



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



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January 2024, the Samaritan Community number
 about 900.

Future Events

Second Month of the Hebrew Year 3663 – Tuesday evening, 26 April
 2025

10 May 2025 – Saturday, The Second Passover for those impure
 on the first Passover

Third Month of the Hebrew Year 3662 – Thursday Evening, 26 May 2025

The Seven Days of Shavuot (festival of Weeks June 1- June 7, 2025

Eve of the Memorial Day of the Sinai Assembly Monday June 2, 2025

Memorial Day of the Sinai Assembly June 3, 2025

Special Sabbath of the Ten Commandments June 6, 2025

The Festival of Weeks (Shavuot, The Harvest Festival June 7, 2025

The Fourth Month June 24, 2025

The Fifth Month July 24 2025

3663 is the number of year since the Israelites entered the land of Canaan

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Births

New baby daughter Thursday,

12.6.2025

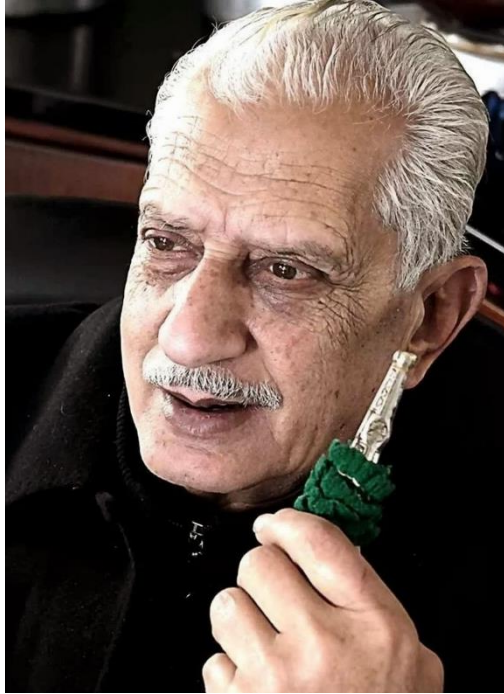
Beautiful daughter Silia daughter Rafa daughter of
 Friel and the priest savior of the Habtai and Salahio =
 Samich son of Linda and Asher son of Shehala and
 Salahio son of Poa and in the midst of the Hatzafri
 charity.



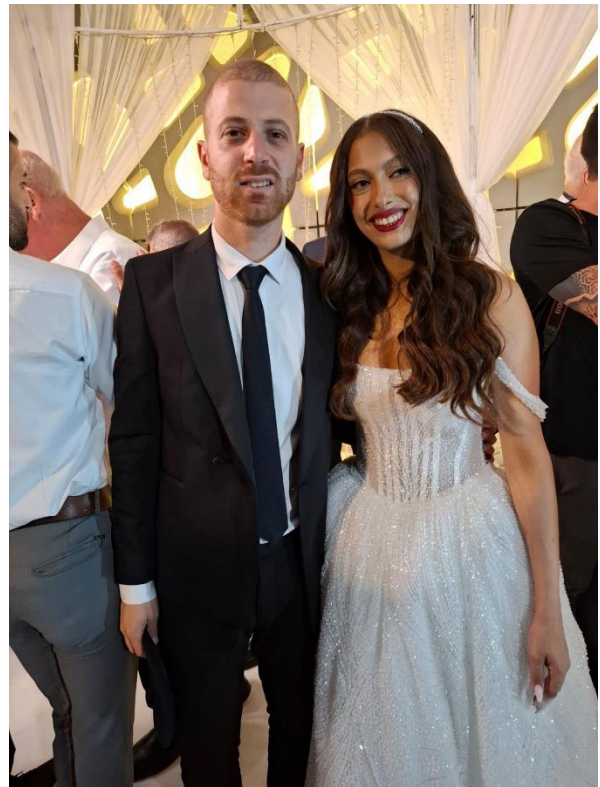
New baby daughter Sylia has born in Mt. Gerizim, to Rafa and Saloh son of the pretty Lynda and Said b. Shalha -12.6. 2025

Passings

Menashe Ben Tamim Ben Ephraim Altif Danafi [2025-1937], may God have mercy
Kiryat Luza, Hargarzim, Thursday, 11th to the second new 8.5.2025
Manashe b. Tamim Altif Hadinfi [1937-2025] Mt. Gerizim.



88 years old in his death an old man of the Altif family. The good man my friend and friend Menashe was born and lives all his days in the name of God and in the Hargarzim. He learned the tradition from his father and the priests of the congregation in the neighborhood. There was a man loved by all the creatures and a prayer elder in the synagogue in Hargarzim. Menashe was born in Nablus and was a school teacher there in Nablus.



