



**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**

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

Second Passover: Sunset on Saturday 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 Fifth Month 3659 - Friday - Saturday, July 9-10, 2021  
The Sixth Month 3660 - Saturday Evening, August 6, 2021

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**[Samaritans celebrate Shavuot atop Mount Gerizim](#)**

**Jerusalem Post** June 20, 2021

**[Samaritans celebrate 'Shavuot' in Nablus](#)**

**Middle East Monitor** June 20, 2021

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**Concluder of the reading of the Torah**

Eran b. Or-Sivan and Yaniv b. Zehava and Eran Altif Hadinfi.  
Concluder of the reading of the Torah -Monday, 31.5.2021.  
(image right)

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**A beautiful daughter, Anne,** was born to a beautiful mother and my father Ben Sarah and Jacob Ben Avraham Tzedka Hatzafri  
 Holon, Friday-21.5.2021-21.5.2021th to the second new  
 New baby Girl named Ann is born in Holon, daughter of the pretty mother and Avi b. Sarah and Yaaqob B. Abraham Tsedaka Hatzafari- 21.5.2021

**A beautiful son was born**



A beautiful son, Shalom was born to Lin and Abd Hanouna Ben Shalom Ben Abd Hanouna Altif Hadanfi in Harg  
 Monday 21.6.2021

SHALOM, New boy is born in Kiriath Luzai, son of Lyn and 'Abd Banana b. Shalom b. 'Abed Hanuna Altif Hdinfi- 20.6.2021 in Mount Gerizim

An angel watches us from above and cries with us for who has gone. Another angel looks down on us and laughs with us with joy at whoever comes.

Who's coming today? Hello, beautiful son. He is guaranteed to radiate grace and beauty as his happy parents.

Greetings to the grandparents and all the uncles and aunts, near and near, my sons and cousins and aunts. May you only know happiness and blessings.

May peace and fun grow even more. He will teach the Torah of Moses which was given to the Israelis who preserve the truth.

Beg for God:

" Mary Yater Heda gave birth to a dehold, and from her and Abedna is a good commissioner, and she came up to her father and her father to his place, and put the Lord for her life. Amen "=  
 Our God will treasure this child who was born, and they will

establish and make a good net, and his existence to his parents and parents to live, and put the God to life. Amen.

**Ben Sadaka**

**A beautiful son was born**

A beautiful son, Itamar was born to a beautiful daughter and Maher Altif Hadanfi and forgiving an innocent son and deputy high priest Itamar Ben Avraham Habatai in Hargrazim

Tuesday 22.6.2021

Yej to the third new

Miramar, New boy is born in Kiriath Luzai, son of Ruba d. Yafa d. Salwa and Priest Tsadek and Samech b. Itamar the deputy High Priest Itsmar Habati Halibu 22.6.2021 in Mount Gerizim



**New Couples**

**New couple in Holon:**

Revital daughter of Malka and Nathaniel daughter of Saad Shauni Hadanfi and Elad Ben Mira daughter of Tamim and beautiful Ben Yosef Tzedaka Hazfri and Abraham=Rami Ben Abd for the season Ben Avraham Sh

Monday night, 24.5.2021nd new,  
24.5.2021

A NEW COUPLE IN HOLON, ISRAEL:  
Ravital & ELAD B. Mira and Rami B.  
ZIPURA AND ABED-HANUNA  
SASSOMI HADINFI  
MONDAY EVENING 24.5.2021

Tonight the wedding ceremony of Revital (27) the beautiful with Elad (32), held in the majority of people, and in the battle of brothers and uncles, sisters and aunties of the happy couple. The couple is moving tonight to the new apartment in Holon.



Priest Elazar Ben High Priest Yaakov Ben Azzi sings well the letter of the marriage of the formation of a new family among the Danfi father's house 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.

Benims charity  
- The happy couple

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**New couple in Holon:**

Tal daughter of Iris and Yuval Ben Malka and Yosef Yehoshua married Lavi Ben Nava and Baruch Ben Avraham Ben Saad from the extended extension Tuesday night, 29.6.2021

A NEW COUPLE IN HOLON, ISRAEL:  
TAL B. IRIS AND YUVAL B. YUSEF YEHUSHA MARRIED  
TO LAVIE B. NAVAH AND BAROCK B. ABRAHAM B.  
SAED MARCHIB HAMARIBI (image right)



TUESDAY EVENING 29.6.2021

Tonight the wedding ceremony of the beautiful Tal (24) with Lavi (28), which was held in most of the nation, and in the battle of brothers and uncles, sisters and aunts of the happy couple. The couple is moving tonight to the new apartment in Holon.

Ovadia Ben HaCohen Nathaniel Ben Avraham sings well the marriage letter of creating a new family among the extending father's house and the entire Israeli-Samaritan community.

Raise the family and give birth to boys and girls in the battle of israel.

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 fiancée will be rewarded with grace and grace and success. Amen.

[Ben Sedaka](#)

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### **New couple in Holon:**

Katya and Barak Ben Soha and Saadia= Adi Ben Baruch Ben Saad extends in Holon

Tuesday night, hand to the third new, 22.6.2021

A NEW COUPLE IN HOLON, ISRAEL:

Kathia & Barak B. Suha and 'Adi b. Bausch b. Salad Marchiv in Holon

TEUSDAY EVENING 22.6.2021

Tonight the wedding ceremony of the beautiful Katya (24) with Barak (28), held in the majority of the nation, and in the battle of brothers and uncles, sisters and aunts of the happy couple. The couple is moving tonight to the new apartment in Holon.

Ovadia Ben HaCohen Nathaniel sings well the marriage letter of the formation of a new family among the expanding father's house and the entire Israeli-Samaritan community.

The beautiful Katya works for the Rami Mizrahi company, born israel years old for native Russian parents. Since she met Barak the two have been together. Baruch Ben Avraham Merhaviv represented the bride, who today officially joined the 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.

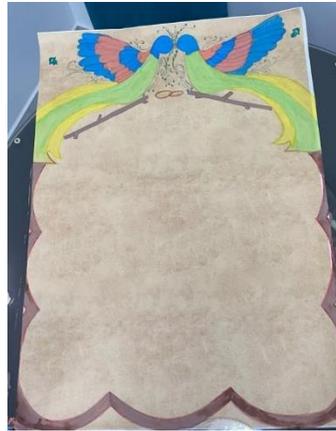
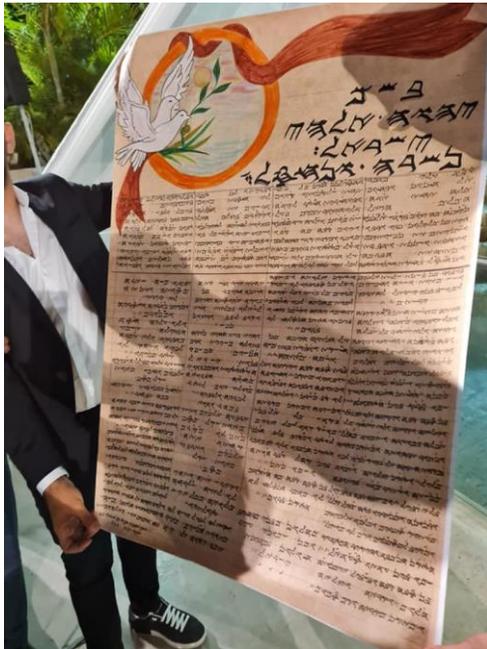
**Ben Sedaka**

In the pictures: the couple with Adi extending the groom's father.

