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“Mount Gerizim,
All the Days of Our Lives”



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On January 1, 2017, the Samaritan Community numbered 796.

Future Events

It has been 3655 years since the entrance into the Holy Land
(Samaritan's typical calendar)

2017

The Day of the Sinai Assembly Wednesday May 31, 2017
The Last Day of the Counting of the Omer/ The Festival of
Weeks (Shavuot)/ Second Pilgrimage Sunday June 4, 2017
Festival of the 1st Day of the 7th Month Wednesday Sept. 20,
Day of Atonement Friday Sept. 29, 2017
Festival of Sukkot/ third Pilgrimage Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017
Festival of the Eighth Day Wednesday Oct. 11, 2017

[Calculated by: **Priest Yakkiir ['Aziz] b. High Priest Jacob b. 'Azzi** –
Kiriath Luza, Mount Gerizim]

Congratulations!

A beautiful daughter was born to Yaqira and Avi b. Peleg Altif, on Mount Gerizim – June 2, 2017
(photo left)



Congratulations!

A New Baby Girl - Meshe d. of
Ofra and Yaron Cohen - Holon
Monday, 3.7.2017; 13:20

(photo right)



Congratulations to the
Newlyweds
Mallie and Tsedie Yehoshua:
A New Couple of the Israelite-
Samaritan Community
Tuesday Night – June 27,
2017

Five New Articles from Haseeb Shehadeh**The Award of Who Puts his Nose****Passover Sacrifice****حُكْمُ مَنْ يَدُسُّ خَطْمَهُ****قربان الفسح**

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهذه القصة، التي كتبها سميح (سلوح) بن الأمين (بنياميم) صدقة الصباحي (هصفري) (١٩٣٢-٢٠٠٢، تاجر ماهر، قاص) بالعبرية ونُشرت في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. - أخبار السامرة، عدد ١٢١٣-١٢١٤، ٢٠ آذار ٢٠١٦، ص. ٣٣-٣٥. هذه الدورية التي تصدر مرتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبي تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها - إنها تستعمل أربع لغات بأربعة خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العبرية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخط العبري القديم، المعروف اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العبرية الحديثة بالخط المربع/الأشوري، أي الخط العبري الحالي؛ العربية بالرسم العربي؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى أيضاً مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخط اللاتيني.

Read more at: <http://shomron0.tripod.com/articles/the award of who puts his nose.pdf>

A Basket of Unleavened Bread and a Series of Bullets**سلة المصّة وسيل من إطلاق الرصاص**

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهذه القصة، التي كتبها جلال (كفود) بن يوسف صدقة (١٩٢٢-٢٠٠٢) بالعبرية ونُشرت في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. - أخبار السامرة، عدد ١٢١٣-١٢١٤، ٢٠ آذار ٢٠١٦، ص. ٢٧-٢٩. هذه الدورية التي تصدر مرتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبي تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها - إنها تستعمل أربع لغات بأربعة خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العبرية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخط العبري القديم، المعروف اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العبرية الحديثة بالخط المربع/الأشوري، أي الخط العبري الحالي؛ العربية بالرسم العربي؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى أيضاً مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخط اللاتيني.

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A Bright Light on the Passover Sacrifice

نور ساطع على قربان الفسح

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في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهذه القصة، التي كتبها الكاهن الأكبر سلوم بن عمران (شالوم بن عمران، ١٩٢٢-٢٠٠٤، كاهن أعظم في السنوات ٢٠٠١-٢٠٠٤، عضو في البرلمان الفلسطيني ١٩٩٦-٢٠٠٤، معلّم، جزّار الطائفة، شماس) بالعبرية ونُشرت في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. - أخبار السامرة، عدد ١٢١٣-١٢١٤، ٢٠ آذار ٢٠١٦، ص. ٢٥-٢٦. هذه الدورية التي تصدر مرتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبي تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها - إنها تستعمل أربع لغات بأربعة خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العبرية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخط العبري القديم، المعروف اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العبرية الحديثة بالخط المربع/الأشوري، أي الخط العبري الحالي؛ العربية بالرسم العربي؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخط اللاتيني. بدأت هذه الدورية السامرية في الصدور منذ أواخر العام ١٩٦٩، وما زالت تصدر بانتظام، توزّع مجاناً على كل بيت سامري في نابلس وحولون، قرابة الثمانمائة سامري فقط، وهناك مشتركون فيها من الباحثين والمهتمين في الدراسات السامرية، في شتّى أرجاء العالم. هذه الدورية ما زالت حية ترزق، لا بل وتتطور بفضل إخلاص ومثابرة المحررين، الشقيقين بنيامين ويفت، نجلي المرحوم راضي (رتسون) صدقة (٢٢ شباط ١٩٢٢-٢٠ كانون الثاني ١٩٩٠).