A new couple in Holon

The beautiful Liraz [22] daughter of Nadia and Uri Sashoni the Danfi from Holon married to Chahir Lava Asher [29] son of Shadia and Dan Ben Sashon Ben Peretz the Hatzafri charity in Holon. Tuesday evening, Yeh to Haddesh the fourth 10.6.2025

A NEW COUPL IN HOLON

The pretty Liraz daughter of Nadia and Uri b. Ahuva and Yefani Sassoni Hadinfi married to Asher b. Shadia and Danni Tsedaka Hassafiri in 10.6.2025. Tonight their wedding ceremony took place, which was held mostly with in the hall, and among brothers and uncles, sisters and aunts of the happy couple. The couple moves tonight to the new apartment in Holon. The priest Yafet Ben Ha HaGag, who sang well the letter of the pairing of building a new family in the battle of the Beit Tzedka Hatzafri and the entire Israeli-Samaritan community.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_orGTV0RkQ

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### **The pilgrimage to Mount Grizim on the Harvest and Firstborn**

By: Menashe Ben Yitzhak Tzedaka

It took place on Sunday 1.6.25 attended by about 900 members of the community men, women and taf. Alongside the pilgrims were attached about 60 photographers from photography clubs from all over the country.

One of the pictures that impress me I chose to share with my friends.

White trail of worshipers at 4:30 a.m. proceeded to the next station during the prayer. In the background, the conservative neighborhood in Hargrizim is lit.

I heard moving impressions of how they experienced the Ascension. May we be blessed to celebrate together for decades more. With Israel live!!!

Reporter: Menashe Ben Yitzhak was right

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Concluder of the reading of the Torah in Holon

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Nadav ben Naama daughter of Rachel and Naim Tzadka and Lior ben Ilana and the late Nadav-Akram Shashoni Danafi - signed Torah in Holon

Wednesday, 8th of the fourth new, = 2.7.2025

Nadav b. Na'ama and Lior b. Eilana and the late Nadav Sassoni Hadinfi.

Concluder of the reading of the Torah -Wednesday, 2.July.2025

The wonderful 8 year old Nadav, read today above the stage of honor prepared for him, in the plaza of the synagogue, orally, with excellence and eagerness, the blessing of the Great Prophet Moshe ben Amram, in celebration of finishing the reading of the Torah of Moshe.

Haseeb Shehadeh's Two Articles

الملك حسين يشتري ويمنح أراضي الوقف

King Hussein Purchases and Grants Waqf Lands

بقلم: الكاهن الأكبر سلوم عمران إسحاق (1922-2004)

ترجمة حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

بنيמים צדקה (כתב וערך), אוצר הסיפורים העממיים של הישראלים השומרונים. מכון א. ב. ללימודי השומרונות, הרגרזים-חולון, 2021, כרך ג' עמ' 830-833.

منفيون في نابلس خاصتنا

في بعض الأحيان، عندما أسأل عن تاريخ السامريين، وهناك مجموعات كثيرة من السواح تأتي يومياً لزيارة الكنيس في نابلس، أقف وأقص عليهم عن طائفتنا، تقاليدنا، تاريخنا. الشرح ذاته جاهز سلفاً لكل مجموعة سواح. أحياناً حينما يسأل أحدهم عن تاريخنا، أتساءل أليس من الأجدر والأفضل بدل سردي قصة طويلة عريضة عن تاريخنا، أخذه ليُشاهد بأَم عينيه مكانين وإضافة جُمْلتين أو ثلاث قصيرة.

بدل كل الشرح المُستفيض والمتعب، بإمكانني اصطحاب السائح السائل إلى بقايا حارتنا القديمة في نابلس حيث سكنا أنا وأباؤنا في خلال ثمانمائة سنة، بما يشبه الهيكل الضيق والمعتم في محيط عدائي، منفيون في مدينة نابلس التي كانت ذات مرة كلها لنا.

يُمكنكم تخيل الماضي الذي فيه أينما توجهتم كنتم ترون منازل أبناء شعبنا وأناساً إخوة لنا ولحم من لحمنا. بعد ذلك كنتم أرافق السائح إلى جبل جريزيم، جبلنا المقدس، نصعد إلى القمة وأريه جبلاً كله أنقاض. جبل خرب، جبل كل ما بُني عليه هدمه وأخربه حكامٌ جدد جاؤوا واحتلوه، وكل احتلال - زاد في إنقاص عدد أبناء شعبنا. لكل حجر من ملايين حجارة الخراب في الجبل قصة عن سامري قضى، ولكل تل من الأنقاض قصته حول عائلة سامرية اندثرت.

Continue reading at: <https://shomron0.tripod.com/2025/kinghusseinpurchases.pdf>

مختارات من أفكار وهواجس صدقة الحكيم

A Selection of Ideas and Reflections by Şadaqa al-Ḥakīm

الأستاذ الدكتور حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

مختارات من أفكار وهواجس السامري صدقة الحكيم من القرن الثالث عشر.

