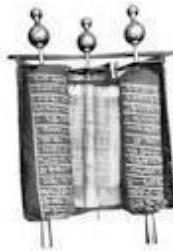




The Samaritan Update
"Mount Gerizim,
All the Days of Our Lives"



November/December 2025

Vol. XXV - No 2

In This Issue

Damaged fence

Haseeb Book

Auction Results

January Auction

Publications

Biblio

[Your link to the Samaritan Update Index](#)

January 2024, the Samaritan Community number about 900.

Future Events

3664 is a leap year of 13 months

The Tenth Month December 19, 2025 Friday evening

The Eleventh Month January 18, 2026 Sunday evening

The Twelfth Month February 16, 2026 Monday evening

The Thirteenth Month March 18, 2025 Wednesday evening

The First Month April 16. 2026 Thursday evening

Passover Sacrifice 3664 April 30, 2026 Thursday evening

3664 is the number of year since the Israelites entered the land of Canaan

~~~~~

**Damaged Fencing**

Land owned by the Samaritan sect in Ras Al Ain neighborhood, used 200 years ago as a cemetery belonging to the Samaritan sect

When we saw a pass and pass attempts of the piece, we started building a fence yesterday, but unfortunately some people did damage to the work by looking at it

This matter is a continuation of previous attempts to prevent us from using another parallel piece, and unfortunately the one who participates in this crime is the Nablus Municipal Council for at least 10 years, we do not know what the hidden goals behind it. No one will be able to take us by force or pluck us from our properties.

Everyone shouts the slogans of brotherhood, equality and respect for others, but at grandfather's place you can't find anyone

Committee of the Samaritan Community



---

**The Treasure of Samaritan Folk Tales**  
**Translated by Haseeb Shehadeh**

This book consists of one hundred and ninety-two short stories in Arabic, almost all of which are taken from Samaritan oral folklore. Required remarks and clarifications are added in footnotes (over three hundred) or in parentheses. This book is particularly intended for Arab readers, who usually know very little about the Samaritans, who number today eight hundred and eighty souls and live on Mount Gerizim in the city of Nablus and in the city of Holon, south of Tel Aviv.

The first part of these stories, translated from Modern Hebrew into Modern Standard Arabic, were published a decade ago in periodicals such as *A. B. -The Samaritan News* and electronic sites like *Samaritan Update*. The lion's share of these stories, or anecdotes, was either narrated to Benyamim Tsedaka (b. 1944) or recorded or written down in the Arabic dialect of Nablus. Benyamim Tsedaka rendered the Arabic material into Hebrew, revised the Hebrew stories, and

published them. It goes without saying that publishing these stories in their original languages, namely Palestinian Nabulsi Arabic and Modern Hebrew, will serve as significant linguistic data for research.

The stories are characterised by such features as the presence of an invisible wish, supernatural motives, puns, pedantry, repetition, the presence of three heroes, and direct discourse between the characters. In such a traditional genre we find at the end of the story a solution that favours the Samaritans. The Samaritans' power, represented as a rule by a Cohen (a Samaritan priest), nullifies the effects of sorcery and witchcraft performed by others. Sometimes the mythical motif is mixed with reality. At the core of most of these stories lies the shrewdness of the Samaritan in getting out of predicaments and difficulties.

The events of the vast majority of the stories, told by more than fifty people, range from the beginning of the nineteenth century to the present day. This included the period of the high priests, starting with Salāma Ghazāl Ishāq (1798-1855) and continuing down to the current high priest, ˓Abdullāh Wāṣif Tawfīq, consecrated in 2013. These stories are presented in the present book according to the date of their publication in *A. B. -The Samaritan News*.

The first twenty-one stories are found in their Hebrew original in the book:

The twenty-second story revolves around the famous hermit Mariam, the daughter of the high priest ˓Imrān. It is quoted from a manuscript of the well-known history book of the 14<sup>th</sup> century Samaritan chronicler Abu Al-Fatḥ al-Sāmiriyy, a source which I have at my disposal.

The story was written in Middle Arabic. The stories that carry the numbers 23 to 128, were published in Hebrew in the issues of *A. B. -The Samaritan News*. I translated them into MSA and published them, as mentioned above. They can be found via search engines by giving the title of the story and the name of the translator, Haseeb Shehadeh. On the other hand the last stories 129-192 were rendered into Arabic by me at the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023.

After mentioning the title, the name of the storyteller in Arabic is indicated, followed by his Hebrew equivalent, some brief information about him, the issue of *A. B. -The Samaritan News*, the date of its publication, and the relevant page numbers. Finally, I refer the reader to a recently published three-volume work entitled:

It should be noted that there are three texts included in my book that, though not among the stories, are closely related to their contents. They are numbers 42, 87, and 109, written by the editors of *A. B. -The Samaritan News*, Binyamim Tsedaka and his brother Yefet.

I hope Samaritan Folk Tales will be a core text to be followed by another, comprising an Arabic translation of the remaining number of similarly interesting Samaritan folk stories.

In numerous places I have added vocalization marks in order to facilitate reading for those who are not specialists in standard Arabic grammar; as is well known, there are many readers of this kind. I hope that this volume will serve as the nucleus of a subsequent work that will contain an Arabic translation of the remaining Samaritan folktales.

Following this introduction, the four chapters are presented followed by 192 stories:

- a) The Pillars of the Samaritan Faith.
- b) The Characteristics of Samaritan Israelite Identity.
- c) The Samaritan Periodical *A.B.–Samaritan News*.
- d) On Samaritan Personal Names.

[\*\*See full Article here\*\*](#)

---

### **Drawing of the Moshe and Kheli's residence from the 19th century.**

In the hands of an Israeli artist - keep it safe.

By: **Benim Charity**

A DRAWING OF MOSES TABERNACLE AND ITS INSRUMENTS FROM THE 19TH CENTURY  
FROM SHECHEM

BY: BENYAMIM TSEDAKA

The auction company "Kedem" in Jerusalem offered a 19th-century painting of the abode

and its family, by the artist Shamari, probably the "G" Yaakov Ben Aharon [1916-1840), for a starting price of \$6000. The painting is part of the private collection of one of the yeasts in Hargarzim.

He handed over to the company "before" dozens of individual pages or groups of pages, from his large collection. So far, only a few items have been purchased from the collection. The "Kedem" company continued to present the painting at auctions and over the Internet pages.

It is not clear how "preferably" determined the starting price. "Before" the crime to write the entire collection to the catalog. The catalog includes a full description of each item, at the end of each additional description an estimate of the price of each item. According to the author's estimate, the price of the painting is significantly lower than the stated amount. But it is the right of the auction company to present each item at



any price you find appropriate - and if you find a buyer for it - won, also won the original collectors.

Many paintings of the abode and tools by Samaria artists have been carried out for centuries. They have been sold to visitors and guests of the community for generations. Continuing this art to this day.

The sources of the paintings are the structure of the abode and its contents embroidered on the 16th-century man cave located in the Great Synagogue on the Hargarzim. There is a bag for a Torah book made of gold and copper, on it is filled with the pictures of the Tabernacle and its contents.

In the Jewish Museum in New York there is a second bag, even from the 16th century. These three items inspired the paintings of the abode and its tools. In the nineties of the twentieth century, the brothers Yitzhak, an object and opened Beni Marahiv Ben Shelah from the Hargarzim donated a bag of Torah book with drawings of the instruments, to the synagogue in the Hargarazim, engraved on it in small sizes.

As said, there are quite a few paintings of the instruments by Israeli artists who are yeast, more colorful and less colorful. The most spectacular in its colorfulness and precision is a painting found in the Valmadena Collection in London. Another beautiful painting in the collection of Girton College, Cambridge.

All the paintings reflect the way of thinking of the Israeli Shrine tradition regarding the shape of the abode and its properties.

In the frame around the planks of the courtyard columns of the abode are painted. North - 10; South - 10; East - 20; West - 20 60 for a grand total.

Within the inner frame in yellow, there is a frame in red at the top of the painting, a frame in red and blue that separates the holly and the holiest of holies and the excess parts of the dwelling.

In the upper part - the Temple of the Saints - are located from right to left: Moshe headquarters, the two cherubim above the Ark of the Testimony and Aharon headquarters. Below them in yellow it is written: Shamsi of the Holy Tabernacle, Friday, Becky, Azi = The Three Great Priests [after Elazar, Phinchas, Abisha] the last before the demolition of the Tabernacle, which occurred during the days of the Azi's tenure. Metot Moshe and Aharon predicted according to the writing on Metot Aharon: "And brought out a flower, and a booze will sprout and germinate almonds".

In the lower part of the sacred frame, they were drawn from right to left: Petah Ahl Moed, the altar of the locust, the altar of N[h]sheth, the lamp, under the lamp on the left, drug incense tool. All these tools are allowed to touch only for Benny Aharon. The rest of the tools are allowed to touch also to the Levi clan members.

In the lower half of the large frame rows up, from right to left: Aharon clothes [in yellow] - the vest; Aharon clothes under the vest, the sink.

At the bottom of the frame in red and brown, from right to left: tools used in sacrifice, spoons, forks, trumpets. In the middle: the altar rose, ["heavy" cups].

Surprisingly that the painting doesn't include the shalah, the kaprat, the perekat, the sheets, the sheets of goats and more.

Back in the day charity

The painting is attached