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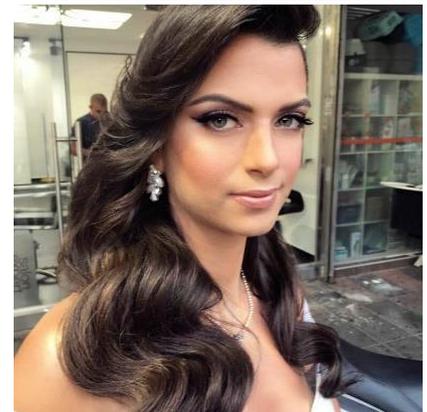


**Samaritan artist**



Samaritan artist, **Sharon Yehoshua** (image right has been creating the decorations on a Ketubbah (image above). Once completed it will be given

to the Kohen to write the details. A recently finished Ketubbah (above right). Another finished Ketubbah (image above left)



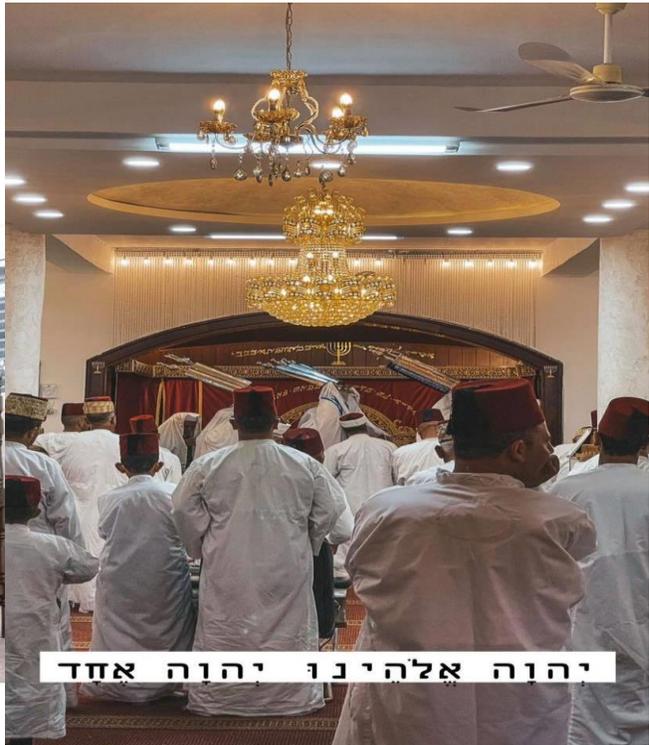
**Jac Samri is with Jād Čôhên.**  
**Facebook Post June 17, 2021**

How proud we are in our customs and traditions. This is where generations inherit roles. The grandson beside his grandpa the high priest.

On the feast of the Torah  
How proud we are of our customs and traditions. Here the roles are passed on from generation to generation. The grandson next to his grandfather the high priest. (Image right)

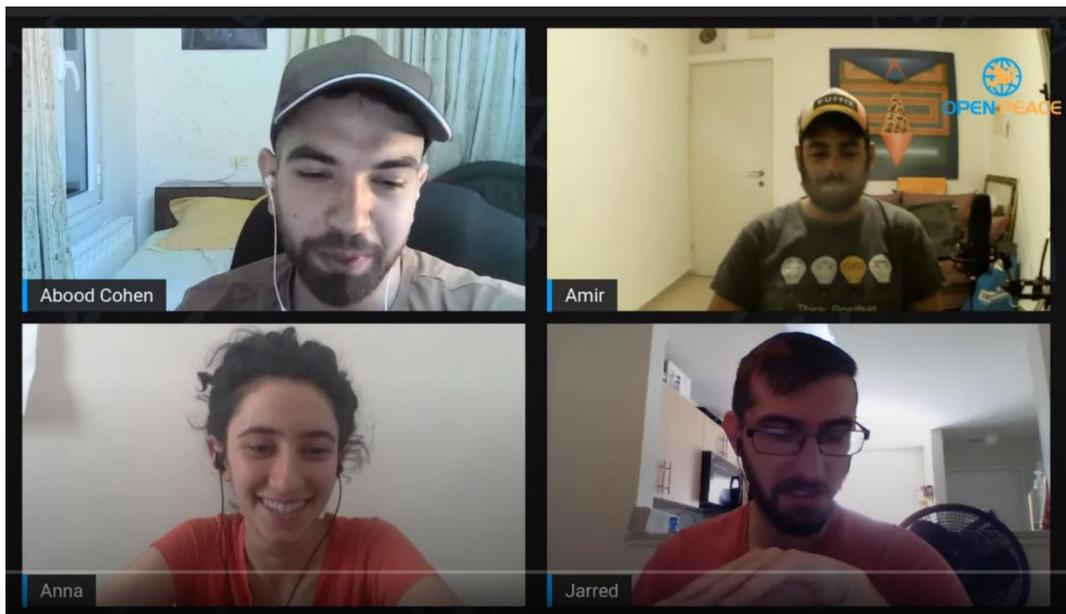
שמע ישראל את החוקים ואת המשפטים אשר אנכי מדבר באוזניכם  
 היום ולמדתם אותם ושמרתם לעשותם.  
 יהוה אלהינו כרת עמנו ברית בחורב, לא את אבותינו כרת יהוה את  
 הברית הזאת, כי איתנו  
 אנחנו אלה פה היום כולנו חיים.  
 פנים בפנים דבר יהוה עמכם בהר מתוך האש.  
 ואנכי עומד בין יהוה ובינכם בעת ההיא להגיד לכם את דברי יהוה, כי  
 יראתם מפני האש ולא עליתם בהר לאמור.  
 מעמד הר סיני ...  
 כל שנה ואתם שלומים 🙏

### The main page of the Samaritan community



View this [Facebook page](#) and stay up to date with their posts.

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### OPP Global Podcast

With Samaritan **Abood Cohen**

Live June 16, 2021 What's happening around the globe?

[Open Peace Podcast](#)

253 subscribers <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-pHetQ5IjIINWbqS1lcAQw>

We sit down to give you a round of some of the most interesting news from around the globe from the outright absurd to potentially game-changing innovations in technology.