إنَّ معلومتنا عن صدقة بن أبي الفرج منجاً بن صدقة بن غروب الدمشقي السامري، المعروف بالاسم المختصر صدقة الحكيم، أي صدقة الطبيب، شحيحة. لا عجب في الأمر فإنَّ السامريين لسبب ما، لم يمتازوا بتدوين سير علمائهم وزعمائهم، لأنَّه ليس من المعقول الافتراض بأنَّ مثل هذه الكتابات التاريخية كانت قد ضاعت كلها بالفعل. لا أساس لملاحظة الزعيم القراني، أبراهام فيركوفيتش (1786-1874)، في المخطوطتين Cam III 14 و Cam III 15 & في مكتبة سانت بطرسبورغ، التي تقول إنَّ صدقة الحكيم كان كاهناً من نسل إيتمار. ومن الجدير بالذكر أنَّه في بعض الأحيان يضاف لقب "الشاعر" إلى اسم صدقة الحكيم كما في مخطوطة JNUL SAM 80 6، ص. 42.

Continue reading at: <https://shomron0.tripod.com/2025/aselectionofideas.pdf>

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## Ben Sedaka Tells Story

The priest Av-Hasada son of the 573 Jacob son of Aharan, may God have mercy [1880-1959]

By: Benim Charity

The Priest Ab-Hisda b. High Priest Yaqob b. Aharon [1880-1959]

By: Benyamim Tsedaka

The Cohen Av-Hasada [= Abu Elhassan] was born in Nhammer and lived all his days in Nhammer, in the old neighborhood and at the end of his days in the new neighborhood [in 1943-1959].

He and the priest Abraham ben Finhas stood for the service of his father Jacob ben Aharan at the inauguration of the school in the old neighborhood of Nemv, sponsored by the American philanthropist Edward Kirk Warren. They were helped by the young priest Amram ben of the "Hag" Yitzhak, who guided the girls' class.

The police Yaakov Ben Aharan was the school principal. The institution next to Beit Kadri was established in 1903 until the early twenties, and then it was managed by the Zionist administration until the 1940s.

The priest Av-Hisda also taught his sons with all the young generation, cloth by cloth he divided the Hazonas in the old synagogue and in his recent years hezanas in the new synagogue in the new neighborhood in Nafom. The priest Av-Hasada became known then in the voice of the Arib beautifully.

The priest Av-Hasada antiqued many books of Torah and prayer and translated books of Halachah and history books from Western yeast and from Armenian to Hebrew. He kept a continuous correspondence on the Conservative heritage with the researcher Rabbi Moshe Gaster from England, who sent him a financial reward for his help, until Rabbi Gaster's death in 1939.

Priest Av-Hisda was adored by his students and all members of his congregation. His death was a great loss. Two sons Joseph and Aharan were high priests and the third son Yafeth in these days Deputy High Priest. The priest Av-Hasada had two daughters, success and competition, who established glorious families, have mercy on the Lord.