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زيارة مفاجئة لمغارة المضغفة

A Sudden Visit to the Cave of the Machpelah/Patriarchs

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لهذه القصة التي كتبها الكاهن خضر (فنجاس) بن إبراهيم بن خضر الحفثاوي (١٩٢٢-١٩٩٢، كاهن الطائفة السامرية في نابلس في السنوات ١٩٦٤-١٩٦٧ ثم في حولون في السنوات ١٩٦٧-١٩٩٢؛ شاعر وعالم بالشرعية) بالعبرية، ونقّحها وعدّل في أسلوبها بنيامين صدقة. نُشرت هذه القصة في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. - أخبار السامرة، عدد ١٢١٩-١٢٢٠، ١ تموز ٢٠١٦، ص. ٥٩-٦١. هذه الدورية، التي تصدر مرتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبي تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها؛ إنها تستعمل أربع لغات على الأقل، بأربعة خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العبرية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخط العبري القديم، المعروف اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العبرية الحديثة بالخط المربع/الأشوري، أي الخط العبري الحالي؛ العربية بالرسم العربي؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخط اللاتيني. بدأت هذه الدورية السامرية في الصدور، منذ أواخر العام ١٩٦٩، وما زالت تصدر بانتظام، توزّع مجاناً على كل بيت سامري في نابلس وحولون، قرابة الثمانمائة سامري. زد إلى ذلك، هناك مشتركون فيها من الباحثين والمهتمين في الدراسات السامرية، في شتّى أرجاء العالم. هذه الدورية، ما زالت حية ترزق، لا بل وتتطور بفضل إخلاص ومثابرة الشقيقين بنيامين (الأمين) ويفت (حسني)، نجلي المرحوم راضي (رتسون) صدقة (٢٢ شباط ١٩٢٢-٢٠ كانون الثاني ١٩٩٠).

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زيارة سرية لمغارة المضغفة

A Secret Visit to the Cave of the Machpela

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

في ما يلي ترجمة عربية لما كتبه ماجد بن الأمين بن صالح صدقة الصباحي بالعبرية (هلال/مهلال بن بنيامين بن شلح صدقة الصفري. ١٩٤٠ - ، هو الابن الأصغر للأمين المذكور، كاتب ومرنم وتاجر، شقيقه الأكبر راضي (رتسون) والثاني سميح (سلوح)، معلّم لغة عربية في إسرائيل؛ نشر توراوات، صلوات وسفينة مرقه بخط يده، كما كرّس نُسخًا من التوراة بخط يده للكُتس في جبل جريزيم وحولون؛ تنقيح ابن شقيقه، بنيامين صدقة).

نُشرت هذه القصّة في الدورية السامرية أ. ب. أخبار السامرة، عدد ١٢١٩-١٢٢٠، ١ تموز ٢٠١٦، ص. ٥٧-٥٩. هذه الدورية، التي تصدر مرتين شهرياً في مدينة حولون جنوبي تل أبيب، فريدة من نوعها؛ إنها تستعمل أربع لغات على الأقل، بأربعة خطوط أو أربع أبجديات: العبرية أو الآرامية السامرية بالخط العبري القديم، المعروف اليوم بالحروف السامرية؛ العبرية الحديثة بالخط المربع/الأشوري، أي الخط العبري الحالي؛ العربية بالرسم العربي؛ الإنجليزية (أحياناً لغات أخرى مثل الفرنسية والألمانية والإسبانية) بالخط اللاتيني.