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## Auctions

### [Auction 81 Collection of Willy Lindwer By Kedem Tuesday, Jul 13, 10:00 \(your local time\) 8 Ramban St, Jerusalem.](#)

LOT 265:



Souvenir for Tourists –  
Miniature Samaritan "Torah  
Scroll" – Nablus  
Paper scroll with verses from  
the Torah, handwritten in  
Samaritan script and housed  
inside sheet metal case in  
form of Samaritan Torah case.  
Nablus, [late 19th or early  
20th century].

Ink on paper; sheet metal, cut  
and soldered.

Paper scroll with excerpt from  
the Torah (Book of Genesis,  
Chapter 12, portion titled "Leh  
Leha"), handwritten in  
Samaritan script. Scroll housed

in handmade sheet metal case in form of  
Samaritan Torah case, namely with cylindrical  
body and with two handles (or rollers) below and  
three finials above.

The size of the Samaritan community in Palestine shrank dramatically in the 19th century. This was the result, among other factors, of the official hostility of the Ottoman Empire. The decline was so severe that by 1876, the entire Samaritan population numbered no more than 135 individuals. The threat of eradication looming over this ancient community actually served to attract a frenzied wave of attention, and brought about an influx of European scholars and travelers eagerly seeking to acquire all available information regarding Samaritan culture, and to purchase Samaritan manuscripts whenever possible. Objects such as the present scroll were produced in Nablus in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and sold to tourists as a means of raising money to materially support the community and ensure its physical survival.

Scroll height: 9 cm. Tears, wear, and stains. Most pages of scroll blank, or printed with Arabic text; handwritten Samaritan text handwritten only on small segment in middle of scroll. Case height: 20 cm. Minor blemishes, some rust.

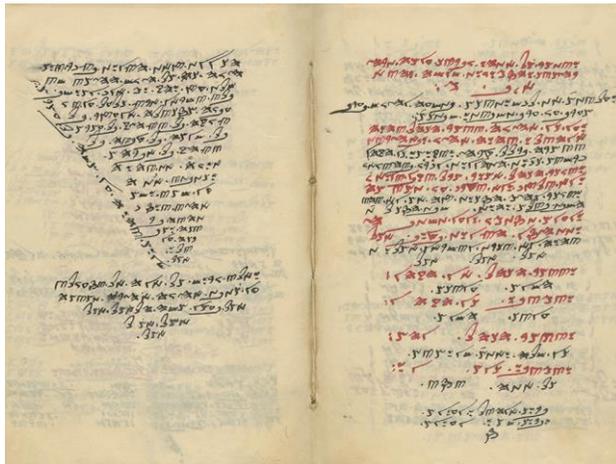
Reference: Scripture and Schism: Samaritan and Karaite Treasures from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York, NY: The Library), item no. 20. Start price:

\$300

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[Auction 81 Collection of Willy Lindwer](#)  
[By Kedem](#)



Tuesday, Jul 13, 10:00 (your local time)  
 8 Ramban St, Jerusalem.

Orientalia: Jewish Ceremonial Art, Ethnic Jewelry and Printed Items Lot 266  
 Samaritan Manuscripts – "Selihot" Prayers /  
 First Chapter of Genesis

Two Samaritan manuscripts. Mt. Gerizim, Nablus, 19th century / 20th century.

Ink on paper.

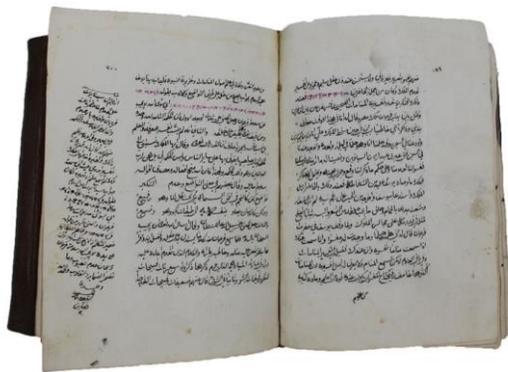
1. "Selihot" (Penitential) Prayers for the High Holy Days in the tradition of the Samaritan community. Nablus, 1267 according to the Hijri

calendar [1851 CE]. Complete manuscript volume, written by Elazar son of Sedaka son of Yitzhak son of Salameh son of Gazal son of Yitzhak son of Ibrahim HaKohen. [62] ff., 14.5 cm. Good condition. Some blemishes. Cardboard binding, with wear, somewhat loose.

2. Genesis Chapter I, Samaritan version. Nablus, [1940s]. Handwritten booklet, with chapter one of the Book of Genesis, in Samaritan script. On the cover are the letters of the alphabet in both Samaritan and Hebrew scripts. [10] ff., 22.5 cm. Good condition. Stains to cover.

Enclosed: Booklet entitled "The Celebration of Passover by the Samaritans," by Ya'aqov Ben Uzzi, the Samaritan High Priest, Nablus. Tel Aviv, 1941, (Hebrew). Start price: \$200

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**Lot 132: Rare for its condition: Samaritan Arabic manuscript, a commentary on Genesis in leather binding. 1886**

Est: \$3,750 - \$7,500

**Moreshet Auctions**

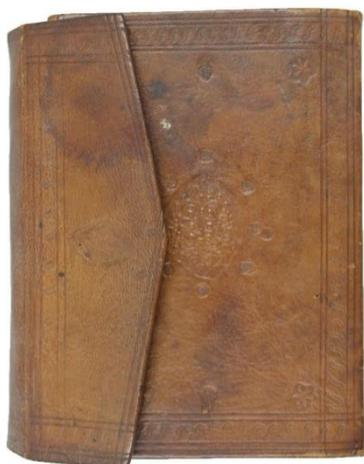
June 22, 2021, 7:00 PM IST

Bnei Brak, Israel

**Description** Rare for its condition: Samaritan Arabic manuscript, a commentary on Genesis in

leather binding. 1886 Manuscript commentary on the second section of the Book of Genesis (Bereishit), from Vayetze to Vayechi. The name of the book is "Guidance for the Asker of Questions" (Hadrachat HaShoel b'She'elot), written by Masalem Al-Danafi, or Mishlomo ben Margion HaDanafi, and was completed by his nephew Ibrahim (Avraham) ben Yaakov HaDanafi, who lived in 1778. Arabic handwriting with quotes in purple, antique Samaritan script. The margins have notes, often with the signature of the scribe who mentions things from his father. At the end is a poem praising scribes and their books. The two first leaves and 122-123, and the three last leaves of the original work were replaced with other leaves from the same scribe, probably based on a request from the book's purchaser. Pages 19-20 have sketched tables for the table of contents but they were left blank apart from the third page, where the Samaritan alphabet is written both normally and with a mirror script. [21], 520 pages.