~~~~~

Sotheby's Important Judaica

Two Leaves from a Samaritan Pentateuch

Eastern Mediterranean (likely Nablus/Shechem), 11th–12th century. Lot 60

Live auction: December 17, 10:00 AM EST

Estimate: 30,000 - 50,000 USD **Sold for \$25,000**

Description: **A rare early survival of a Samaritan Bible.**

An ancient Israelite people historically centered on Mount Gerizim near Shechem (Nablus), the origins of the Samaritans are shrouded in obscurity. According to the Samaritans, they descend from the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Modern scholars disagree as to their exact origins and the precise period when Samaritanism and Judaism diverged, but during the Second Temple period a deep enmity developed between Jews and Samaritans as each claimed to continue the authentic tradition of biblical religion. Like Jews, the Samaritans have preserved their own version of the Bible, largely limited to the text of the Pentateuch. The Samaritan Pentateuch is traditionally written in the Samaritan alphabet (a descendant of Paleo-Hebrew) and preserves a version of the Pentateuch that in many places aligns with the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Jewish text) and with versions found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, making it central to Pentateuchal textual criticism. However, it also contains a number of significant differences, especially on points relating to Samaritan origins and worship. Most notably, the Samaritan text includes among the Ten Commandments the imperative to build an altar on Mount Gerizim.