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A Complete Commentary On The Torah

We are pleased to announce that A.B. Institute of Samaritan Studies is completing preparations for the publication of my fourth major life project, **A Complete Commentary On The Torah**, based on the Israelite Samaritan Version of the Torah as it has been delivered for the past 125 generations, since it was originally written by Mooshee Ban 'Aamraam [Moses ben 'Amram] the Prophet of all prophets.

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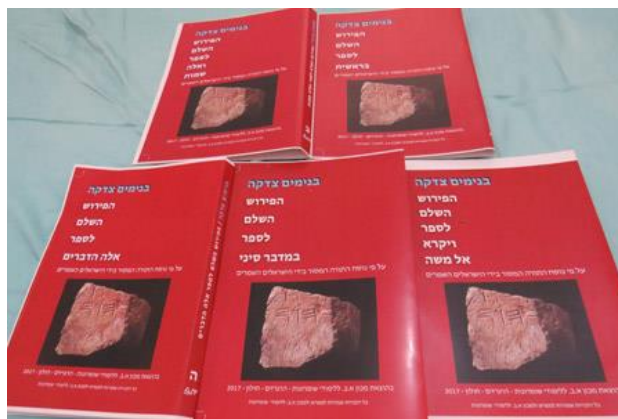
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At the end of Deuteronomy, the commentator added selected essays based on his analysis of special topics in the Torah.

The entire series was distributed to every Israelite Samaritan family of the 210 families of the community as of today - 2017

The series is published with the assistance of the Ministry of Culture of the State of Israel, by the "A.B. - Institute of Samaritan Studies", Holon - Mount Gerizim.

The price of the series is \$400 including mailing. It is possible to deposit the sum through Pay Pal in "Donations" in the web site: israelite-samaritans.com.

I am grateful to all readers and seekers of Samaritan Studies.

Benyamim Tsedaka

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### **Benyamim Tsedaka 2017 Tour**

In June and July I plan a European Tour to promote Samaritan Studies and Research

11 June - 17 June 2017 **London**, England

18 June - 29 June 2017 **Paris**, France

30 June - 5 July 2017 **Budapest**, Hungary

The [website](#) shows the latest updates in the itinerary.

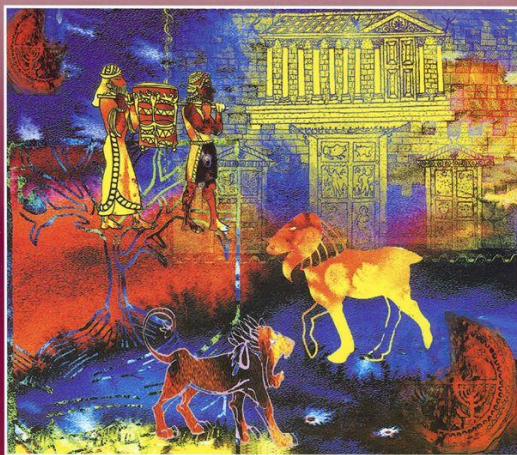
Please contact us if you would like to arrange a lecture, workshop or meeting during my visit.

[Lecture subjects](#) are listed on our website, with the addition of my books *A Complete Commentary of the Torah* and *The History of the Israelite Keepers Based on Their Own Sources*



# Understanding The Israelite-Samaritans

## From Ancient to Modern



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characterize this development. The Israelite Samaritans are described as seekers of peace and a model of living together with all the entities of the Middle East and welcoming all the guests who come to visit the community from around the world.

The Gospels also tell of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

Like Jews, Samaritans base their religion on the Torah. Their holy site is at Mount Gerizim, near Shechem, in the heart of the region of Samaria—hence their name—rather than in Jerusalem.

*Understanding the Israelite-Samaritans* is a richly illustrated narrative of a unique community surviving despite the odds since biblical times.



Bi-Lingual Pentateuch: Right: Hebrew, and Left: Arabic translation.

Cambridge University Library MS. Add. 714.

Source: Plate XI. The S.S. Teacher's Edition: The Holy Bible. New York: Henry Francis, Publisher to the University of Oxford, 1896.

