



**The Samaritan Update**  
“Mount Gerizim,  
All the Days of Our Lives”



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**2020, the Samaritan Community number 820.**

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**Future Events**

**It has been 3659 years since the entrance into the Holy Land  
which happened on the Sixth Month of the Hebrew Year.  
It is the year 6449 since Creation**

**2021 Events**



1st Day of Counting of the Omer: Sunday, May 2 to June 20,  
2021

Second Passover: Sunset on ~~Saturday~~ Tuesday May 25, 2021

Start of the Seven Days of Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)

Monday June 14, 2021

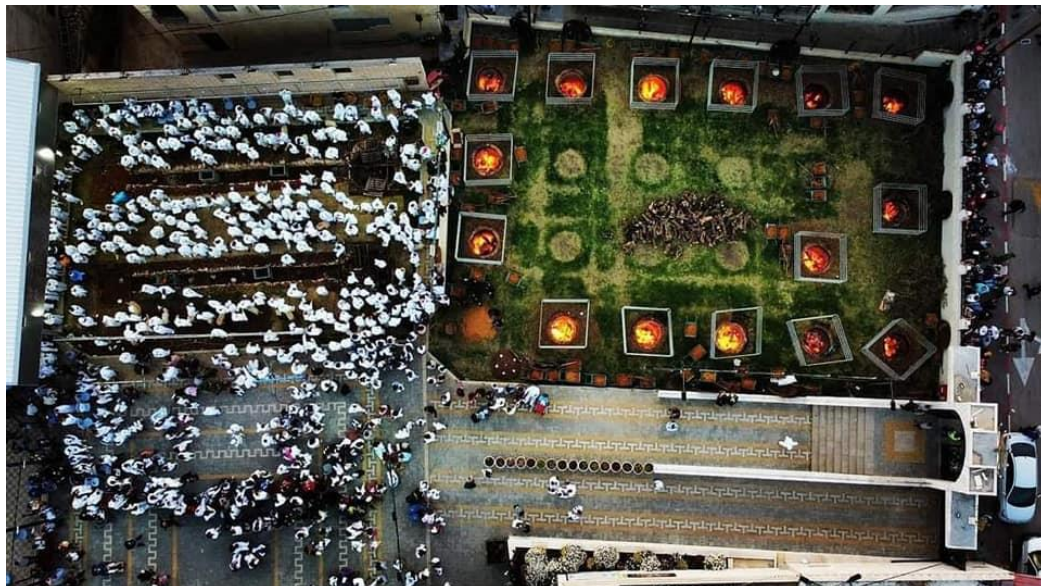
Memorial Day of Sinai Assembly Wednesday June 16, 2021

Last of the Festival of Weeks (Shavuot) Sunday June 20, 2021



**The image above was taken over Al-Fitr Qurban Square April  
25, 2021.**

Thank you **Asher Cohen** for posting on your Facebook page.





Osher Sassoni shared this image (left) on his Facebook Page.

**Passover Sacrifice: April 25, 2021**

[Photos of the 2021 Passover by Hamdi abu dhair](#)

**Passover Sacrifice.**

[Did you know that Samaritans continue to Practice their beliefs in Israel TPS - Israel's News Agency](#)

[High Priest enters area of Sacrifice](#)

[The lambs are marked per family after the watched over them](#)

[Members of Samaritan sect participate in traditional Passover sacrifice near West Bank city of Nablus](#) By Xinhua Published: Apr 26, 2021

[Not Pesach Sheni](#)

By Photo of the Day - 15 Iyyar 5781 – April 26, 2021

[Images of Starting the Passover 4 25 2021](#)

Thank you Asher Cohen





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We sacrificed 53 sheep and 8 innocent year old goats.  
**Benyamim Tsedaka** April 26 2021.

Photos of the 2021 Samaritan Passover

[https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPjRws6sLDSjf7Eg-b9CkvXWE\\_T01RtAioiYKhv8bt0ywbaXnnk9cabrTkGk7YsfQ?key=Qnl2YVRBTERRqkRVYmoySut3cTZHV ESYN2ICdjNR](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPjRws6sLDSjf7Eg-b9CkvXWE_T01RtAioiYKhv8bt0ywbaXnnk9cabrTkGk7YsfQ?key=Qnl2YVRBTERRqkRVYmoySut3cTZHV ESYN2ICdjNR)

**Samaritan Pilgrimage:** early hours of May 2, 2021 (image right)

Mount Grzim now near Nablus

Performing Hajj rituals at Samaritans

Photography by Wajid Al Nubani



**Climb Mount Gerizim.** Samaritans. Passover  
21 photos

**On the pilgrimage,** the holiday of the matzo, May 2, 2021

It was an amazing holiday!