The two folios represented here contain the text corresponding to Num. 33:23–35:7, recounting the stages of the Israelites' journey through the wilderness, the boundaries of the Land of Canaan, and the designation of Levitical cities (including cities of refuge). Over the centuries, Western travelers to Nablus occasionally obtained, by gift or purchase, individual leaves from the Samaritan High Priest or community. In this case, the extremely rare leaves were purchased by the American abolitionist and Congregational minister William Weston Patton (1821–1889), who later served as president of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Patton played a notable role in the antislavery movement in the United States, helping to organize and present the 1862 Chicago memorial urging President Abraham Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, one of the most influential expressions of Northern civic and moral pressure in the months before the decree.

Physical Description

Single bifolium (276 x 220 mm); black ink on parchment; in Samaritan majuscule (mujallas) book hand, unvocalized, as customary; single column; clear word-spacing and paragraphing typical of medieval Samaritan book hand; close comparanda include Cambridge UL Add. 1846 (early 12th century), widely regarded as among the earliest

extant Samaritan Pentateuch codices. Text: Leaf I: Num. 33:23–33:46 (r) and 33:47–34:3 (v). Leaf II: Num. 34:4–34:18 (r) and 34:19–mid-35:7 (v).

Provenance

William W. Patton, who purchased the bifolium on November 15, 1866, in Nablus (ink inscription); later given to the Chicago Theological Seminary (ink stamp); Current owner.

Literature

Alan D. Crown, *Samaritan Scribes and Manuscripts* (Tübingen, 2001)

Moshe Florentin and Abraham Tal, *The Samaritan Pentateuch: An English Translation with a Parallel Annotated Hebrew Text* (Cambridge, 2024).

Reinhard Pummer, *The Samaritans: A Profile* (Grand Rapids, MI, 2016).

Emanuel Tov, “Proto-Samaritan Texts and the Samaritan Pentateuch” in Allan D. Crown ed. *The Samaritans* (Tübingen, 1989), 397–407.

<https://www.sothbys.com/en/buy/auction/2025/important-judaica-2/two-leaves-from-a-samaritan-pentateuch>

~~~~~

**Auction 105 : Books | Letters and Manuscripts | Esther Scrolls and Jewish Ceremonial Art**

### Upcoming Auctions

By Kedem

Contact Auction House

Tuesday, Jan 27, 10:00

~~~~~

LOT 197:

Samaritan Manuscript – Kitab al-Tabbakh – Samaritan Halachic Work – Shechem, 1885

Description:

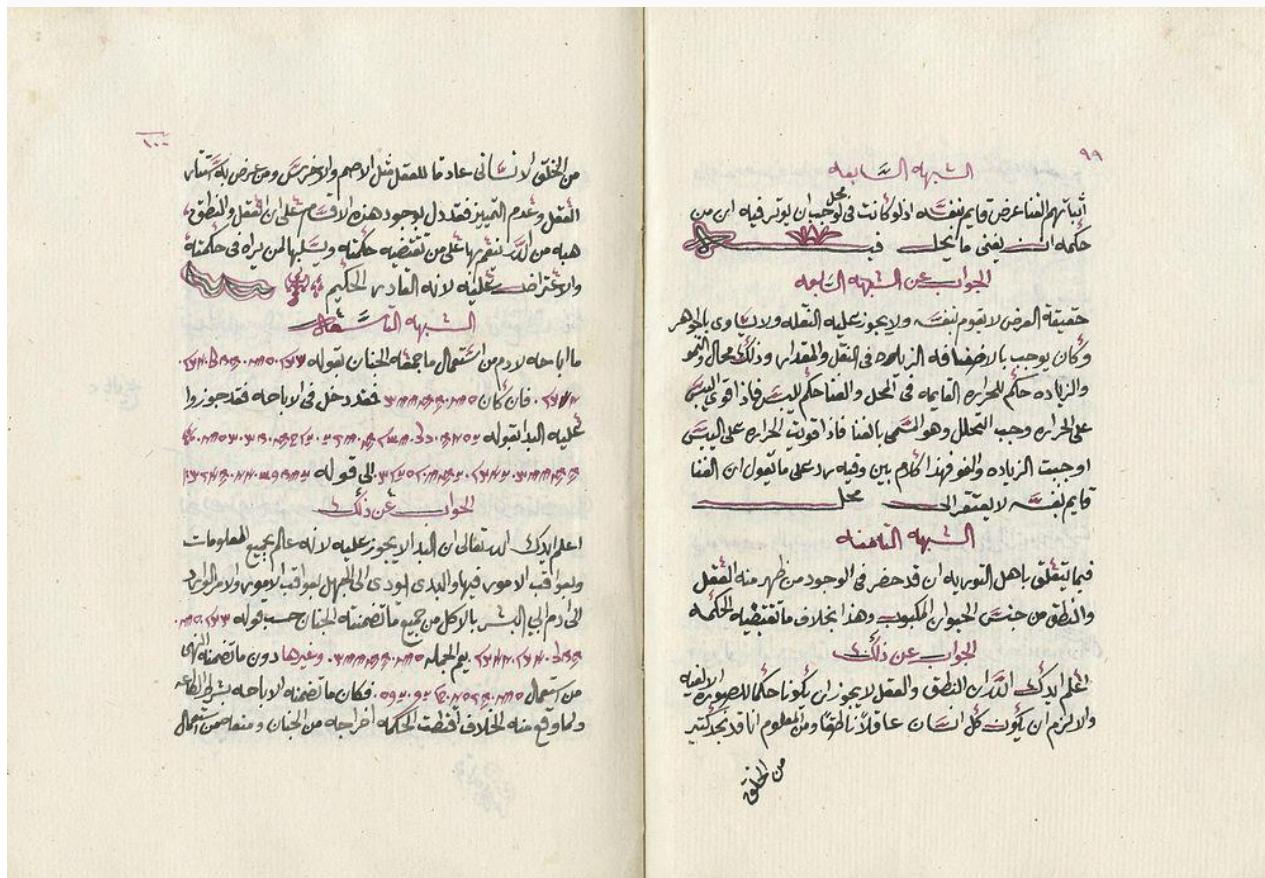
Samaritan Manuscript – Kitab al-Tabbakh – Samaritan Halachic Work – Shechem, 1885