Written on high-quality Italian paper with a watermark of three crescents.



There is a long inscription in the colophon which reveals a bit of the scribe's identity and opens a window into the lives of Samaritans of the time and their genealogy: "The end of the writing of this book, the second section of the commentary on the first book of the Torah, was on the eve of Wednesday, the 20th of the ninth month, parallel to the 3rd day of the Khanun month, the first of the year 6326, which is the 3526 of their counting (3 December 1886), by ... Salama ben Amran (Amram Kohen Gadol, 1855-1874) ben Salama (Shlomo Kohen Gadol 1798-1855), ben Gazal Hamam (Tuvya Kohen Gadol 1751-1787)....I wrote this honored book at the order of my maternal cousin...dear brother Yosef ben Yosef ben Salama and his brother Fiez ben Ashhak (Yitzhak) ben Yosef (ben Margan-Av Sakua) HaDanafit from the house of Ephraim ben Yosef

HaTzaddik...and know that you abide by that date, since the writing of the book is for the remembered brothers, from Saba's side...Gazal HaKohen, who already ordered it in writing, a commentary of this first book is in two parts, divided between them. Because they loved the commentary they each wanted complete copies so I wrote for them this second section again, I began and finished in a short time."

Handsome leather binding, closes like a case, faint inscription of a medallion on a couple sides. Stains, overall excellent condition, rare.

[https://moreshet.bidspirit.com/?lang=en&it=405243\\_uk1ek7\\_button#catalog~146~192~79778](https://moreshet.bidspirit.com/?lang=en&it=405243_uk1ek7_button#catalog~146~192~79778)

**Leaf from the Samaritan Pentateuch** [probably Nablus, 12th century], framed and glazed

**Sotheby's** Antiquarian Books and Manuscripts

15 June 2021 • 14:00 BST • London **Lot 31**

Estimate: 5,000 - 7,000 GBP

Lot sold: 11,340 GBP (15,686.16 United States Dollar)

[probably Nablus, early 12th century]

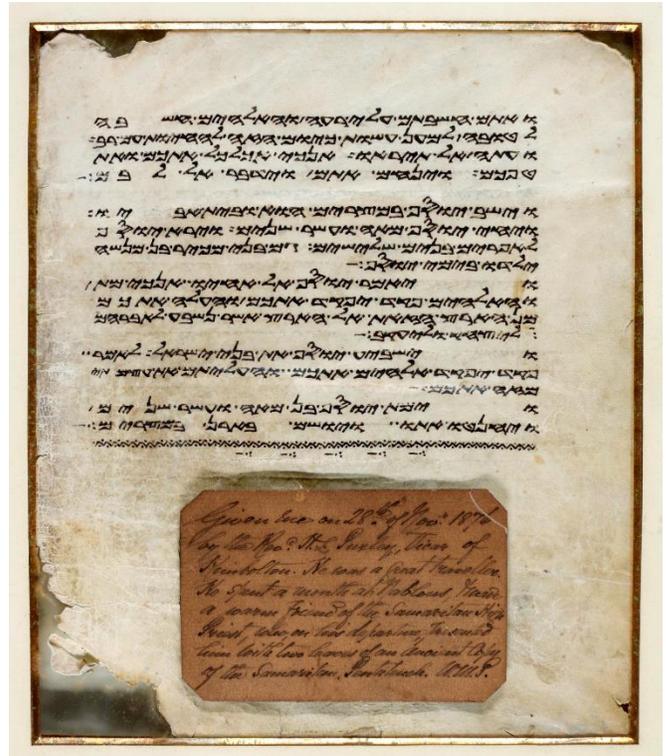
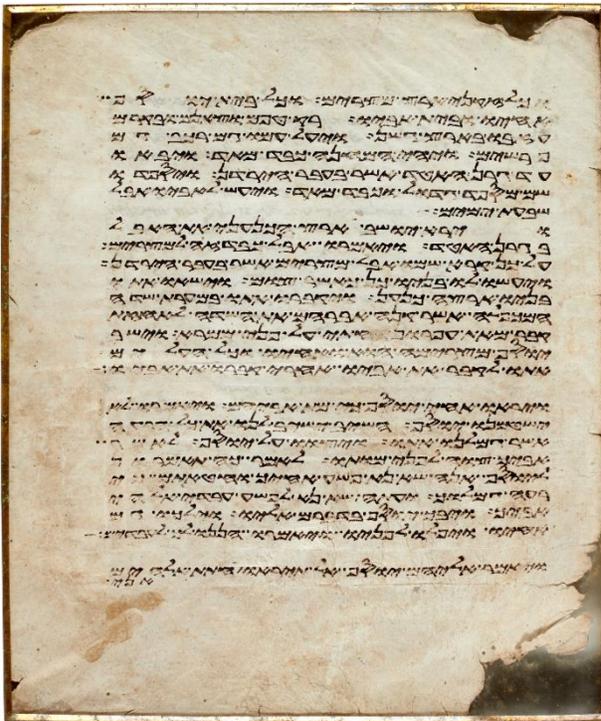
single leaf, 240 x 200mm., containing the end of Genesis (50:7b-26), written in ink on vellum, blind-ruled, 25 lines of text on recto, 17 lines on verso with a decorative line under the text to indicate the end of the book, the text in a square script justified on both sides, framed and glazed to show both sides of the leaf, *slightly frayed at edges*

The scriptures of the Samaritans consist only of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, i.e. the Pentateuch, or Torah, and their script is thought to be one of the earliest forms of writing. Leaves were often brought back from a visit to the Holy Land as a religious souvenir, as the inscription on the frame indicates.

This manuscript leaf is very similar to Cambridge MS Add 1846, dated Nablus, early twelfth century, and considered one of the earliest manuscripts of the Samaritan Pentateuch.

**PROVENANCE:**

"Given me on 28th of Nov. 1876 by the Rev.d H.L. Puxley, Vicar of Kimbolton. He was a great traveller. He spent a month at Nablous & made a warm friend of the Samaritan High Priest, who,



on his departure, presented him with two leaves of an ancient copy of the Samaritan Pentateuch. W.M.P.", label pasted to frame; Professor Aileen Guilding, Professor of Biblical History and Literature at the University of Sheffield from 1959 to 1965; thence by descent <https://www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2021/antiquarian-books-and-manuscripts/a-leaf-from-the-samaritan-pentateuch-probably?locale=en>

**Cowan's Auctions**

June 25, 2021, 10:00 AM EST  
Cincinnati, OH, US

**Lot 261: [EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY].**  
**TEMPLE, C. Warren, photographer.**  
**Album containing photographs of**  
**the Holy Land. [Ca early 20th**  
**century]. Est: \$1,500 - \$2,500**  
Starting bid \$750

**Description:** 20 1/2 x 13 1/2 in.  
suede-bound album (lacking rear  
cover, chipping to edges, ink stains)  
with 72 large (average 12" x 10")



silver gelatin photographs. Taken in the early 20th century, the images were taken in the Holy Land and capture both historic sites as well as the inhabitants of the region. Little is known of Temple; he was a lecturer from Los Angeles who traveled extensively, especially in the Levant and Arabian Peninsula. Several photos show the photographer with his large camera on tripod. Other subjects include shepherds, a Samaritan "High Priest" and images of his congregation, a trial, the temple of Jupiter Baalbek (Lebanon), and the Dead Sea.