Via Wikimedia Commons

#### About the Author



Benyamim Tsedaka, born in 1944, is an Elder of the Samaritan community living in Israel and a leading figure within its ranks. His involvement in the Samaritan community and narrative is manifold. He is not only a historian, but also a choir director, head of the A. B. Institute of Samaritan Studies, and is Chief Editor of the bi-weekly newspaper *A.B. The Samaritan News*. He has written profusely about the historical roots, rites and culture of the Samaritan community.



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### Understanding The Israelite-Samaritans

The first publication in English - concentrated information on the Israelite Samaritans - From Ancient to Modern by **Benyamim Tsedaka**

The Publishing Company "Carta Jerusalem" specializes in historical and contemporary information books with maps proving existence and spectacular images, published resending the new publication in a special series UNDERSTANDING - "Understanding the Israelite Samaritans - From Ancient to Modern - Written by Benyamim Tsedaka, The head of "A.B. - Institute of Samaritan Studies", Holon, Israel

The publication is in English and includes 19 topics typical to the Israelite Samaritans. The publication opens a focused window to the readers of English about the Israelite-Samaritans, their history, culture, traditions, literature, belief and the current development of the community on all regards

The publication is aimed at spreading among the English-speaking world that will be aware through it to the existence and development of one of the oldest communities of the civilized world and to the tourist centers in Israel and abroad in places connected with the history of the community.

The CEO of "Carta Jerusalem", **Mr. Shai Hausman**, informed me that the price of each copy of the publication is NIS 55 [or \$ 14.95], including VAT for a single purchase of up to 4 copies.

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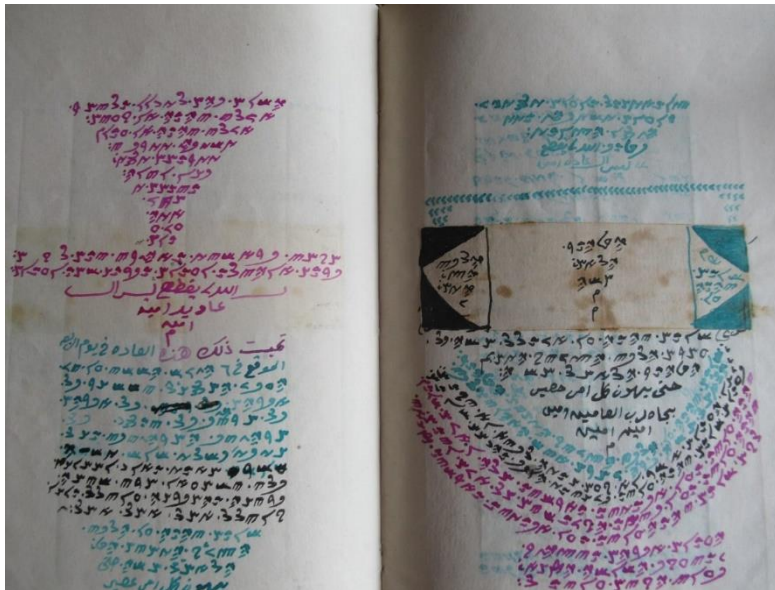
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A Facebook post from Benyamim Tsedaka while in Paris



The National Library in Paris -
Collection of manuscripts
Samaritans - Samaritan prayers
from 1902. Copyist: Issachar Ben
Avraham.

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### **Links**

#### **HOW THE NINETEENTH CENTURY MISPLACED THE SAMARITANS**

by Yitzchak Schwartz.

<https://jhiblog.org/2017/06/20/how-the-nineteenth-century-misplaced-the-samaritans/>

**Portrait: The High Priest of the ancient Samaritan community, Ovadia Cohen** by David Vaaknin  
April 10, 2017

**RPC 2220 var The twice-published unpublished coin** June 6, 2017 by Jim Hazelton



### Samaritan Targum recreation

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Facebook Postings from a Drone Over Gerizim by Âshêr Măñ

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### **Beware of Forgeries**

On Ebay there is an 'Antique original Samaritans copper handmade thin amulet (m1534)' for sale. But. It does not appear real. Copper was either cleaned and looks new, no folds or creases in copper. Share your thoughts. Waiting for saler's provenance.