[Video](#) + photos from the morning and sunset: every year and you are in peace:

Photographer: **Ron Peled**





**The visit** of the Israeli community to the tomb of Yosef the righteous in Nablus. Today is Wednesday, the third in the seven days of the matzo, 28.4.2021. **Benyamim Tsedaka**



Photographed Yatah Altif and Yifat Ben Will Tsedaka

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**New Couple in Holon:**

Linoy and Uri Ben Mali and Tamim Ben Zehra and Uri Shoni Had  
Wednesday night, the 17.3.2021th of the new years, the signing of the year, 17.3.2021

A NEW COUPLE IN HOLON, ISRAEL:

LINOY & URI B. MALI AND TAMIM B. ZEHARA AND  
URI SASSONI HADIFNI  
TUESDAY EVENING 17.3.2021

Tonight the wedding ceremony of Linoy (24) the beautiful daughter of Rina and Nathaniel Ben Baruch the extensioner took place with Uri [28] Ben Mali and Tamim Ben Zehra and Uri Shauni, which was held in the majority of the nation, and in the battle of brothers and uncles, sisters and aunts The couple is moving tonight to their new apartment in Holon.

Congratulations to the parents of Mali, Ramzia and Ishmael Ben Azzi Hesteri the Danfi. Longevity.

The priest Yafet Ben Hakar, who sings well the letter of the marriage of the formation of a new family among Beit Av Shauni Hadanfi and the entire Israeli-Samaritan community.

Most blessings to brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, relatives and relatives. Raise the family and give birth to boys and girls in israel battle.



Tahina: " Mary will fulfill her sharpness and will work her whole and follow her to all her needs, and her son-in-law and her fiancée will be rewarded with her grace and success. Amen "= May our God fill joy and smoke complete joy, and its tracks for all those who need, and treasure the invited and the groom and fiancé will be rewarded with grace and kindness and success. Amen.

**Benyamim Tsedaka****New Couple in Holon:**

Shani and Tom Ben Ronit and Naftali Ben Tamim Ben Yosef Tzedaka Hazafri.

Wednesday night, 24.3.2021th to the new 24.3.2021th, signing of the year, 24.3.2021



Ben Batia and the will of charity

A NEW COUPLE IN HOLON, ISRAEL:

SHANI & TOM B. RONIT AND NEFNATLY B. YAFA AND  
TAMIM b. YOSEF TSEDAKA HATZAFARI

WEDNESDAY EVENING 24.3.2021

Tonight the wedding ceremony of two (27) the beautiful daughter of Rose and Issachar Ben Avraham the extensioner took place with Tom [27] Ben Ronit and Naftali Ben Yaffa Ben Yosef Tzedka Hazfri, which was held in the majority of the nation, and in the battle of brothers and uncles, sisters and aunties of the happy couple. The couple is moving tonight to their new apartment in Holon.

Our blessings and long life to the parents of Ronit the grandfathers Lily Bat Ora and Yaakov Tzedka and Yifat

The high priest Abdel Ben Asher sings well the letter of the marriage of the formation of a new family among the Beit Av Tzedaka Hazafri and the entire Israeli-Samaritan community.

Most blessings to brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, relatives and relatives. Raise the family and give birth to boys and girls in israel battle.

Tahina: " Mary will fulfill her sharpness and will work her whole and follow her to all her needs, and her son-in-law and her fiancée will be rewarded with her grace and success. Amen "= May our God fill joy and smoke complete joy, and its tracks for all those who need, and treasure the invited and the groom and fiancé will be rewarded with grace and kindness and success. Amen.

