



JEWISH COMMUNITY OF RHODES
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
16 – 23 JULY 2024

Tuesday July 16th 2024

15.00: Cooking demonstration with Sibel Pinto, chef and author of “ The Evolution of the Sephardic Cuisine in Turkey: Five Hundred Years of Survival”

Location: ANKO Cooking School, G. Seferi 78-80, Midia Shopping Center, Rhodes

18.30: Tour of the Jewish quarter with Isaac Habib

Location: Kahal Shalom Synagogue

21.00 Screening of “Behind These Walls, Journey to the Past,” narrated by Isaac Habib

Location: RODON Open air theatre

Wednesday July 17th 2024

Day of Commemorative Workshops

Each talk will last about 45 minutes and followed by 30 minutes for Q&A and general discussion from the floor.

Location: Museum of Modern Greek Art, Plateia Gavriil Charitou, Municipality of Rhodes

09.30: Welcome

09.45: Introduction from Anthony McElligott: “Families, Cultures and Communities: Rhodes and Kos”

10.15 : “The Ladino Legacies of the Rhodeslis” with Dr. Devin E. Naar, The Isaac Alhadeff Professor in Sephardic Studies and Associate Professor at the Stroum Center for Jewish Studies and Department of History, University of Washington

11.30: Coffee Break

12.00: “The Afterlives of Objects: Finding Meaning (and Magic) in Sephardic Family Treasures” with Dr. Hannah Pressman, Director of Education and Engagement at the HUC-JIR Jewish Language Project

13.15: Lunch Break

14.00: “History of Sephardic Songs” with Maria Papavassilopoulou, Ethnomusicologist and PhD candidate in Sephardic Music

15.15: Closing Remarks

21.00 Screening of the documentary “Samuel Modiano, The Mission: From Rhodes To Auschwitz “, Production: Ciné Chevalier, Stamatiou Foundation.

Introduction by Anastasios Karababas, historian and author “In the footsteps of the Jews of Greece, from Ancient Times to the Present Day” and “La Shoah, l’obsession de l’antisémitisme depuis le XIXe siècle”.

Location: RODON Open air theatre

Thursday July 18th 2024

10.00: Lecture on the Rhodes Rabbinic Tradition with Rabbi David Benchlouch from the Congregation Ezra Bessaroth in Seattle and Rabbi Benjamin Owen, Head of School at the Seattle Hebrew Academy

Location: Kahal Shalom Synagogue

10.00: Cooking demonstration with Sibel Pinto

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19.00: Inauguration of the renovated Jewish Museum of Rhodes with Aron Hasson, Founder of the Rhodes Jewish Historical Foundation, in conversation with Professor Anthony McElligott, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Limerick, author of the upcoming book, “The Last Transport: The Holocaust in the Eastern Aegean”

Friday July 19th 2024

11.00: Memorial Prayer Service

Location: Jewish Cemetery, Rhodes-Kallithea Avenue

20.00: Erev Shabbat Service followed by dinner at the Casino Rodos

Location: Kahal Shalom Synagogue

Saturday July 20th 2024

10.00: Shabbat Morning Service

Location: Kahal Shalom Synagogue

Sunday July 21st 2024

11.00: Official Memorial Ceremony for the Holocaust victims of Rhodes and Kos

Location: Kahal Shalom Synagogue

12.00: Wreath-laying Ceremony

Location: Holocaust Memorial Site, Jewish Martyrs Square

21.00: “Unknown Musical Treasures of Greek Jewish Traditional Songs,” a concert by Pellegrinaggio Al Levante Ensemble

Location: Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes

Monday, July 22nd 2024

8.00: Ferry to Kos Island

11.00: Memorial Prayer Service at the Jewish Cemetery of Kos

12.00: Memorial Service Visit at the Holy Synagogue of Kos

13.00: Unveiling of Memorial Plaque at the Local County Government on Akti Miaouli 2