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/Antique-original-Samaritans-copper-handmade-thin-amulet-m1534-/252978458574?>

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For sale on Ebay**Rare Signed CDV Jewish Samaritan High Priest Yaacov ben ben Aaharon Shalma 1880**

Rare CDV signed in Aramaic by the Samaritan High Priest Yaacov ben Aaharon Shalma (1874-1916) circa 1880. The Samaritans are a few people defining themselves as descended from the ancient Israelites, and living in Israel and the West Bank. It is sometimes called the religion of Samaritanism.

The Samaritans offer the paradox of being both one of the smallest populations in the world, since they amounted to 712 in 2007 and is one of the oldest with a written history, since their existence is attested to millennium BC Samaria. They dominated the area until the sixth century, in the north of present Israel.

Their religion is based on the Pentateuch, such as Judaism. However, unlike the latter, they refuse religious centrality of Jerusalem. Although they appeared before the development of rabbinic Judaism, and that difference is therefore not the cause of their divergence, they do not have rabbis and do not accept the Talmud of Orthodox Judaism. The Samaritans also refused the books of the Hebrew Bible post-Pentateuch (books of the prophets and hagiographers pounds).

They do not consider themselves Jews, but as descendants of the ancient Israelites from the ancient kingdom of Samaria. Conversely,



Orthodox Jews consider themselves the descendants of foreign populations (settlers Assyrians of antiquity) have adopted an illegitimate version of the Hebrew religion, and as such refuse to consider them as Jews, or even as descendants of ancient Israelites. They are recognized as Jews by the State of Israel.

The Samaritan High Priest is the high priest (kohen gadol) of the remaining Samaritan community in the Levant. According to the Samaritan's tradition, the office has existed continuously since the time of Aaron, the brother of Moses, and has been held by 132 priests in the last thirty-four centuries. However, the historicity of this claim is disputable; the office itself may go back into the Hellenistic period, which would still make it the oldest, constantly occupied, religious office in the world. One account by Josephus suggests that its office holders are an offshoot of the Zadokite high priests of Jerusalem from around the time of Alexander the Great.

The continuous lineage of Samaritan High Priests, descending directly from Aaron, through his son Eleazar, and his son Phinehas, was however disrupted in the early 17th century. In 1624, the last Samaritan High Priest of the line of Eleazar son of Aaron died without male succession, but descendants of Aaron's other son, Ithamar, remained and took over the office.



inches X 4 inches). Metric: 8.25 cm by 10.16 cm. Pre- 1940 (so the seller says) [For sale on Ebay](#) (6/5/2017) SOLD From what evidence that I can find, it is possibly 1898

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#### Glass Magic Lantern Slide SAMARITAN JEWS C1910 ISRAEL



This is a very rare glass slide. If you notice the Priest is holding a page of the Samaritan Tabernacle drawing, which would indicate that the photo was taken around 1902-4 when the Samaritans sold these to tourists beginning at the World's Fourth Sunday-School Convention in Jerusalem in 1904. The

Size: 6.5 x 10.5 cm approx.. Free Worldwide Shipping  
Price: GBP 750.00 (Approximately US \$955.35) or appear the UK company will take an offer. [See the page.](#)

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Place of Burned Sacrifices, Mt. Gerizim, Shechem, Vintage Magic Lantern Glass Slide

Made by T.H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician, 49 Nassau Street, New York Size of Slide: 3 1/4" X 4" (3.25



drawing was compared to every known source and image and it is not known. W.E. Barton, seen these for sale in 1902. [The Editor of the Samaritan Update; This is the 2nd drawing that I have found that has not be reported on over the years, most likely lost today.]



