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NOVEMBER 5-7, 2017

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For the 27th year, the Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies hosts its annual conference. A secular organization, SCJS is dedicated to the study of the history of the descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews converted to Christianity during the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisition. Dispersed around the world, their survival as a culture and rediscovery of their heritage inspires scholars, historians, genealogists and descendants. Maybe it's your heritage too!

The 2017 conference runs November 5-7. Events include outstanding academic and personal presentations, panels, and live entertainment held at the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMJAH) and at Mikveh Israel, the historic Spanish and Portuguese synagogue. This year's theme — "The Crypto Jewish Experience in the Americas."

Our Keynoters

RONNIE PERELIS, PhD

Dr. Perelis, the Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Abraham and Jelena (Rachel) Alcalay Chair and Associate Professor of Sephardic Studies at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University, is a scholar of medieval and early modern Jewish history. He writes and lectures about the Inquisition, crypto-Judaism, and Sephardic culture. His book, *Narratives from the Sephardic Atlantic: Blood and Faith*, explores family via three crypto-Jewish autobiographies in the early modern Atlantic world.



DAVID GITLITZ, PhD

Anthropologist, professor and author, Dr. Gitlitz will present "The First Practicing Crypto-Jewish Family in Mexico."



Unique Cultural Fare

Featuring stimulating discussions, inspiring performances, and unique artistry from the broad Sephardic heritage. Plus a screening of the newly-released film, "Challah Rising in the Desert: The Jews of New Mexico" by Paula Amar Schwartz.

The Society welcomes all interested participants (SCJS membership optional.)

See You
Nov. 5-7!