[With:] 4 copies: *C. Warren Temple, World Traveler-Author-Artist Presents Illustrated Travel Talks, Arabia and the Holy Land.* [Los Angeles]: n.p., [ca 1910s]. 11 1/4 x 8 1/2 in. program for lectures by Temple. He advertises that "All of these talks are presented in a manner that will hold the interest of old and young. They are especially adapted for church, schools, colleges, clubs and societies.

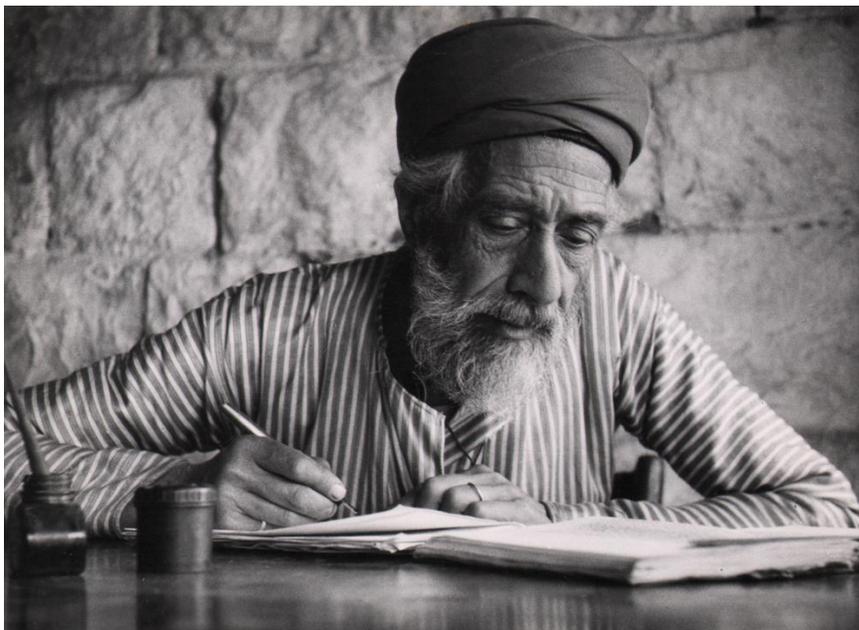
[Also with:] *In Remembrance of my Visit to the Chapel of Bones.* Malta, 7 Sept. 1910. 4 3/4 x 3 1/8 in. handbill (soiling).

Note from the Editor of the Samaritan Update:

This photo appears to be around the time that the short Film "The Good Samaritan" was made featuring the Samaritan High Priest, Isaac Ben Omram, as the film indicates. See film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZgIOW-iRW0>

Drama of the biblical story of The Good Samaritan shot on location in Palestine in the 1920s. It is an excerpt from a 60 minute independently made silent feature film, released in the U.S. in 1925, called "The Man Nobody Knows", directed by Errett Leroy Kenep and based on a book by Bruce Barton of the same name published in 1924. The main character is played by a real Samaritan - The High Priest Yitzhaq b. 'Amram, aka Isaac Ben Omram, (1855-1932). To purchase a clean DVD of this film for personal home use or educational use contact us at [questions@archivefarms.com](mailto:questions@archivefarms.com).



**Lot 91: H.W. Silvester,  
Samaritan translates  
ancient Hebrew text, 1958**

**Keith Delellis Gallery LLC**  
June 19, 2021, 2:00 PM EST  
New York, NY, US  
Est: \$500 - \$600

**Description** H.W. Silvester,  
Samaritan translates ancient  
Hebrew text, 1958, Vintage  
gelatin silver print, Image  
6.75" x 9.25", Paper 7" x  
9.5". Artist's credit, German  
title, date, and details in pen  
on verso. Leitz publication  
stamp on verso.

**Dimensions** 7" x 9.5"

**Artist or Maker** H.W. Silvester

**Medium** Gelatin silver print

**Date** 1958

**Condition Report** Good condition. Glossy surface. Light wear to corners. Light surface abrasions. Fingerprints to upper center, upper left, center right, and center left. Few surface stains to upper center and lower left.

<https://www.invaluable.com/auction-lot/h-w-silvester-samaritan-translates-ancient-hebrew-91-c-bc443cf951>

**YU Center for Israel Studies**

We are thrilled to share a number of exciting updates about our Israelite Samaritans Project!

\*\*\*Save the Date, MARCH 27-28 2022, NYC, and join us for:

\* The WORLD PREMIERE of our amazing documentary, "העדה—The Community," produced and directed by Moshe Alafi and starring the entire Samaritan community. A joint project with the New Fund for Cinema and Television.

\* Celebration of our book projects:

THE SAMARITANS: A BIBLICAL PEOPLE, published beautifully by Brill and YU Press.

TALES OF THE SAMARITAN ELDERS, as told to Moshe Alafi, by Leah and Steven Fine

THE SAMARITAN COOKBOOK, by Benyamim Tsedeka, Ben Piven and Avishay Zelmanovich, published by Wipf and Stock.

SAMARITAN MANUSCRIPTS IN THE YU LIBRARY, by Benyamim Tsedeka and David Selis. Accompanied by an exhibit at the [Yeshiva University Libraries](#) curated by the CIS Leon Charney Doctoral Fellow, David Selis.

\* A sneak preview of The CIS CONTEMPORARY ART PROJECT! World renowned Jewish artists, Americans and Israelis- studied the history of the Jewish-Samaritan relationship. They are now

## The Samaritans: A Biblical People

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Photograph by Moshe Alafi

making art for our forthcoming exhibition! This is a joint project with the Jewish Art Salon.

\*\*\*We are pleased to announce that our EXHIBITION, -The Samaritans: A Biblical People- will open at the Museum of the Bible in DC, in Fall 2022. This is a great partnership, and a great venue!

We look forward to sharing more about our upcoming programs as we launch this international project!

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### Want Photos of Mount Gerizim?