Back in the day **Ben Sedaka**



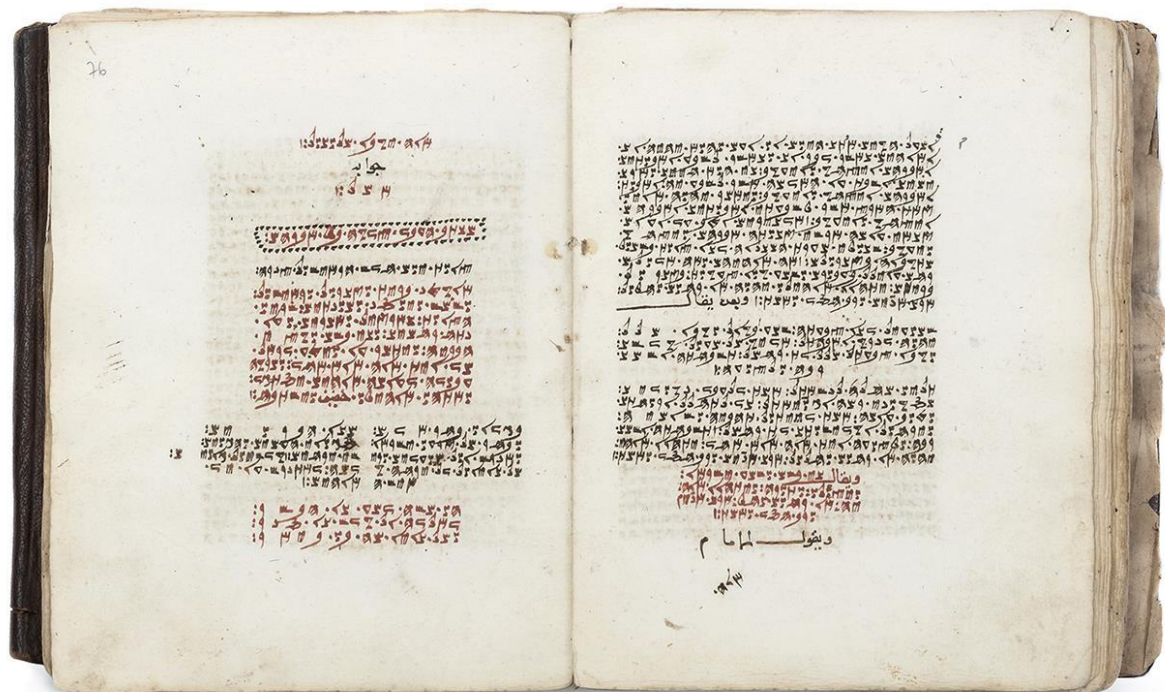


## Auctions

### **Auction 102 Part 1 Hebrew Manuscripts and Books from the Victor (Avigdor) Klagsbald Collection By Kedem**

Tuesday, May 6, 12:00 8 Ramban St, Jerusalem., Israel

**Lot 48, Manuscript, Samaritan Machzor for Nisan – Shechem, 1730 – Decorated Leather Binding**



Manuscript, Samaritan machzor with prayers for the first month before Pesach. [Shechem (Nablus)], 1730. Hebrew (in Samaritan script) and some Arabic. Black and red ink on paper.

The volume comprises various prayers for the first month of the Samaritan calendar, before the festival of Pesach.

The manuscript was produced by the copyist Tzedakah son of Ibrahim son of Tzedakah son of Ibrahim HaDanafi, but several parts of the machzor are the work of Abd al-Rahman Abd al-Ghani (several sections may have been written by others). The manuscript includes several colophons. At end of manuscript, on pp. 160b-161a, colophon dated 1731.

Fine decorated leather binding, characteristic of Samaritan holy books.

*[164] leaves (the marginal foliation, [161] leaves, is misnumbered). 21 cm. Fair-good condition. Stains, including dampstains, and dark ink stains in several places. Wear. Leaves and gatherings loose and partly detached. Original leather binding, with minor defects, detached.*

<https://il.bidspirit.com/ui/lotPage/kedem/source/search/auction/58286/lot/173477/Manuscript-Samaritan-Machzor-for?lang=en>

**SOLD FOR \$6,000** (Price including buyer's premium and sales tax: **\$7,770 (₪28,111.86)**)

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Samaritan Scroll in Sydney

Creator Jacob ben Ozzi **Date** 1930 **Description**

Written on paper by the Samaritan priest Jacob Ben Ozzi. Height 43.5 cm. Length 17.68 metres is achieved by glueing 30 sheets of paper into a continuous roll. The scroll was written for sale at a time when the community was in urgent need of money after the earthquake of 1927 had destroyed many of the homes of the Samaritans in Nablus.

<https://digital.library.sydney.edu.au/nodes/view/8349>

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

Auction Lot Closed June 15, 2021

Estimate; 5,000 - 7,000 GBP

Lot Sold; 11,340 GBP

Huxley ms fragment

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2021/antiquarian-books-and-manuscripts/a-leaf-from-the-samaritan-pentateuch-probably>

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Auction 058 Part 1 Online Auction: Jewish History and Zionism | Books | Ephemera | Art from the Collection of Amos Mar Chaim

By Kedem

Contact Auction House

Monday, Jun 30, 10:00 (your local time)

8 Ramban St, Jerusalem., Israel

LOT 307:

Manuscript, Samaritan Commentary on Bereshit – Nablus (Mount Gerizim), Ca. 1859/1860

Manuscript, Samaritan commentary on the Book of Genesis. Nablus (Mount Gerizim), c. 1859/1860. Arabic and some Samaritan Hebrew.

A commentary on the Book of Genesis, written by two different authors: the first part was compiled by Masalem ben Av Sekuha the Danfi (from Genesis to the verse "And he sent Judah before him to Joseph"); the second part was compiled by Abraham ben Yaakov the Danfi, who completed the manuscript from the above verse to the end of Genesis.

Notes, corrections, and erasures.

According to the colophon, the writing of the work was completed in 1276 AH.

[272] leaves (late pencil numbering, damaged). Approximately 21 cm. Good-fair condition. Stains, including damp stains. Creases. Slight tears in some of the leaves, some restored, with slight damage to the text. Slight pinholes, with minimal damage to the text. Several detached pamphlets. New binding.