Manuscript, Kitab al-Tabbakh – halachic work by Ab Hisda (Abu al-Hasan) of Tyre. Shechem, 1885. Arabic, with some Hebrew (in Samaritan script). Black and purple ink on paper.

Kitab al-Tabbakh is a work by 11th-century Samaritan scholar Ab Hisda of Tyre concerning kosher shechitah and other halachic topics. It also includes a detailed commentary of the Song of the Sea and various polemical writings.

The manuscript was produced by copyist Yaakov ben Yishmael ben Avraham ben Yishmael ben Avraham HaDanafi, with a colophon dated 1885.

[142] leaves. 22 cm. High-quality paper. Most leaves in good condition. Stains. Marginal tears to several leaves. Several leaves and gatherings detached. New fabric binding.



Start price: \$500

[Link](#)

~~~~~

LOT 198:

Samaritan Manuscript – Commentary on Shemot, Samaritan Version – Shechem, 1892

Start price: \$500 [Link](#)

Description:

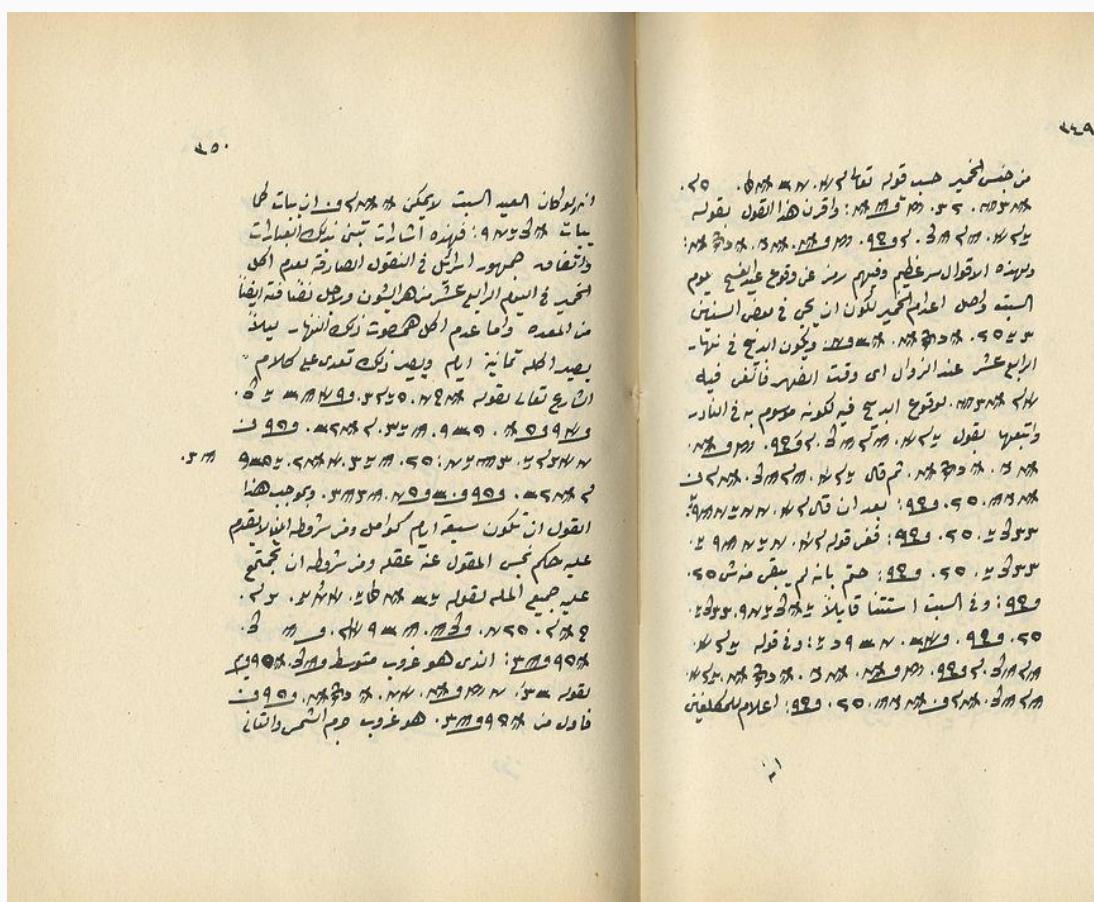
**Samaritan Manuscript – Commentary on Shemot, Samaritan Version – Shechem, 1892**

Manuscript, commentary on the Book of Shemot in the Samaritan version. Shechem, 1892. Arabic, with some Hebrew (in Samaritan script). Black ink on paper.

Manuscript produced by copyist Gamliel son of Ab Sikwa son of Shlomo son of Ab Sikwa HaDanafi.

Colophon on last leaf dated 1892.

[346] leaves. 25.5 cm. Overall good condition. Stains. Light wear. Small marginal tears to several leaves. Last gathering detached. New fabric binding (with stains).



Description:

**Samaritan Manuscript – Commentary on Shemot, Samaritan Version – Shechem, 1892**

Manuscript, commentary on the Book of Shemot in the Samaritan version. Shechem, 1892. Arabic, with some Hebrew (in Samaritan script). Black ink on paper.

Manuscript produced by copyist Gamliel son of Ab Sikwa son of Shlomo son of Ab Sikwa HaDanafi.

Colophon on last leaf dated 1892.

*[346] leaves. 25.5 cm. Overall good condition. Stains. Light wear. Small marginal tears to several leaves. Last gathering detached. New fabric binding (with stains).*

Start price: \$500

[Link](#)

