September 8, 1894 by the Union of Ashkenazi Tailors under the name of “Tofre Begadim”. The inauguration of the Schneidertempel Art Center was realized in May 1999 with an international cartoon exhibition entitled “Faiths Towards a New Millenium”. Ever since, there have been many cultural activities organized regularly.

**16:45-17:45** Karen Gerşon Şarhon: Presentation Profiles from the one hundred years life of the Turkish Jews

**11:00-17:00** History As A Story: Photo Exhibit



### **THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF TURKEY** (ex Zulfaris Synagogue)

The Jewish Museum of Turkey was established by the 500. Yıl Vakfı (Quincentennial Foundation) in the former Zulfaris Synagogue (*Kal Kadosh Galata*) situated in the Karakoy district. There is evidence that this synagogue existed in 1671. It remained in service until Jews living the area moved to other neighbourhoods, around 1985. At this point it was assigned to the 500.Yıl Vakfı which restored the building. *The Jewish Museum of Turkey* which has been made possible with the financial backing of the Kamhi Family, the valuable contributions of Mr. Jak Kamhi and thanks to the vision and dedication of Mr. Naim Avigdor Güleryüz, was inaugurated in November 2001.

**11:00-17:00** Naim A. Güleryüz, Seyfi İşman: Short Documentary:  
**Edirne, Memories of Yester-Years.**

**11:00-17:00** Glimpses Of Life From The Camondos



### **OSMANLI BANK MUSEUM**

Osmanlı Bank Museum, Turkey's first private money museum, is established by Boğazici University History Professor Edhem Eldem. The museum will host a concert and a conference during the European Day Of Jewish Culture.

**15:30-16:30**

Angelika Akbar: Piano Recital

**14:30-15:30**

Prof. Dr. Ayhan Aktar: Lecture: A Glimpse into  
the Jewish Community's Memory Lane



## **GALATA TOWER (STREET) & GALATA CLUB HOUSE**

The European Day of Jewish Culture is being organized for the 5th time in İstanbul, at a historical Jewish location, the Galata region, which used to be a major residential area for local Jewry in the 19th and 20th centuries.

**17:00-17:30**

Karmiel Dance Group: Dance Performance  
Coreography by Verda Hason

**17:30-18:30**

Çenk Rofe: A Concert of Selected Traditional  
Turkish Music

**18:30-19:15**

Melin & Selim Yuna- Tango Performance

**19:30-21:00**

Sefarad D'Estambol Concert: Sami Levi, Cem Stamati, Ceki Benşuşe

**21:30-23:00**

Hiçkalmaz Jazz Band: İzzet Hiçkalmaz, Baki Duyarlar, Tahsin Unuvar,  
Nezih Yeşilnil Jazz Standards