**Contact Tomer Altef.**

Phone 0526511989

Email [tomer\\_altef@hotmail.com](mailto:tomer_altef@hotmail.com)

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

tomer **Altef** ©  
Studio

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**[Ben Sedaka](#) posted on Facebook the following:**

**Writes Zvika Feldman:**

20.6.2021

The Samaritan Shavuot holiday always went out on Sunday, and this is due to the difference between the counting of days between Passover and Shavuot between the Jews and According to the Samaritans, we must count from the Sabbath day after the Passover holiday, and the holiday will apply on the 7th day of the Omer count. For comparison - in the Jewish community we count immediately after the Passover holiday (and not from the first Shabbat day). As a result of this count of the Samaritans, the Shavuot holiday will apply to the world on Sunday - following the double Sabbath (Saturday + Sunday), the Samaritans take advantage of this holiday to travel to Mount Gerizim and spend holidays together with

On the eve of Shavuot, which always comes out on Saturday night as said, the Samaritans do not eat hot food because they do not cook on Saturday, so the evening table holidays consists of many types of cheese and a rich selection of salads.

Between Saturday and Sunday night, just before 4 am, the Samaritans get up, and keep the pilgrimage commandments. The Samaritans are on foot to the top of the mountain to carry a prayer there. The pilgrimage is accompanied by the singing of the sea which the Samaritans sing during the walk. At the end of this prayer, the priests visit the Samaritan father's daughter and bless them with the blessing of happy holiday

Like every pilgrimage (Shavuot Sukkot and Passover), the Samaritans stop for prayer at 6 points:

1. The place of the " rocks ", The 12 stones Yehoshua Ben Noon placed when entering Israel israel
2. place altar " Adam " and " drink " in us.
3. Place " Givat Olam "- According to the Samaritan faith this is the spiritual center of the world.
4. A place " God will see " - where there was the elk that was seen in the tangle to Abraham and he sacrificed instead of Isaac
5. Altar " Yitzhak "- The place where Abraham was standing to take Isaac.

6. Place " Noah Altar " - The altar that Noah put down after he left the box.

At every point they carry a prayer and hold the ceremony of raising the book of the Torah by the priest.

The Samaritan pilgrimage is very loved by photographers as it is a spectacular spectacle of hundreds of people, all dressed in white against the background of the sunrise. Photographer Idan Gross captured a spectacular picture of the pilgrimage.

At the end of the pilgrimage, the Samaritans gather at their homes, and host the family of the priesthood. The full priesthood family is hosted by the leaders of the families in the community, and welcomes the blessing of happy holiday The hospitality is full of rich closeness and doesn't end before having a toast Arak, the work of the Samaritans, with the blessing of " a hundred years of your

3 days before Shavuot, the Samaritans commemorate the day of Mount Sinai's status, when Moses received the covenant plates, this day is not a Sabbath day, but they are used to keep a prayer in it.

See link for images <https://www.facebook.com/ben.sedaka/posts/10222685176590891>

### **The Graphic (newspaper) April 11, 1903, page 477.**

How the Samaritans keep the Passover on the Holy Mountain, Gerizim.

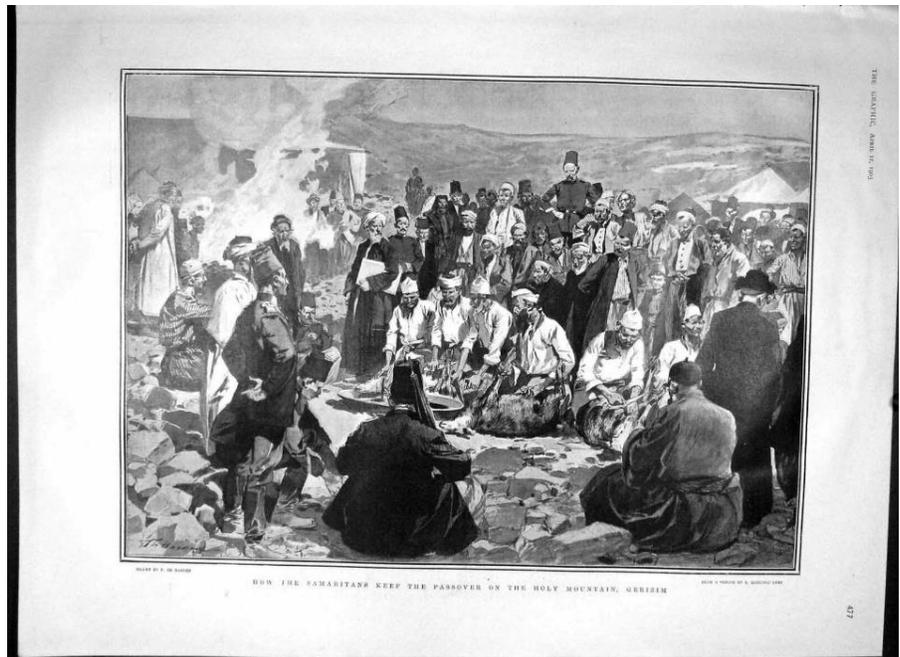
Drawn by **F. De Haennen**

From a sketch by **G.**

**Robinson Lees**

And on the next page is an article on the Passover, by G Robinson Lees on page 478.

[The Graphic](#) was an illustrated weekly newspaper published in the UK in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



### **The Samaritan Passover** by **G Robinson Lees.**

The Samaritans, the oldest and smallest sect in the world, now numbering less than 200 souls, still worship on their holy mountain, Gerizim, which overlooks Nablous, in the vale of Shechem, where they peacefully reside.

The Passover ceremony is the most interesting of all their ordinances, and is still conducted on the same plan as set forth in Exodus xii. The tents are pitched as near as possible in two lines, the most important, that of the tabernacle, oblong in shape, being close to the place of sacrifice, and adjoining it the one belonging to the High Priest Jacob. On the evening of the ninth day of their sojourn in the holy place, and the fifteenth of the month Nisan, the men having already

prepared the lambs for sacrifice by care and constant washing so that there should be no blemish (Exodus xii. 4), the final preparations are complete.

The men and boys are dressed in white cotton shirts and trousers, and the women, who remain all the while in the tents, put on their best clothes.

Fire is placed in a trench opposite the entrance to the tabernacle tent, over which two caldrons are fixed containing water, which is gradually heated during the reading of the law. Near to the end of the trench away from the tabernacle is a circular pit bordered by loose stones, about six feet deep and three feet in diameter, in which the fire is prepared for the burning of the sacrifice.

Two hours before sunset the male portion of this ancient people meet in the tabernacle tent, with the exception of the "Shochetim," the young men whose duty it is to kill the lambs and watch the boiling water, and two others who attend to the fire in the pit. The "law" is then read with their faces turned towards the ruins of the temple on the top of the mountain. Many visitors from the city below cluster round the white-robed men to witness the proceedings, some of whom have come with the purposed intention of creating a disturbance. Officers and soldiers from the Turkish garrison are there to preserve order, a very necessary precaution, which has to be paid for, but could not be dispensed with without abandoning altogether the Feast.