Samaritan Torah

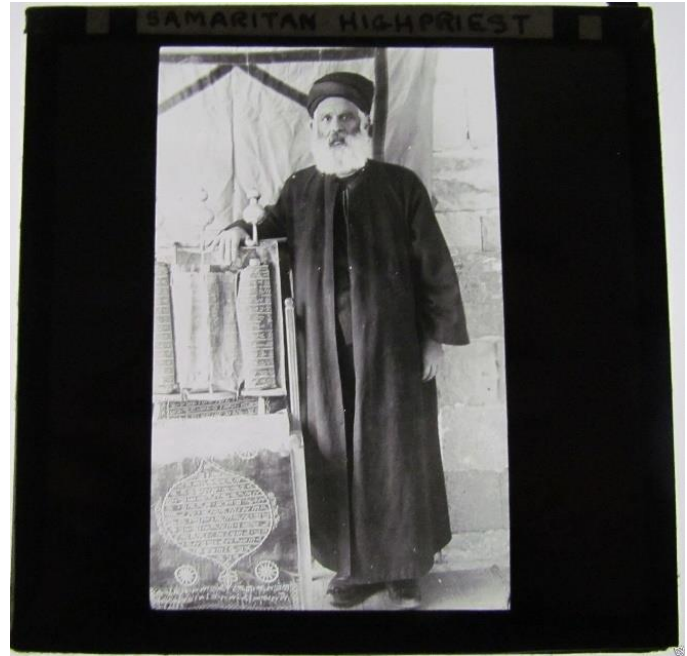
Glass Magic Lantern Slide SAMARITAN HIGH PRIEST C1910 ISRAEL [Ebay link](#)

Most likely taken in 1904

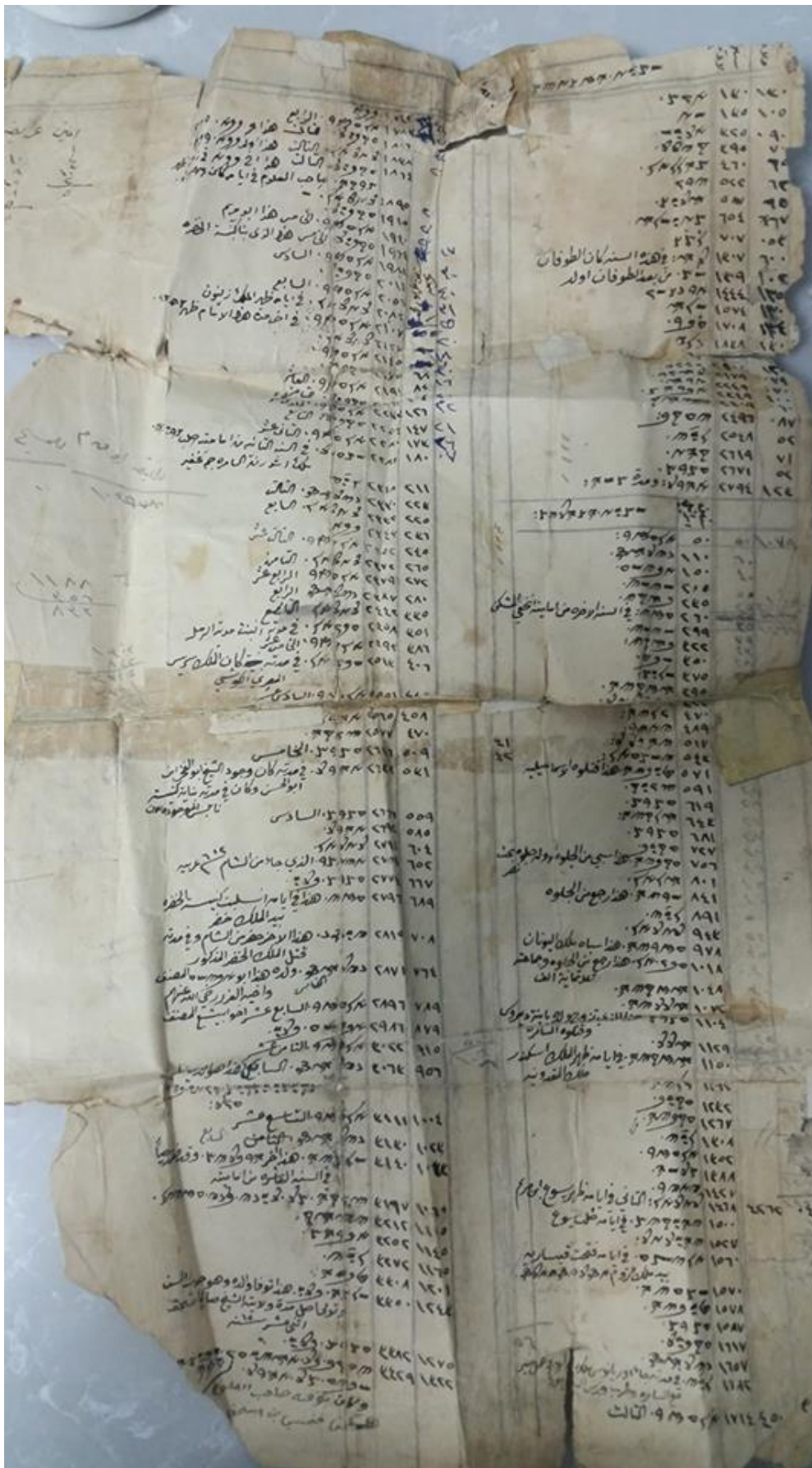
5 RARE YIDDISH BOOKS 1925 Lublin HISTORY OF SAMARITANS / CHASSIDIC STORIES
1926 Lublin HISTORY OF SAMARITAN JEWS IN YIDDISH