~~~~~

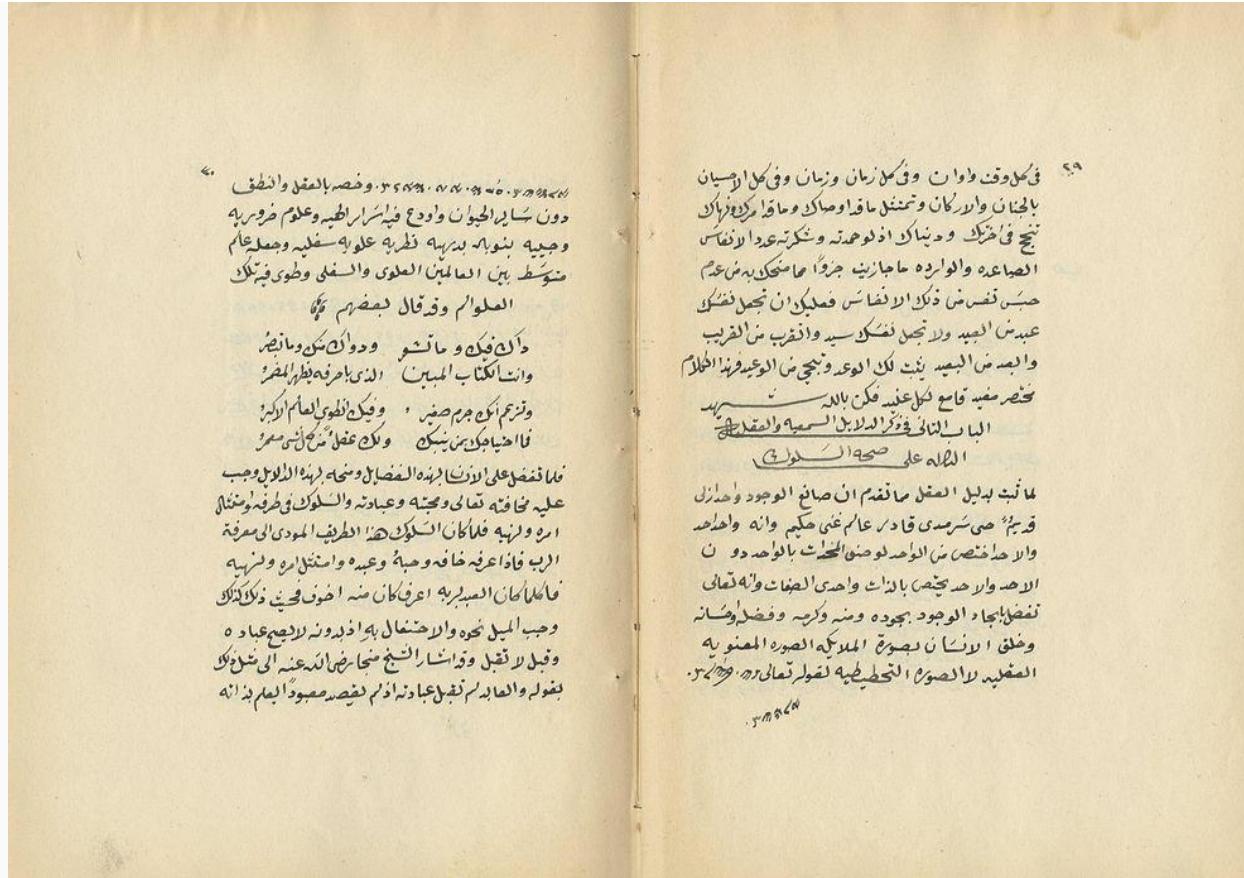
LOT 199:

Samaritan Manuscript – Work on the Mitzvot – Shechem, 1908

Manuscript, Samaritan work on the mitzvot of the Torah. Shechem, 1908. Arabic and Hebrew (in Samaritan script). Black ink on paper.