<https://il.bidspirit.com/ui/lotPage/kedem/source/search/auction/60839/lot/174793/Manuscript-Samaritan-Commentary-on?lang=en>

Sold FOR: \$4,000, Price buyer's premium and sales tax: \$5,180 (₪17,560.20)



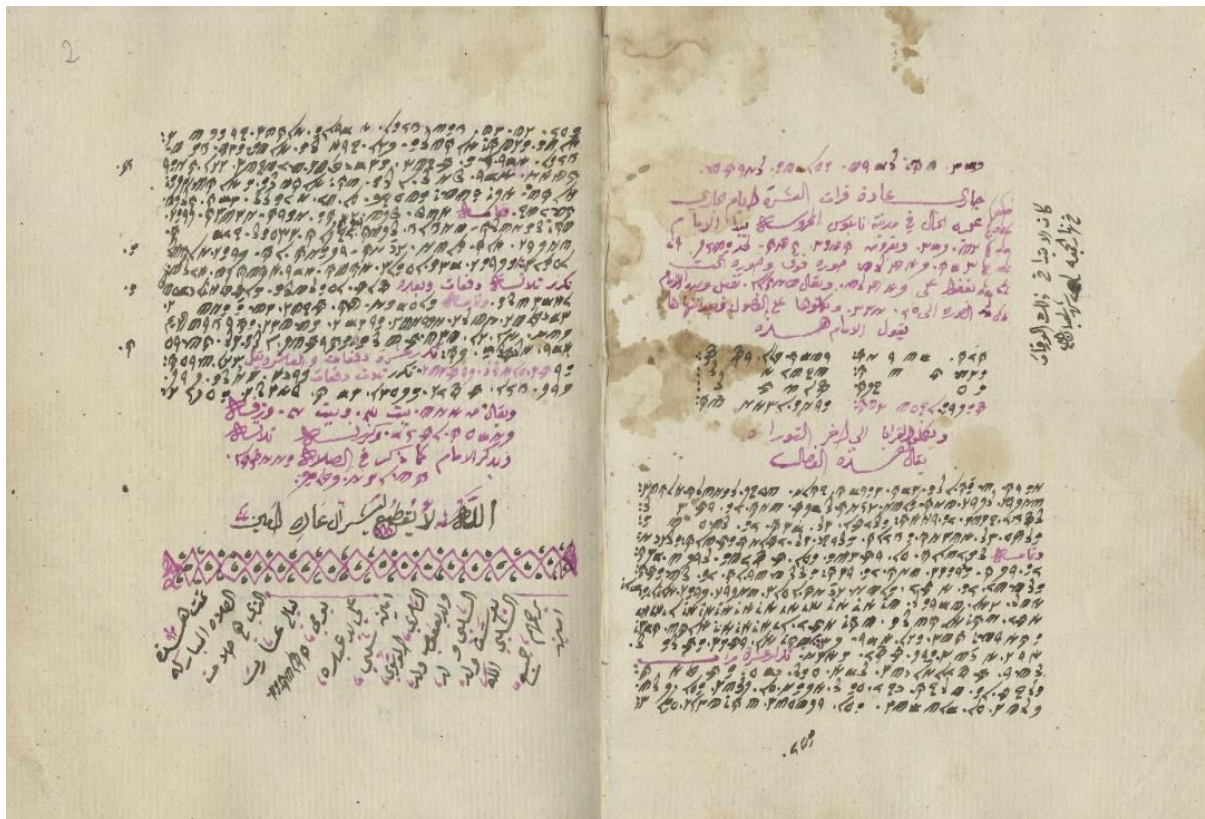
Auction 059 Items from the Victor (Avigdor) Klagsbald Collection: Early Printed Books, Manuscripts, Glosses and Autographs by Leading Rabbinic Figures

By Kedem

Contact Auction House 8 Ramban St, Jerusalem., Israel

Tuesday, Jul 15, **LOT 85:**

Manuscript, Samaritan Machzor for Selichot – Eretz Israel, 1871



Manuscript, Samaritan Commentary on Bereshit – Nablus (Mount Gerizim), Ca. 1859/1860

A handwriting, a Samaritan interpretation of Genesis. Nablus (Mount Grizi), 1859/1860. Arabic and a little Samaritan Hebrew.

An interpretation of Genesis, which was written by two different writers: his first part is connected by Masalm Ben -Dark Danger (from the beginning of the verse "and Yehuda sent him to Joseph"); The second part was connected by Abrahai Ben Yaakov, who completed the handwriting from the above verse to the end of Genesis.

Notes, repairs and deletions.