[For sale on Ebay](#) (6/5/2017)

A Glass Lantern slide miss labled [for sale on ebay](#) This slide was labeled a New Testament yet it is clearly the ancient



Post Card:
 Samaritains
 Sacrifice de Pâques
 Nablus Naplouse
 Cisjordanie Israël
 Samaritans
[For sale on Ebay](#)
 (6/5/2017)



Priests names

Izhar Sassony posted on his Facebook, June 22, 2017, a photo from an old paper that has the names of the eligible and great priests in birth order.

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**Auction results**

Results from the Kedem Public Auction House Ltd May 9, 2017, 4:00 PM GMT Jerusalem, Israel  
As shown in the last issue of the Samaritan Update

<http://shomron0.tripod.com/2017/marchapril.pdf>

Lot 89: Five Books of the Torah (Codex) - Samaritan Manuscript - from the Collection of Chacham Rabbi Yitzchak Binyamin Yehudah **NOT SOLD**

Lot 90: Samaritan Manuscript - Prayers for Sukkot and Simchat Torah Holidays **NOT SOLD**

Lot 91: Six Volumes - Samaritan Manuscripts - Torah Portions **NOT SOLD**

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Publications**Publication of Azusa Pacific University's Dead Sea Scrolls to Enhance Biblical Scholarship**

Azusa Pacific University announces the long-awaited formal publication of rare Dead Sea Scroll (DSS) manuscripts from its Special Collections library. The highly anticipated official publication of these rare and fragile antiquities will appear as a volume in the prestigious Princeton Theological Seminary Dead Sea Scrolls Project series. <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2017/05/prweb14358390.htm>

[PDF] Ibn Abī Uṣaybi'a, History of Physicians, trad. L. Kopf - Robert Alessi

www.robtalessi.net/~robert/Ibn_Abi_Usaybia.php

May 26, 2017 - Translated for the National **Library** of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, under the 16* [A Samaritan who converted to Islam.] 1) cf. part II, [lacuna in all mss].

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**Casanata Library, Italy**

Established in 1701, Cardinal Girolamo Casanata ensured that this monastery library, completed the year after the Cardinal's death, was always open to the public. Even after the library was taken over by the Italian government in 1872, the library has remained available to all Romans. Included in the library's collection are 64 Greek codices and 230 Hebrew texts, including **5 Samaritan codices**. There are over 2000 books printed before 1500 and 6000 manuscripts. –

See more at: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/31607/9-more-gorgeous-european-libraries#sthash.TVEfOiYU.dpuf>

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Future Publications

Volume III Leviticus (to be published August 2017)

Ed. by Schorch, Stefan

ISBN: 978-3-11-040410-4 **Product Type:** Books **Format:** eBook (PDF)

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Samaritan Languages, Texts, and Traditions (to be published October 2017)

Ed. by Schorch, Stefan

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Tibåt Mårqe, The Ark of Mårqe Edition, Translation, Commentary

Ed. by **Tal, Abraham** Approx. 700 pages; Language: English, Hebrew

Tibåt Mårqe is a collection of midrashic compositions, which, in the main, rewrites the Pentateuch, expanding its sometimes laconic presentation of events and precepts. Most of it aims at providing the reader with theological, didactic and philosophical teachings, artistically associated with the passages of the Torah. Here and there poetic pieces are embedded into its otherwise prosaic text. Tibåt Mårqe is attributed to the 4th century scholar, philosopher and poet, Mårqe.