The manuscript was produced by Uzi son of Yaakov (he may also be the author).

[80] leaves. 25.5 cm. Fair condition. Stains. Marginal tears and open tears to some leaves. Detached leaves and gatherings. New binding, with defects.



Start price: \$500

[Link](#)

~~~~~

٦٩  
في ملوك وادان وفي ملوك زمان وربان وفي كل ارجستان  
بابل واركان وتنشل ساقه اوصالك وحافة مركبة اراك  
نج في اراك ودينارك اذ لو حمدته وشكراً عزه ارجفاس  
الصهازه والواروه حاجزت جزءاً ما سكبه من عدم  
حسب نفس من ذكر ارجفاس فعلمك ان تحمل نفسك  
عبد العصبه ودر نجك سيد وذقيب من اقرب  
والبعض البعيه يثت لكن الموعده ونجي من الوعي فربما اخلاء  
تحضر مفسي قائم على عينك فكن بالله  
الباب الثاني في ذكر ارجيل السمية والفقنه  
الثالث على صحة ارجيل

لما ثبت بدل المثل ما تقدم ان صانع الوجود واخزل  
قديم صي سرمدي قادر عالم على مكبه وانه واخذه  
والرا حدا خصص من الرا واحد لوضعى الحثت بالواحد وان  
الرا ورا حدا يخص بالذات واحد لاصفات وانه تعالى  
لخصن باجاه الوجود بجهوده وضمه وارجه وغضنه وشان  
وخلق ارجستان بصورة المدللة الصورة المعنوية  
المعنوية لاصحه الخطيه لقوله تعالى ورا حدا

٦٩٦٩

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

Subscribe:

<https://www.israelitesamaritans.com/samaritannewspaper/>

And visit <https://www.israelite-samaritans.com/>

~~~~~



Nir Sasoni Video Posts

Keep up with his videos <https://www.youtube.com/@nirsasoni8570/videos>

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>

~~~~~



*Samaritan Cookbook*  
<https://www.1sem.org/>

~~~~~

ספר תורה זיגוטלי
כתב: ישראל בן נגלי אל צדקה



ערץ את הספר הדיגוטלי ונד העלה
תשומונייה בעיר חולון



בci הקולג עיריית חולון

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](#)

~~~~~

### Books online

**Samaritan liturgy.** Publication date 1850

[https://archive.org/details/lewis\\_o\\_150](https://archive.org/details/lewis_o_150)/page/n5(mode/2up

~~~~~

Do you Want Photos of Mount Gerizim?

Contact Tomer Altef.