- The happy couple

- High Priest Abdel Ben Asher reads the letter of pairing **Benyamim Tsedaka**



**A New Couple in Hargrazim:**



Anastia and Sharon (Sri) Ben Samar and Shamir (Samir) Ben Avraham Altif Hadanfi  
 Sunday evening, Jerse to the new 28.3.2021 years, signing of the year, 28.3.2021

**A NEW COUPLE IN MOUNT GERIZIM, SAMARIA:**

Anastia & Sharon B. SAMAR AND SHAMIR B. ABRAHAM B. ALTIF HADINFI MONTH  
 SUNDAY EVENING 28.3.2021

Tonight, the wedding ceremony of Anastia (23) the beautiful one who came up from Kherson in Ukraine with Sharon 31] Ben Samar and Shmir Ben Avraham Ben Zebulan Altif Hadanfi, which was held in the majority

of Bhargarazim, and in the battle of brothers and uncles, sisters and aunties of the happy couple. The couple is moving tonight to their new apartment in Hargrazim.

The priest Majel Ben Brit sings well the letter of the marriage of creating a new family among Beit Av Altif Hadanfi and the entire Israeli-Samaritan community.

Most blessings to brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, relatives and relatives. Raise the family and give birth to boys and girls in Israel battle.

Tahina: " Mary will fulfill her sharpness and will work her whole and follow her to all her needs, and her son-in-law and her fiancée will be rewarded with her grace and success. Amen "= May our God fill joy and smoke complete joy, and its tracks for all those



who need, and treasure the invited and the groom and fiancé will be rewarded with grace and kindness and success. Amen.

**Benyamim Tsedaka**

- The happy couple
- The priest is successful ally

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**A beautiful son was born**

A beautiful son was born to Liron and Neri Ben Baruch Ben Gamliel Charity Hazafri in Holon

Wednesday 24.3.2021

**Benyamim Tsedaka**

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**Redemption Ceremony**

Congratulations to the Marhiv family on the Redemption ceremony of their beautiful, precious firstborn son by our saintly Kohen Gadol. Mabrooq to the proud father, my dear friend Avi Marhiv, his noble wife and to the proud grandfather, our dear teacher Yishashakar Marhiv.

May it be Shehmah's will that the little one grow up and merit to achieve the heights of Torah, of wisdom and loving-kindness of his forefathers. A life of achievement, happiness and wealth. High Priest Kohen Abed-el ben Asher ben MaSliaH with child.

[Torat HaMaqom](#)



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**Hagadah The Peasah, Rite Shomrey ha Torah**

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**Limor Tzadok Passover Experience**

This was an extraordinary night, rare for me.

For the first time I experience and participate in the Passover Altar of the Samaritans at the foot of Mount Gerizim.



The night I was arrested for frames, specifically without the camera and saw what we looked like as a nation over 3000 years ago.

This night, was a journey in the tunnel of time. I held on to our ancient history that came back to wake up in front of my eyes, while it was alive, kicking and contemporary.

Instead of a night of Seder table with the West Bank,

wine and Gfalte fish, the Samaritans adhere to the writing in the Torah and sacrifice the Passover sacrifice. We accompanied them throughout the day, through creepy moments where heartache and harsh sights mixed in me alongside electrifying Samaritan excitement.

In front of our eyes were sacrificed at the peak of the night, over sixty sheep. When the Samaritans dressed in white, their clothes were broken and their foreheads were stained with a spot of blood. This, in memory of israel-year-olds who stained their doorsteps with blood, in order to have the angel of death to beat them with the firstborn.

After the prayer and slaughter, the sheep were stripped of their skin and from all the forbidden parts of the food. These were raised as a victim in fire. The remaining sheep were almost complete, molded on large wooden skewers and put into deep pits in the ground. The pits were made as large ovens with oil juicy olive trees and covered with large iron lids and wet mud to prevent oxygen from entering them. Thus according to the Torah commandments, the sheep were taken advantage of in the heat of the oven only and not from fire. At midnight, every house of Av gathered in his house to eat the altar and keep the mitzvah

Sweaty from the heat of the ovens, dusty smoking on a fast pulse, trying to digest the mirrors and get into the washing machine and deep polish.

<https://www.facebook.com/limor.tipul>

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### Videos

[Video on the teaching and hand writing with the priests Yakir and Jacob Bhargazim and ancient manuscripts from El Jazeera](#)

The documentary explores the depths of the profession of copying books by hand, prevailing until today when the Samaritans, through many generations, he worked on the Samaritans copied manuscripts pen and inkwell and badminton, as part of a social religious traditions preserve them, despite the entry of modern printing machines.