At sunset the reading of the law is finished, and as the lambs are brought to the "Shochetin," the rest of the Samaritans gather round the victims. At a given signal each lamb is seized, thrown on its back and the knife drawn once across its throat. This is quite enough, as the blood spurts from the wound, the pascal lamb rolls over and after a brief struggle, expires. A shout of joy rises from the Samaritans, and counter cries of derision from the Moslem spectators, who have been trying to push their way into the enclosure made by the band of faithful worshippers, but happily prevented by their broad backs closely packed together.

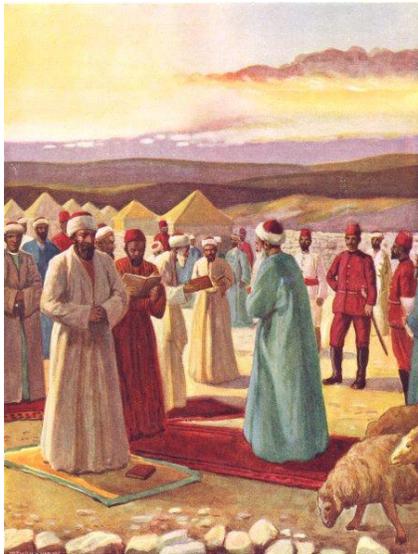
The foreheads of the boys who form the inner circle are smeared with blood, and the men embrace and kiss each other with congratulations, rejoicing that the lambs of their redemption have been slain. After they have been examined by the High Priest, to see if properly killed and without blemish, and pronounced dead, boiling water was taken from the caldrons and poured over them; the young men then set to work to pull off the wool. When this is finished the entails are removed and burnt near the end of the trench, and the carcasses prepared on spits- poles about two yards long- for the pit of fire. After they have been placed in the flame a cover of wet earth is put over the mouth of the pit to keep in the heat, and the roasting continues until midnight.

The men then adjourn to the tents, and the boys amuse themselves in various ways, but all assemble in their respective families to receive the unleavened bread and bitter herbs that are taken round to each member of the Samaritan community. They are given to visitors as well, all of whom, if friendly and well-disposed, are hospitably treated, for this is a festive season. From the High Priest downwards all are very pleased to talk of their festival, and answer questions with evident pride and gratification at the interest taken in their ancient custom. Few strangers linger on the mountain to view the final scene, where all stand round the smoking masses of meat as they are brought from the pit, and, with their loins girded and staves in their hands, they hastily swallow every scrap of the feast (Exodus xii. 10, 11). On no account will they give a portion of this precious food to any but their own people. It is said that on one occasion a Moslem stole a piece, but was instantly seized and his throat tightly held until the morsel was squeezed out.

The number of lambs killed varies according to the number and wealth of the people. Poor families join together for one; while those who can afford it provide one for their own family. At the time of my visit, seven were killed and eaten.

As there was a large number of onlookers who could with difficulty be kept from interrupting the sacrifice itself, it was deemed prudent to omit the sprinkling of the doorposts with blood. Even as it was the tabernacle tent was torn down; and the disorder would have further increased and imperiled the Feast itself if the men had left the slain animals before they were deposited in the fire. Yet an excuse was available for this one act of omission. The High Priest told me that for two reasons it was unnecessary: first, because there was no longer any need to particularly mark the houses of his people on account of an impending disaster; and secondly, that the blood of last year's sacrifice was still visible on the tent-poles.

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### 'The Samaritan Passover –

When the guard of Turkish soldiers is sufficiently strong to maintain order, and permit the Samaritans to meet in the open air, the law is read as they stand inside a circle of stones. At sunset they assemble in this enclosure for the Passover, and the men, facing the high priest, recite exodus XII., 6. The lambs are seized by the Shochetim, examined by the high priest, and slain: then hastily prepared for roasting in the pit of fire'

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**'Religious festival** - The festival of the Passover is celebrated every spring with rites exactly like those which were observed on the night of the great slaughter when the first-born of the Egyptians were slain. The photograph, which was taken in Palestine, shows the finding of a sheep without blemish' (image right)

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**From the Editor**

I recently purchased another rare pamphlet of 1936c. Haggadah Order Samaritain's Passover Gerizim Mount Nablus by Mazliach Ben Pinchas

There are some booklets that are very hard to obtain these days. I have collected and seen many. This one is rare! Never the less, few people will appreciate collecting old booklets that helped the Samaritans over the years to sell these booklets to tourist to help them survive the rough situations that they had to endure.

**Older Articles and Publications**

[Samaritan persecution in the Hellenistic period According to Josephus Flavius](#)

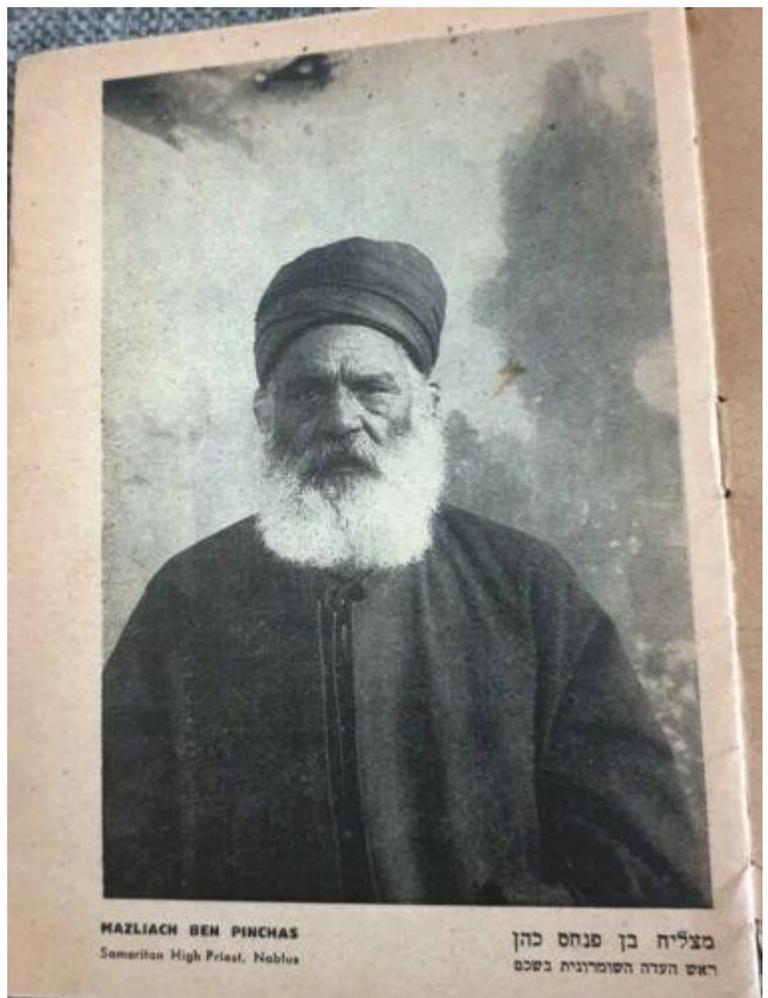
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## ABSTRACT

Samaritans suffered several persecutions through the centuries. Josephus recorded two such events during the Hellenistic period. The first he dated to the time of Ptolemy I or Ptolemy VI in Alexandria and the second to the time of John Hyrcanus in Shechem and Gerizim. This chapter seeks to answer the question whether these accounts present real persecutions or ancient literary topoi of persecutions.