Phone 0526511989

Email: tomer_altef@hotmail.com

Instagram. [Tomer_altef_photography](#)

~~~~~

Visit [The-Samaritans.net](#)

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

Visit the Facebook page of Samaritan restaurants & bar

<https://www.facebook.com/Samaritanrestaurants-bar-226015214117547/>

© tomer Altef  
Studio





## Samaritan Museum المتحف السامری

### DISCOVER THE TREASURES OF THE SAMARITANS

An ancient history, heritage and customs

Welcome,  
Dear Visitors  
  
Daily except Saturday

CONTACT US  
MANAGER HUSNEY COHEN  
+970 597 404 940  
+972 523 545 006



#### *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.

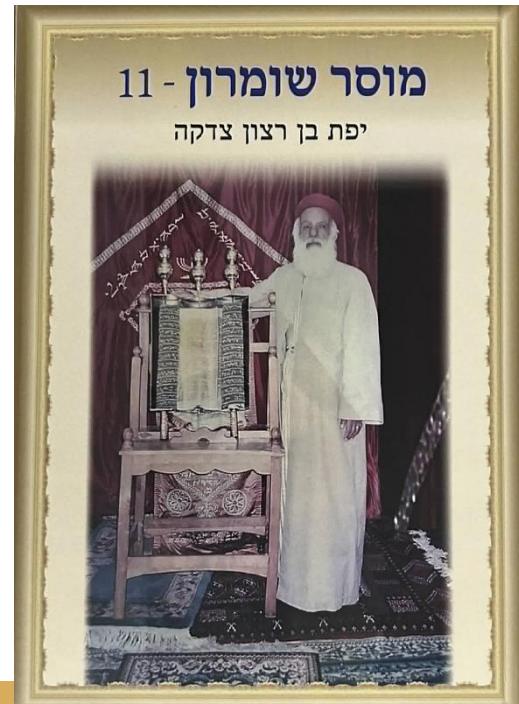
Also visit the website of The Samaritan Museum <https://samaritanmuseum.com/>



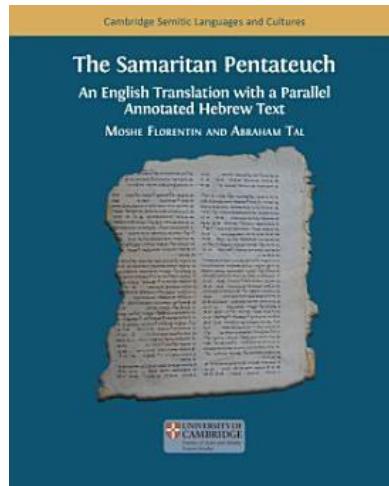
## Publications

Yefet Benzon Charities  
Series: Morals of Samaria - 11

The 11th volume in the series "The Morals of Samaria" is dedicated to the High Priest Joseph Ben Av-Hasda [1998-1919]. In which a selection of sayings by themes by the author.



**The Samaritan  
Pentateuch:  
Parallel  
Moshe**  
Jan 2025 ·  
1124 Pages

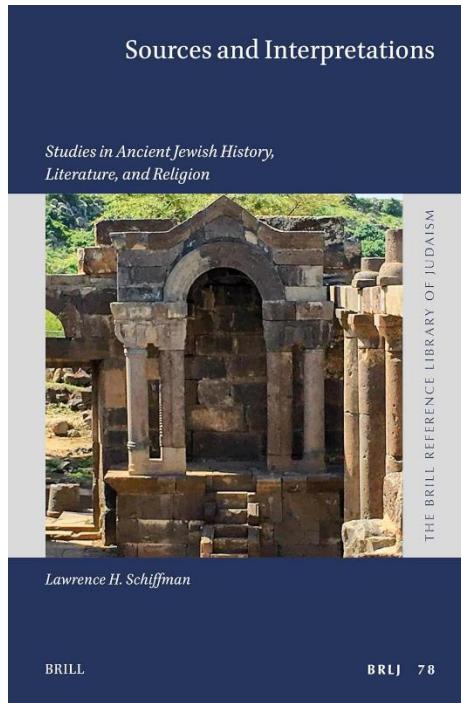


**An English Translation with a  
Annotated Hebrew Text**  
**Florentin · Abraham Tal**  
Open Book Publishers

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

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

[Sources and Interpretations: Studies in Ancient Jewish History, Literature ...](#)



By **Lawrence H. Schiffman**

Publisher : Brill Academic Pub

Publication date : June 26, 2025

Language : English

Print length : 1008 pages

ISBN-10 : 9004715711

ISBN-13 : 978-9004715714

Item Weight : 4.5 pounds

Dimensions : 6.2 x 2.2 x 9.6 inches

This volume brings together over fifty of Schiffman's Studies on Ancient Judaism that have helped to shape this emerging field. Topics include the Bible in Jewish tradition, Jewish history, thought, law and liturgy, Judean Desert texts, and Judaism and Christianity. Includes in chapter 20, The Samaritans in

Amoraic Halakhah.

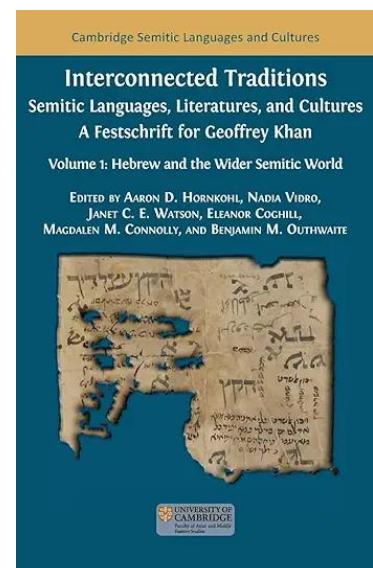
~~~~~

[Interconnected Traditions: Volume 1: Hebrew and the Wider Semitic World \(Semitic Languages and Cultures\)](#) Hardcover – March 7, 2025

by [Aaron D Hornkohl](#) (Editor), [Magdalen M Connolly](#) (Editor), [Nadia Vidro](#) (Editor)

- Publisher : Open Book Publishers
- Publication date : March 7, 2025
- Language : English
- Print length : 962 pages
- ISBN-10 : 1805115774
- ISBN-13 : 978-1805115779
- Item Weight : 3.33 pounds
- Dimensions : 6.14 x 2 x 9.21 inches

**See page 385-402, The Vocabulary of the Samaritan Pentateuch: A General Overview by Moshe Florentin**



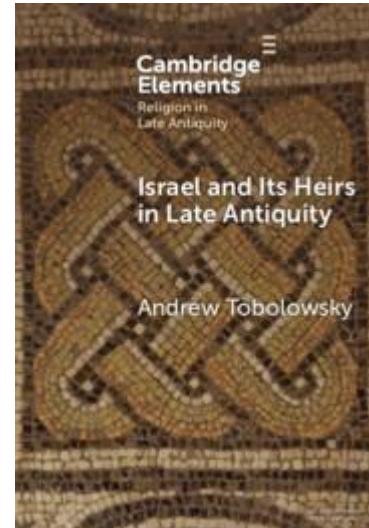
### **Israel and its Heirs in Late Antiquity**

Published online by Cambridge University Press: **08 April 2025**

[Andrew Tobolowsky](#)

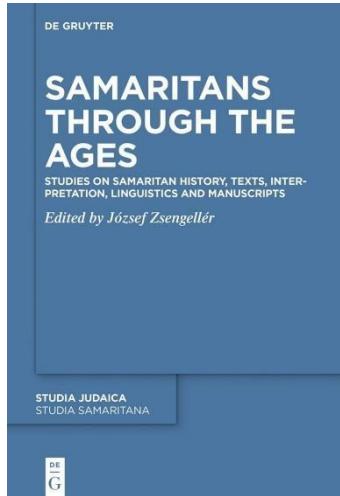
#### **Summary**

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.