This publication of Tibåt Mårqe follows the monumental Hebrew edition of Ze'ev Ben-Hayyim, Tibåt Mårqe, a Collection of Samaritan Midrashim (Jerusalem 1988), based on a 16th century manuscript. Though he recognized the precedence of an earlier manuscript, dated to the 14th century, Ben-Hayyim was compelled to prefer the former, given the fragmentary state of the latter. He printed its fragments in parallel with the younger one, to which his annotations and discussions chiefly pertain. With the recent discovery of a great portion of the missing parts of the 14th century manuscript, this edition endeavors to present the older form of the composition. The present book may be relevant to people interested in literature, language, religion, and Samaritan studies.

The Land Beyond: A Thousand Miles on Foot Through the Heart of the Middle East

Leon McCarron, I.B. Tauris & Co Ltd. Aug 29, 2017 [See article: [Exclusive extract from 2017 RGS Neville Shulman Challenge Award winner Leon McCarron's 'The Land Beyond'](#)]

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**Biblio**

**Bement, R.B.**

**Tyre; the history of Phoenicia, Palestine and Syria, and the final captivity of Israel and Judah by the Assyrians.** Alton, Ill., Printed by Parks & Ennis, 1858.

Upon the top of Mount Gerizim stood Gothem, when with a loud voice, he hailed the men of Shechem, in this valley, and gave them the parable of the trees, holding a consultation for the election of a king. In this valley of Shechem before me, occurred the wars between Alimeleck and the men of Shechem.

Nablous is a town of about six thousand inhabitants. They are the most robber-like and ungovernable people in all Palestine. We avoided the inhabitants and did not enter the town. Its name is the Arabic of Neapolis, one of the titles of Vespasian, the father of Titus, who destroyed Jerusalem in the year seventy. In a Samaritan synagogue is a copy of the pentateuch, which tradition asserts to be as old as the day of Moses. As we did not see this manuscript, I will give a description from another writer:

It proved to be a large roll, kept in a brass cover, and adorned with various costly coverings of crimson silk, and embroidered in letters of gold. We examined the manuscript with all the care we could, and noticed, besides its antiquity, that it was written in columns of about five, by fourteen inches, and three of these to what may be termed a page.

We were permitted to touch the valuable manuscript, to look as closely as we chose at the various peculiarities it possesses—the color of the ink, the size, shape, and character of the alphabet, the arrangement of the words and sentences, &c, and, in short, to enter upon any examination which our time or our wishes allowed us. The old rabbi was very obliging in every way, and in answer to our inquiries as to the probable age of the manuscript before us, did not scruple to declare that it belonged to the period of Moses.

This was more than we could credit, though we entertained no sort of doubt that the Samaritan Pentateuch is of an age that entitles it to the very great consideration of Biblical questions.

**Lloyd, William (Bishop of Worcester)**

[An Answer to a Letter to Dr. Sherlock](#) [by William Lloyd, Bishop of Worcester] written in vindication of that part of Josephus's History which gives the account of Jaddus's submission to Alexander: against the answer [by Thomas Wagstaffe] to the piece [by Zachary Taylor] entitled: Obedience and Submission to the Present Government. London, 1692.

**Zsengellér, József**

['Kutim or Samarites: A History of the Designation of the Samaritans'](#) in *Société d'études samaritaines. International Congress (5th : 2000 : Helsinki) Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress of the société d'études samaritaines : Helsinki, August 1-4, 2000 : studies in memory of Ferdinand Dexinger / international congress of the société d'études samaritaines ; edited by Haseeb Shehadeh & Habib Tawa ; with the collaboration of Reinhard Pummer*. Paris : Geuthner, 2005.

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