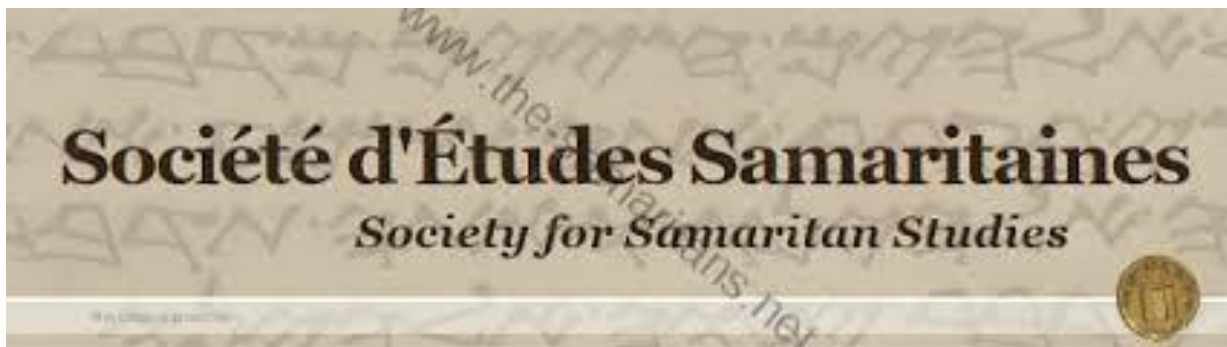
According to the collaboration, the connection was completed in 1276 Hijara.

[272] Page (late in pencil, disrupted). 21 cm in approximation. Good-medium-sized condition. Stains, including moisture stains. Wrinkles. Light rips in some of the pages, some are restored, with light injury in the text. Lightweight lipsticks, with minimal injury in the text. Number of disconnected pamphlets. New pool.

<https://il.bidspirit.com/ui/lotPage/kedem/source/search/auction/62290/lot/174232/Manuscript-Samaritan-Machzor-for?lang=en>

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### 11th Congress of the Société d'Études Samaritaines

#### Call for Papers

11th Congress of the Société d'Études Samaritaines Call for Papers,

Hamburg, 21-25 July 2025.

[https://www.academia.edu/127484675/11th Congress of the Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9\\_d\\_%C3%89tudes Samaritaines Call for Papers?email\\_work\\_card=title](https://www.academia.edu/127484675/11th_Congress_of_the_Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9_d_%C3%89tudes_Samaritaines_Call_for_Papers?email_work_card=title)

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Coming Talk

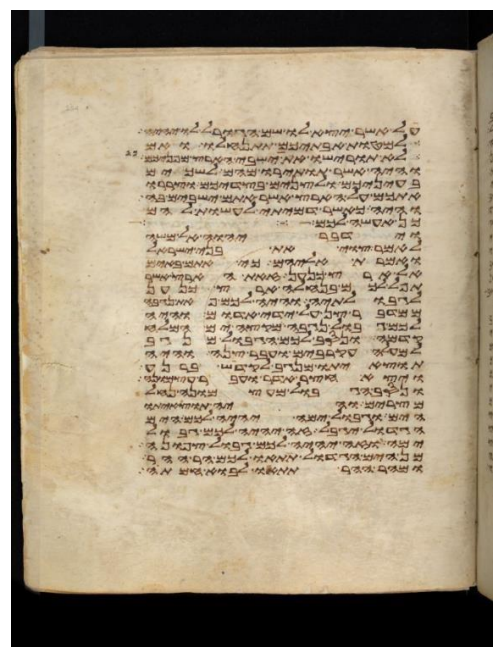
The Samaritan Pentateuch and Samaritan Hebrew Manuscript Culture
Chester Beatty: 18 February 2026 - 6:00pm

Professor Stefan Schorch, Professor of Biblical Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem FREE Talk: Location of this talk is to be confirmed. No booking required for onsite talk, please register for online viewing via [Zoom HERE](#).

About the Speaker:

Prof Stefan Schorch is Professor of Hebrew Bible at Martin Luther University Halle–Wittenberg, Faculty of Theology, since 2009, and Director of the Research Institute for Hebrew Studies at Leucorea Foundation, Wittenberg. He currently serves as Professor of Biblical Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research interests include Hebrew Bible, Jewish literature of the Hellenistic and Roman period, and the literary heritage of the Samaritans.

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The Front Page of the Magazine:

**"AB - The Samaritan News"** - no. 1388-1389 of the year

2023 in its 54th year

3.5.2023-152 pages

Bi-Weekly Magazine - 25 issues a year

First appeared in December 1, 1969

The Editors: The Brothers Benyamim and Yefet

Tsedaka,

Holon, Israel and Mount Gerizim, Samaria

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So many great
memories!