[The last scribes of the ancient Torah in the Samaritan sect](#)



The "Samaritan sect" is the smallest sect in the world and differs from Judaism as they consider that Judaism depends on a distorted Torah. Ragheb Al-Samari is the last scribe of the Torah and tries to preserve the heritage of copying it by hand.

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### **SES-Conference in Budapest 2021 Postponed to 2022, 21-26 July in Budapest.**

The 10th Congress of the Société d'Etudes Samaritaines will take place in Budapest, ~~July 18-23, 2021.~~

The congress will take place at the Károli Gáspár University in Budapest (Hungary), jointly organized by the SÉS and the Faculty of Theology of the Károli Gáspár University. The Congress of the SÉS meets every four years and is the most important meeting of experts working in the field of Samaritan studies worldwide.

Lectures may deal with any aspect of the Samaritan community, their contemporary life and living conditions, their history, their religion and their laws, their literature and languages etc. Scholars who wish to give a paper at this conference are invited to submit their proposal. The proposal should state the paper's topic, purpose, and main arguments, to be evaluated for acceptance by the scientific committee of the conference. A lecture should not exceed 30 min (plus 10 min discussion). SÉS-membership is not required at the time of submitting. Junior scholars are especially encouraged to submit a proposal.

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<http://www.socsam.org/?About-1>

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### **The Samaritans in 4 Languages**

<https://www.the-samaritans.net/>

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### **A new Samaritan community in Havana, the capital of Cuba**

A small community has crystallized but growing in the Bana, the capital of Cuba. They have a synagogue and a sweet leader over a hundred worshipers. They are transferred study materials and will be emigrated from Brazil. Passionate about being Samaritan Israelis. I contacted the teacher and his wife. Magen Ben Avraham also contacted



them. The Passover will be read in the West Bank prepared by Avner Menashe Benimim and the wise Ariel Ben Avraham Hadad.

Image: Cuba community

**Benyamim Tsedaka**

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### **The sights and sounds of Israel's oldest religious communities**

<https://www.ynetnews.com/travel/article/ByyPbShSd>

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### **Notice:**

From 9 March 2021, the iconic **John Rylands Library** will be known as the **John Rylands Research Institute and Library**, heralding an exciting new partnership between the Library and the John Rylands Research Institute.

The John Rylands Research Institute and Library (Rylands for short) serves as a catalyst and focus for the world-leading research of the University, with the aim of drawing the best minds to Manchester and establishing it as one of the great centres for the study of textual, material and visual cultures. The research incorporates new approaches in digital humanities and curation, as well as scientific techniques in the study and conservation of heritage materials.

A tangible manifestation of this deeper partnership is a new website

<https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/> that brings together for the first time information on your collections and your research.

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### **MMWProject**

Account for the Manuscripts of the Muslim World project. A grant-funded project digitizing manuscripts from

[https://openn.library.upenn.edu/html/muslimworld\\_contents.html](https://openn.library.upenn.edu/html/muslimworld_contents.html)

<https://twitter.com/MmwProject>

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### **Want Photos of Gerizim? Contact Tomer Altef.**

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Instagram. [Tomer\\_altef\\_photography](#)

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### **Who Are The Samaritans - Open Peace Podcast #12**

•Streamed live on Mar 20, 2021



[Open Peace Podcast](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-L8c3TIUsU>

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### Auction 8 Rabbinic literature and rare and special letters

By **Otzarot**

Apr 11, 2021

Chana Senesh 24, Bnay Barak

**LOT 95:**

Rare Samaritan manuscript

Height: 17.5 cm

Width: 11 cm

8 pages

Starting bid \$500.00

**Note sold!**

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### **PREPARATIONS FOR THE PASSOVER HAVE STARTED - BAKING THE MATZOS**

This year start Saturday night April 24, 2021

By: Benyamim Tsedaka

1. Contains - 2 Kg flour 1 spoon of salt, 7-8 glasses of water.
2. Put flour and salt on a large flat plate and mix two-thirds of the water and knead everything into the dough. Continue kneading by adding water until all the water is absorbed in the dough. Towards the end when the dough is soft and soft, continue kneading without wetting your fingers with water. Now pause the dough for an hour.