---

#### **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 Lehnhardt, 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>

~~~~~

Samaritanism: A Beginner's Guide: From Mount Gerizim to Modern Times by Nathaniel Singer

Unlock the secrets of an ancient faith with Samaritanism: A Beginner's Guide: From Mount Gerizim to Modern Times.

This captivating guide invites you into the world of the Samaritans, a community rich in history, tradition, and resilience. Discover the fascinating roots of the Samaritans, a people whose heritage is intertwined with the ancient Israelites. Learn about their unique beliefs, sacred texts, and the paramount significance of Mount Gerizim, the epicenter of their spiritual world. Immerse yourself in the pivotal moments that have shaped Samaritan history. From the Assyrian conquest to the transformative influence of Alexander the Great and the enduring conflicts with the Judeans, this book brings history to life with vivid detail. Experience the vibrant traditions that define Samaritan

worship. Step into their world through detailed descriptions of rituals, prayers, and festivals that have been carefully preserved across millennia. Feel the connection between past and present as you explore their rich cultural heritage. Understand the modern challenges and remarkable resilience of the Samaritan community. Learn about their lives in Holon and Kiryat Luza, and discover how they balance the preservation of ancient traditions with the demands of contemporary life. Explore their efforts in cultural preservation, education, and community-building.

- Engage with Ancient Roots
- Unveil Historical Milestones
- Experience Vibrant Traditions
- Understand Modern Challenges and Resilience

Whether you are a scholar, a student of religious studies, or simply a curious reader, *Samaritanism: A Beginner's Guide* offers an in-depth and engaging exploration of this unique community. Don't miss the opportunity to delve into the heart of Samaritanism and enrich your understanding of their enduring legacy. Purchase your copy today and embark on a journey through the remarkable history and culture of the Samaritans.

FORMAT Paperback

PUBLICATION DATE

2024-07-30

[Ebay link](#) [cheaper at Amazon](#)

~~~~~

The Samaritans: Faith, History, and Identity Revealed Kindle Edition

by [Marut S.](#) (Author) Format: Kindle Edition

Discover the Untold Story of the Samaritans — An Ancient People, Their Faith, and

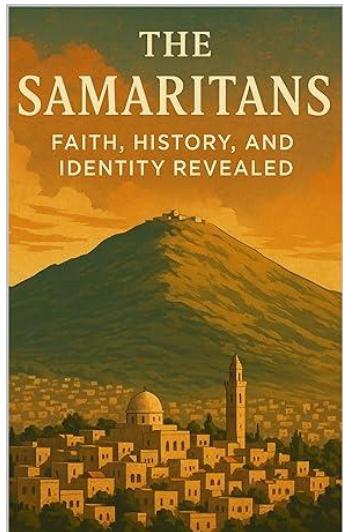
Enduring Legacy

by [Marut S.](#)

Who are the Samaritans? For centuries, this small yet resilient community has preserved a unique religious identity—distinct from Judaism and Christianity—rooted in ancient Israelite tradition. *The Samaritans: Faith, History, and Identity Revealed* offers the first accessible, scholarly yet engaging exploration of their remarkable journey through millennia.

[Amazon Link](#)

~~~~~



Har Bracha Tahini

Jan 21, 2024 announcement of NEW PRODUCTS

We are happy to announce 4 new products of Har Bracha flour

Tahini, Falafel, Chocolate and Amba. All pressure packed and ready to eat



<https://www.bayyari.com/har/>

The same taste in a different look Har Bracha in a new and improved look.

A few places to buy Samaritan made Har Bracha Tahini

[Makolet online](#) [Amazon At Kosher Central](#) [Ebay Super Kacker Kroger](#)

[On Line Food Store Moses and Co. Nuts and More](#)

See an online video by Atah Cohen of the Har Bracha Tahini on [Youtube](#)

See process in action at [FACEBOOK](#)

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

<http://nymag.com/strategist/article/best-tahini-according-to-experts.html>

~~~~~



## Videos

### **Abood Cohen**

#### [Tel Balata, Shechem \(Nablus\): A City That Shaped History](#)

Shechem — known today as Nablus — is one of the oldest and most significant cities in the ancient world, yet few truly understand its depth, power, and meaning.

In this episode, I sit down with archaeologist Christopher Eames to explore Tel Balata, the ancient site of Shechem, located between Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal. Together, we walk through monumental Bronze Age ruins, cyclopean city walls, massive gates, standing stones, and a mysterious tower-temple that once dominated the landscape nearly 4,000 years ago.

We discuss:

Why Shechem appears in Egyptian execration texts

What archaeology tells us about Canaanite city-states

The city's connection to Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and the Book of Judges

The destruction of the temple of Baal-berith and the story of Abimelech

How archaeology intersects with Samaritan, Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions

Why Shechem became a spiritual and political center for generations

What still lies unearthened beneath the soil — including possible archives and inscriptions

As a Samaritan guide, I also share how Shechem and Mount Gerizim are understood from within a living tradition, offering a perspective rarely heard in mainstream historical discussions.

~~~~~

Biblio

Dusek, Jan

[2025, Minting Coins and Making Payments in Persian Period Samaria](#)

~~~~~

The Samaritan Update is open to any articles that are relative to Samaritan Studies.

Submit your work to [The Editor](#)

[TheSamaritanUpdate.com](#)

© Copyright 2026 All Rights Reserved