<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=7arRPEUgNRA>

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## Nir Sasoni Video Posts

The Samaritan community Bringing in a Torah book Eran Altif

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWscf3B5KLM>

**The Samaritan community Liel and Maor Banquet - son-in-law verse; 19 8 24**

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

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Samaritan Cookbook

<https://www.1sem.org/>

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**Online: Israelite Samaritan Torah By [Tsedaka, Yisrael ben Gamliel](#)**

<https://archive.org/details/IsraeliteSamaritanTorah/mode/2up>

**Table of the weekly Parashot (Portions of the week)**

[The-samaritans.net](http://The-samaritans.net)

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Books online

Samaritan liturgy. Publication date 1850

https://archive.org/details/lewis_o_150/page/n5/mode/2up

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Do you Want Photos of Mount Gerizim?

Contact Tomer Altef.

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

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Samaritan Museum

Priest Hosny Wasif, the director of the Samaritan Museum, gives an introductory lecture on the history of the Samaritans and their origins, to a number of visitors who came today to enjoy a cultural and educational tour. June 2, 2024.

Also visit the website of The Samaritan Museum <https://samaritanmuseum.com/>

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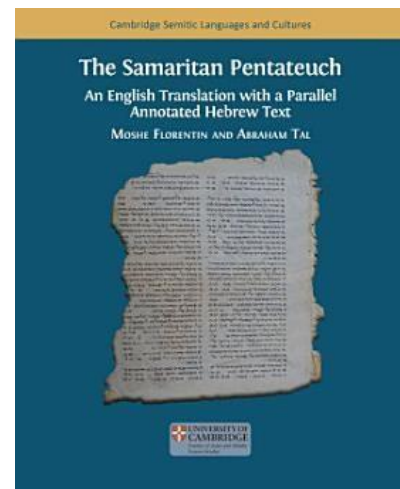
### Publications

#### **The Samaritan Pentateuch: An English Translation with a Parallel Annotated Hebrew Text**

**Moshe Florentin · Abraham Tal**

Jan 2025 · Open Book Publishers

1124 Pages



<https://www.openbookpublishers.com/books/10.11647/obp.0415>

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Series: [Elements in Religion in Late Antiquity](#)

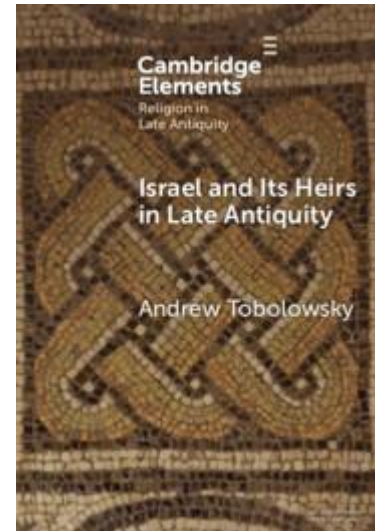
Israel and its Heirs in Late Antiquity

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 08 April 2025

[Andrew Tobolowsky](#)

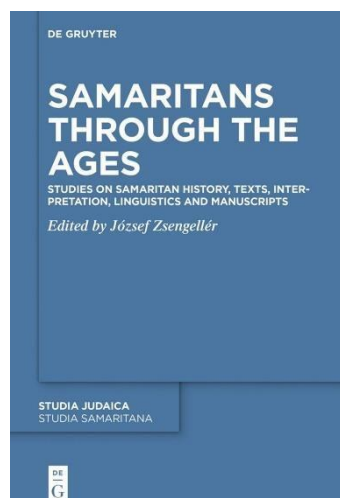
Summary

This Element explores constructions of Israelite identity among Jewish, Samaritan Israelites, and Christian authors in Late Antiquity, especially early Late Antiquity. It identifies three major strategies for claiming an Israelite identity between these three groups: a 'biological' strategy, a 'biology plus' strategy, and an 'abiological' strategy, referring to the difference between Jewish claims to Israel premised on exclusive biological descent, Samaritan Israelite acknowledgments of shared descent, and the 'Verus Israel' tradition in Christianity, which disavows the importance of descent. Using this framework, it makes various general conclusions about the construction of ethnic identity itself, including the inadequacy of treating descent claims as the sine qua non of ethnicity and role played in any given vision of ethnic identity by the individual creativity of a given author.



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## Samaritans Through the Ages



### Studies on Samaritan History, Texts, Interpretation, Linguistics and Manuscripts

Edited by: József Zsengellér

Volume 14 in the series [Studia Samaritana](#)

### About this book

The volume contains the edited papers presented at the 10th international conference of the Société d'Études Samaritaines held in Budapest in 2022. It is dedicated to the famous Hungarian rabbi and scholar Samuel Kohn (1841–1920) whose relevance in Samaritan studies was commemorated by Abraham Tal.