Put a convex iron lid on a tri-leg and burn a fire under a gas burner or wood.

On a special surface, sprinkle flour with a generous hand.

In a wet hand that you immersed in water in a deep container, cooking pot or bowl, make balls of the size of a large bun.

3. Pour the dough ball over the flour into a large pita by patting your palms and fingertips. Then lift the thick dough leaf and swing it several times from arm to arm. Each swing will raise the leaf and make it thinner until it is thin enough without holes. On the last swing, place the large thin leaf on the lid under which the fire is burning.

4. After 30 seconds turn the leaf with the fingers on the other side for another 30 seconds.



5. Remove the leaf from the hot cover and place it on a straw surface. This will be done for all the dough balls. A family of five people will have 40 balls of dough for all seven days of the holiday.

6. At the end of the baking, fold each leaf several times to a size of 15x20 centimeters, and keep all matzos together wrapped in white cloth

Today, buy 20-30 kg of white wheat flour and keep them especially for matzo baking. Do not use this flour to cook other things.

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**Samaritan making the Passover Mitzvah in 1969**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBT9GmpDp7g>

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**Auctions**

**Auction 70 Part 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER**

By Archaeological Center Ltd

Thursday, Apr 1, 11:00 (your local time)

Tel-Aviv Dan Hotel, 99 Hayarkon Street



**Lot 564:** A Samaritan terracotta oil lamp decorated with a temple façade, stairs leading to the temple and a menorah, accompanied by two bronze coins minted in Neapolis, depicting the mountain of Gerizim with its temple on the top 3rd-4th century CE. 8.3 cm. In good condition and rare. Ex Zvi Morgentaler coll., Kibbutz Mesilot.

**There are 8 Lots total of Oil lamps**

<https://il.bidspirit.com/ui/search/FUTURE.relevance.all.all.samaritan?lang=en>

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**Auction 8 Rabbinic literature and rare and special letters**

By Otzarot

Sunday, Apr 11, 13:00 (your local time)

Chana Senesh 24, Bnay Barak

**Rare Samaritan manuscript, [Lot 95](#)**

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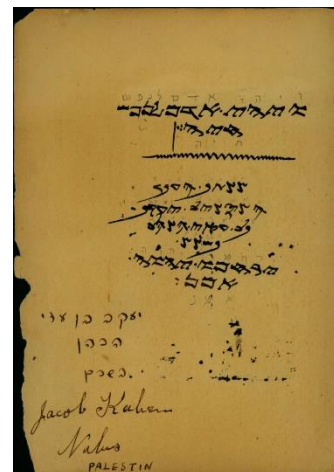
Width: 11 cm

Jacob Kohen

8 pages

**Not Sold**

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**Old color photo of the Samaritan school**



### **From the Editor**

Recently, I learned that the beginning of the year was different in some countries. If we do not adapt ourselves and understand the dating of the past we may incorrectly make an error. I was not aware of this. This could effect a study! Good information to know! And just so you know the current calendar adds an extra day every 2000 years, hence the Y2K scare, which was just about keeping all the calendars the same. Many calendar manufacturer's and software companies did not know this fact.

See brief information and the explained link below.

In the Kingdom of Great Britain and its possessions, the Calendar (New Style) Act 1750 introduced two concurrent changes to the calendar. The first, which applied to England, Wales, Ireland and the British colonies, changed the start of the year from 25 March to 1 January with effect from 1 January 1752: Scotland had already made this aspect of the changes, on 1 January 1600. The second (in effect[a]) adopted the Gregorian calendar in place of the Julian calendar. Thus "New Style" can either refer to the start of year adjustment, or to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old\\_Style\\_and\\_New\\_Style\\_dates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Style_and_New_Style_dates)

### **Older Articles and Publications**

**The Manuscripts in testing the Samaritan Sect, Investigation and Study**

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*Journal of the College of Languages  
2015, Volume, Issue 32, Pages 1-26*