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**Videos**

**[Samaritans' Passover pilgrimage on Mount Gerizim](#)**

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## New Publications

**Reinhard Pummer, Muhammed Ali Bağir, trans. *Sâmirîler: Din Tarih Gelenek***. Eskiyeği 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.

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## Volume I Genesis

In: [The Samaritan Pentateuch](#)

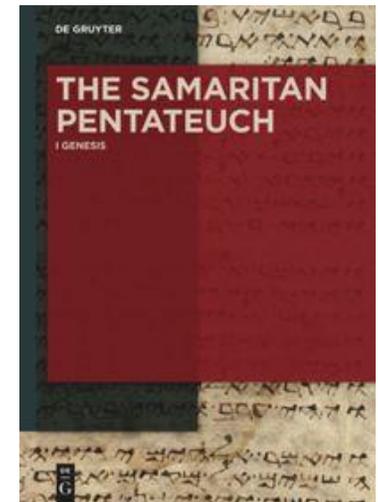
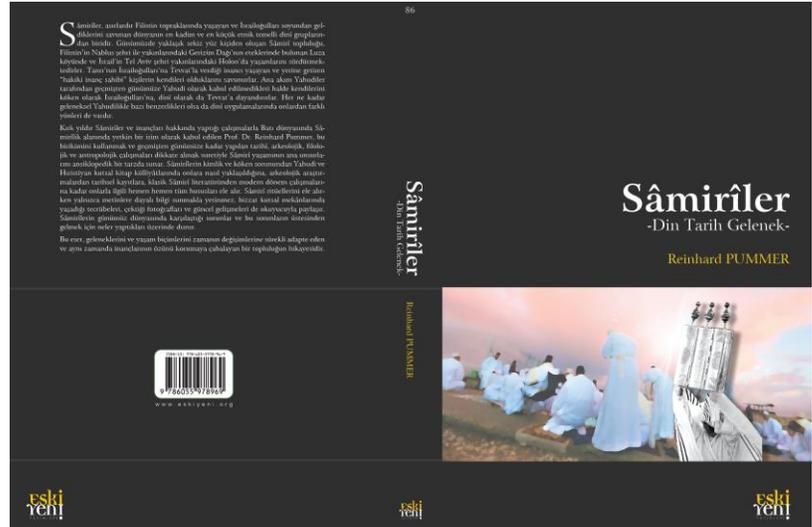
Edited by: **Stefan Schorch**, Martin-Luther-University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany. De Gruyter | 2021

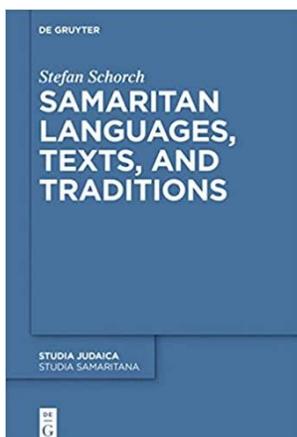
A critical edition of the Samaritan Pentateuch is one of the most urgent desiderata of Hebrew Bible research. The present volume on Genesis is the second out of a series of five meant to fill this gap. It provides a diplomatic edition of the five books of the Samaritan Torah, based on the oldest preserved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

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[Samaritan Languages, Texts, and Traditions: History, Texts, and Traditions](#) (Studia Judaica) Hardcover – September 20, 2022  
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### **THE TREASURE OF FOLK STORIES OF THE ISREALITE SAMARITANS IN THREE VOLUMES**

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 **Benny Tsedaka** [1944 -]. The two brother's residents of the city of Holon, Israel

Thank you to the numbers who willingly told from their memories, knowing that what they told will be written and released. These are the deceased, the Lord will have mercy on them and the few living will prolong their lives.

### **Benny Tsedaka**

The ninth new, the year of Gaternity Holon, January, year 2021

A.B. Institute for Samaritan Studies  
The book on its three volumes was distributed to all the Samaritan Israeli families.



The book can be purchased at the A.B. Institute of Samaritan Studies for 900 shekels or including delivery for 200 shekels.

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### **2019 publication**

Langlois, Michael, ed. *The Samaritan Pentateuch and the Dead Sea Scrolls*. LEUVEN, PARIS; BRISTOL: Peeters Publishers, 2019. Accessed June 18, 2021. doi:10.2307/j.ctv1q26v04.

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Common ground: Palestinian Tehina flows from Nablus to Tel Aviv from [the Jerusalem Post](#)

See the review at the Strategist of the New York Magazine

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**Articles:****Chapter 12 Bridging the Gaps in the Samaritan Tradition**

In: [Apocryphal and Esoteric Sources in the Development of Christianity and Judaism](#)

Author: [Abraham Tal](#) Pages: 262–275

**Lehnardt, A.** The Anti-Samaritan Attitude as Reflected in Rabbinic Midrashim. Preprints 2021, 2021050270 ([doi: 10.20944/preprints202105.0270.v1](https://doi.org/10.20944/preprints202105.0270.v1)).

**Abstract**

Samaritans as a group within the ranges of ancient ‘Judaisms’ are often mentioned in Talmud and Midrash. As comparable social-religious entities, they are regarded ambivalently by the Rabbis. First, they were viewed as Jews, but from the end of the Tannaitic times, and especially after the Bar Kokhba revolt, they were perceived as non-Jews, not reliable about different fields of Halakhic concern. Rabbinic writings reflect on this change in attitude and describe a long ongoing conflict and a growing anti-Samaritan attitude. The article analyzes several dialogues between rabbis and Samaritans transmitted in the Midrash on the book of Genesis, Bereshit Rabbah. In four larger sections, the famous Rabbi Me’ir is depicted as the counterpart of certain Samaritans. The analyses of these discussions try to show how rabbinic texts avoid any direct exegetical dispute over particular verses of the Torah, but point to other hermeneutical levels of discourse and rejection of Samaritan claims. These texts thus reflect a remarkable understanding of some Samaritan convictions, and they demonstrate how rabbis denounced Samaritanism and

refuted their counterparts. The Rabbi Me'ir dialogues thus are an impressive literary witness to the final stages of the parting of ways of these diverging religious streams.

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