The articles discuss the most recent questions of Samaritan research in five different fields. Historical topics and Samaritan synagogue mosaics are investigated by Ingrid Hjelm, Innocent Himbaza and Reinhard Pummer. Greek inscriptions and Aramaic documents are

studied by Magnar Kartveit, Andreas Lehnardt, and József Zsengellér. Arabic Torah interpretations, and historical documents are dealt with by Jasper Bernhofer, Leonhard Becker and Daniel Boušek. Analyses of Samaritan Hebrew and Aramaic linguistic issues and of Samaritan translation techniques are presented by Moshe Florentin, Christian Stadel, Nehemia Gordon, David Hammidovič, Patrick Pouchelle and Phil Reid. Studies on Samaritan manuscript writings and collections are presented by Evelyn Burkhardt, Stefan Schorch, Mariia Boichun and Golda Akhiezer.

Leading scholars and young new colleagues enrich the various fields of Samaritan studies with new findings, insights and implications.

<https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783111435732/html?lang=en>

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Who Really Wrote the Bible, The Story of the Scribes

by **William M. Schniedewind**

See chapter 11, Working with the Samaritans. William mentions Scholar **Gary Knoppers**.

Schniedewind, William M.. *Who Really Wrote the Bible: The Story of the Scribes*, Princeton:

Princeton University Press, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9780691233666>

The Formation of Biblical Texts : Chronicling the Legacy of Gary N. Knoppers

2024 - Mohr Siebeck

<https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/book/the-formation-of-biblical-texts-9783161627569/>

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Samaritans and Jews in History and Tradition

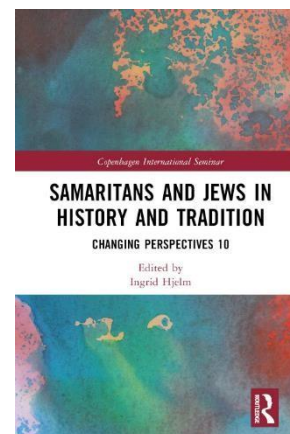
Changing Perspectives 10 By **Ingrid Hjeltn**

First Published 2024

ABSTRACT

This volume presents an anthology of 19 seminal studies, some for the first time in English, which explore the history and tradition of the ancient relationship between Samaritans and Jews.

The book is arranged into three parts: Methods, Traditions, and History; Samaritan and Jewish Pentateuchs; and Studies in Bible and Tradition, each of which is chronologically ordered. It represents a collection of the author's previous publications on the relationship between Samaritans and Jews, expanding and supplementing the conclusions of her published books. Recent archaeological developments on Mount Gerizim have demonstrated that our paradigms for writing the ancient histories of the kingdoms and provinces of Samaria and Judah in the Iron II,



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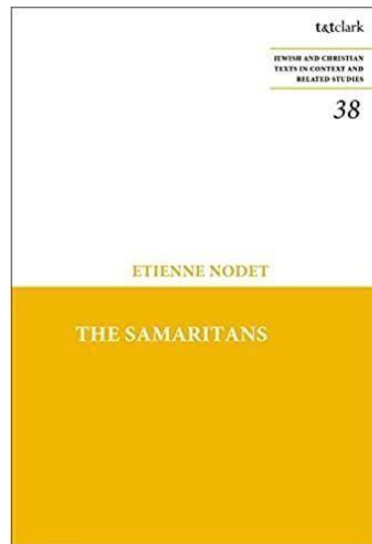
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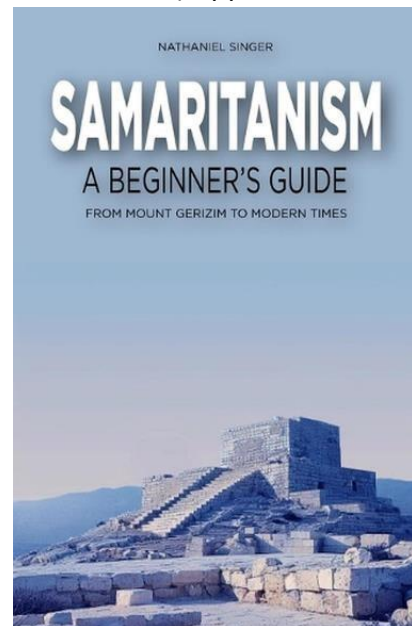
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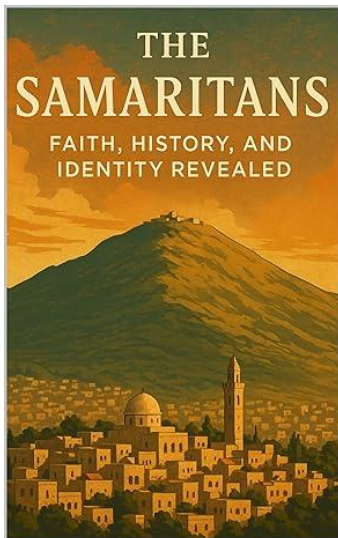
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