#### Abstract:

The Pentateuch of Samaritan is a secret document for Samaritans .It was their Resource in History, Regulations and Ethics because according to their believe it is afflatus from God to the Prophet Moses (Peace upon him). According to the study position it was exposed for such study .The Samaritans got benefit from the Pentateuch a lot of texts in the field of their Researches, which are related to the Language, Literature and Jurisprudence. In this Research, we try to present an investigation for a Manuscript that had written in the Middle ages by one of the Samaritans Sect, which is considered one of the oldest Sects in the World. The manuscript is considered as tests for the Samaritans according to what had been displayed by the work writer. We did a Universe investigation according to the Texts and in heritage investigation in Europe .At the beginning we did translate the Samaritans texts that come in Arabic language by relying on the Arabic translation for the Samaritans Torah .We did a great effort to present a lexicon study for some terms that have been used by the writer according to the Dictionaries and Lexicons which are related to the Semitic Languages .The shortage of Samaritans Lexicons made us rely essentially on the Hebrew Lexicons with making comparison between the both Lexicons. At the end of the work, we present a Lingual study for what characterized with this Manuscript, specially it was written in the middle ages like other Texts that are known in the modern studies of the Semitic Languages with a name "Arabic Samaritan". These writings started in early of the 10th century and on that presented a brilliant literal works discussed the culture of this penetrated Sect in Ancient History.

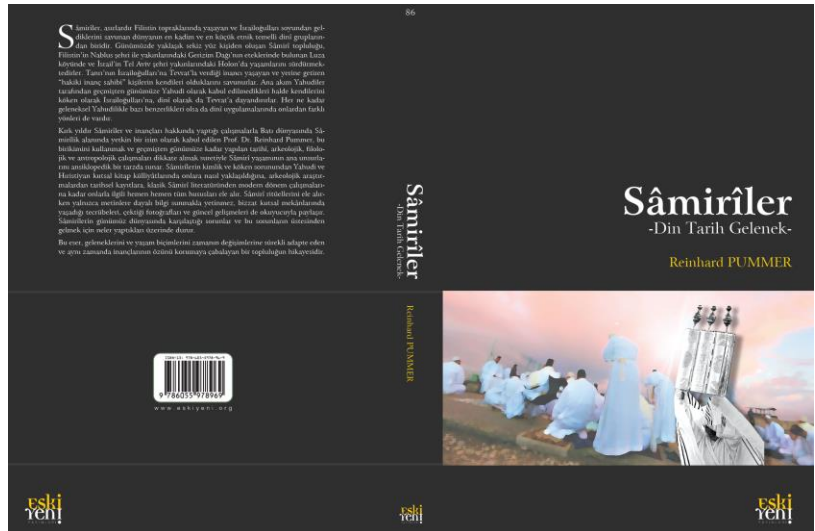
<https://www.iasj.net/iasj/article/102618>

#### New Publications

**Reinhard Pummer, Muhammed Ali Bağır, trans. *Sâmirîler: Din Tarih Gelenek*. Eskiyei Yayınlar 86. Ankara: FCR Yayın Reklam Bilgisayar Sanayi, 2020.**

Sâmirîler, asırlardır Filistin topraklarında yaşayan ve İsrailoğulları soyundan geldiklerini savunan dünyanın en kadim ve en küçük etnik temelli dinî gruplarından biridir. Günümüzde yaklaşık sekiz yüz kişiden oluşan Sâmirî topluluğu, Filistin'in Nablus şehri ile yakınlarındaki Gerizim Dağı'nın eteklerinde bulunan Luza köyünde ve İsrail'in Tel Aviv şehri yakınlarındaki Holon'da yaşamlarını sürdürmektedirler. Tanrı'nın

İsrailoğulları'na Tevrat'la verdiği inancı yaşayan ve yerine getiren "hakiki inanç sahibi" kişilerin kendileri olduklarını savunurlar. Ana akım Yahudiler tarafından geçmişten günümüze Yahudi olarak kabul edilmedikleri



halde kendilerini köken olarak İsrailoğulları'na, dinî olarak da Tevrat'a dayandırırılar. Her ne kadar geleneksel Yahudilikle bazı benzerlikleri olsa da dinî uygulamalarında onlardan farklı yönleri de vardır.

<https://www.kitap365.com/kitap/samiriler-din-tarih-gelenek/373217>

or

[https://www.amazon.com/Samiriler-Tarih-Gelenek-Reinhard-Pummer/dp/6055978962/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=S%C3%A2mir%C3%AEler%3A+Din+Tarih+Gelenek.&qid=1614721852&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Samiriler-Tarih-Gelenek-Reinhard-Pummer/dp/6055978962/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=S%C3%A2mir%C3%AEler%3A+Din+Tarih+Gelenek.&qid=1614721852&s=books&sr=1-1)

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### Volume I Genesis

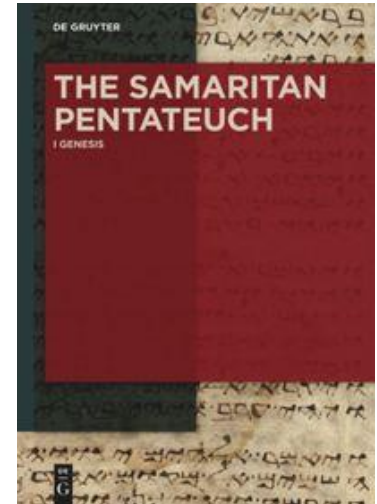
In: [The Samaritan Pentateuch](#)

Edited by: **Stefan Schorch**, Martin-Luther-University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany. De Gruyter | 2021

A critical edition of the Samaritan Pentateuch is one of the most urgent desiderata of Hebrew Bible research. The present volume on Genesis is the second out of a series of five meant to fill this gap. It provides a diplomatic edition of the five books of the Samaritan Torah, based on the oldest preserved Samaritan manuscripts.

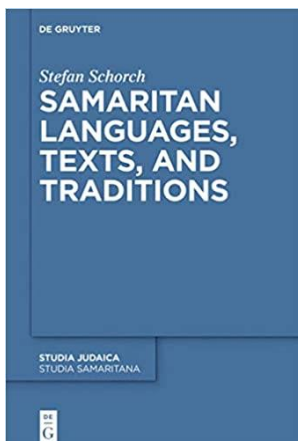
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110711783>

[Genesis \(German Edition\)](#) (German) Hardcover – March 31, 2021



[Samaritan Languages, Texts, and Traditions: History, Texts, and Traditions](#) (Studia Judaica) Hardcover – September 20, 2022

by [Stefan Schorch](#) (Author)



Publisher : De Gruyter (September 20, 2022)

Language : English

Hardcover : 330 pages

ISBN-10 : 3110319365

ISBN-13 : 978-3110319361

The volume collects studies in the linguistic, exegetical and historical traditions found in Samaritan texts or pertaining to our understanding of the Samaritans, from antiquity to the present. Apart from the Hebrew Pentateuch, a special focus is laid on sources in Samaritan Arabic and Samaritan Aramaic.

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**Samaritan cookbook** introduces ancient people's cuisine to new global audiences

Filled by recipes, gorgeous photographs and historical background, 'Samaritan Cookbook' provides taste of life in enigmatic community split between Israel and Palestinian Authority



By RENEE GHERT-ZAND - TIMES OF ISRAEL

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/samaritan-cookbook-introduces-ancient-peoples-cuisine-to-new-global-audiences/>

**Samaritan Cookbook: A Culinary Odyssey from the Ancient Israelites to the Modern Mediterranean** [Print Replica] Kindle Edition

by [Benyamim Tsedaka](#) (Author), [Ben Piven](#) (Editor), [Avishay Zelmanovich](#) (Editor), [Steven Fine](#) (Foreword) Format: Kindle Edition

Softcover: \$35.00 at Amazon

Kindle: \$19.99 at [Amazon](#)



**A NEW BOOK IN THREE VOLUMES:**

THE TREASURE OF FOLK STORIES OF THE ISREALITE SAMARITANS

The stories of the community that we loved about a thousand pages in total, are stories that run thousands and hundreds of years among the community from the days of Genesis to our days. Folk stories that fathers and elders told boys, privately or in group and community family gatherings.

Most stories are true, that can happen to any of us. Few are accompanied by miracles or natural events. There will hardly be a story that is not related to the characters of most high priests or the event that happened. The stories are most historical. A little bit of stories about the fathers of the world and the fathers of the Israeli nation and most of them are stories in the nineteenth Stories of high priests, priests and elders and young people of the Samaritan Israeli community. The file of hundreds of stories is counted by numbers and every number is permanently in this book, most of the numbers are no longer with us, but their families will continue to remember them and their stories and start to future generations with immense recognition.



The stories were recorded in most of them directly from the numbers themselves. Every number preceded to tell about himself and the environment in which he acted, before he opened to tell about the topic of the story. Some of the stories were recorded by my brother Yafet Ben Will Charity [1946 -], High Priest Yaakov Ben Azi [1987-1899] May God have mercy on the Lord and will Benim

Tzadka Hazafri [1990-1922] May God have mercy on the Lord and two of them were recorded by the deceased Prof. ' Ornamental Bear and Menachem Kapeliuk RIP. Most of the stories were told to both of us directly in spoken Arabic and minority were written in Modern Hebrew.

All the stories have been filed for this book, kind and translated into Hebrew if necessary and work into a storytelling language that may enjoy the readers in and outside the community - by the writer and editor Benim Benimim Ben-Willed Charity [1944 -]. The two brother's residents of the city of Holon, Israel

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Copy evidently made for study and publication, with facing pages (versos) blank (a few notes entered), and text showing editor's instructions.

This chronicle is based upon Tolidah attributed to Eleazar ben Amram, an Arabic chronicle of Abu al-Fath (1355) and a Samaritan פס ירבוד רפס • (Adler and Seligsohn, op. cit., introduction, p. viii; R. T. Anderson and T. Giles note that the third work may actually be the same as the second, Tradition kept, Peabody, Mass., 2005, p. 222, n. 4), and is structured according to periods of Samaritan high priests like those first two works.

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garrison—either Greek or Asiatic. And, therefore, neither Shechem nor the city on Mount Gerizim would have been rebuilt by Samaritans unwilling to live in a Macedonian colony immediately after Alexander's punishment. During the Diadochi wars, the region changed hands several times. The city could have undergone some changes under Perdiccas and/or, more probably, under the Antigonids, although some of them could have been only temporary. In 312/1, military intervention by Ptolemy had more lasting impacts, since he not only destroyed the city but also displaced some local population to Egypt during his retreat. Later, in 296, Demetrius probably destroyed the city again. In addition to war, the progressive installation and strengthening of the Ptolemaic administration after the battle of Ipsus—despite Seleucus' territorial claims—significantly impacted the region. New policies of land distribution and exploitation reshaped its settlement, so as to maximize agricultural production, especially in Western Samaria. These policies favoured a stable installation of settlers in the city of Samaria. Also, together with cultic factors, they provoked movements of local population, especially to Shechem and the city on Mount Gerizim, as well as to southern Samaria, where rural settlements increased. Hence, rather than a punctual, radical transformation of the city right after Alexander's arrival, as scholars usually envisage, the analysis proposed here points to a process marked by a series of war events, as well as the enforcement of military and agricultural policies, especially in the third century, which progressively transformed the city of Samaria and the settlement patterns of its region.

#### **NEW CHRONOLOGICAL INFORMATION FROM RADIOCARBON DATING OF HUMAN REMAINS AT JACOB'S WELL, NABLUS, PALESTINE**

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**Abstract:** Jacob's Well, located in modern city of Nablus and ancient Shechem (Tall Balata) in the northern West Bank of Palestine, attracts modern day tourists and pilgrims. It is found in the eastern suburbs of the city. Since 333 AD, pilgrims have been writing accounts of the well, and it has been venerated by both Christian and Jewish communities throughout its history. It is believed to be the well referred to in the New Testament, where Jesus conversed with a Samaritan woman, the orthodox saint, Photini. It now forms the central feature in the crypt of the St Photini Greek Orthodox church in the walled grounds of a monastery. In order to gain more information on the chronology of the site, we analyzed human skeletal remains found at the site in 1997. These consist of three skulls and a femur. One of the skulls was found in a sarcophagus alongside the church and the two other skulls and a femur were found in a burial ground alongside the monastery, north of the church, over which a room has now been built. Radiocarbon analysis reveals that the remains date to four historical periods or events: the early Christian period, before structural additions to the well by Constantine the Great in the fourth century; the Samaritan Revolts (AD 529 and 556), the Sassanid Invasion (AD 614–628), and Abbasid rule (AD 750–1258). Dating of one skull suggests it may have been that of Germanus, a fourth century bishop of Nablus, and that there may have been a very early structure, shrine, or burial chamber at the site before the fourth century. We provide contextual information based on historical and contemporary literature.

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