

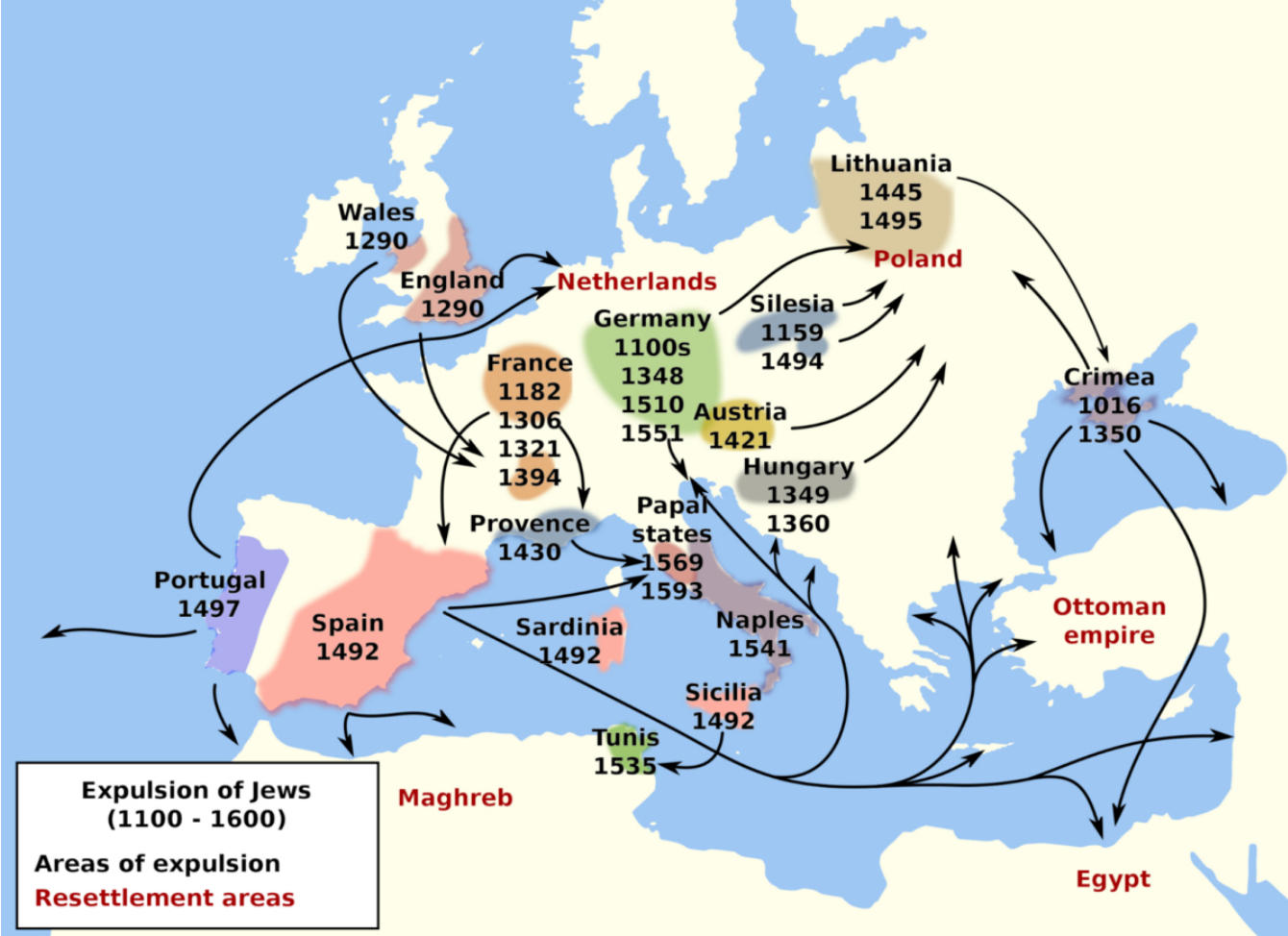
These are the Notes for episode 18 – “Sephardic Jews in Romania”, of the “History of the Romanian Jews” podcast.

At the beginning of the episode, you’ve listen to medieval Sephardic music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xt4OPSW7ejQ&list=PL40D253AB3E778010>



Barcelona Haggadah. Spain 14th century. London. British Library. Londres. British Library. Or. ms 2884, folio 17 v. *L'Art Juif. Arts et métiers graphiques*. Genève 1975.

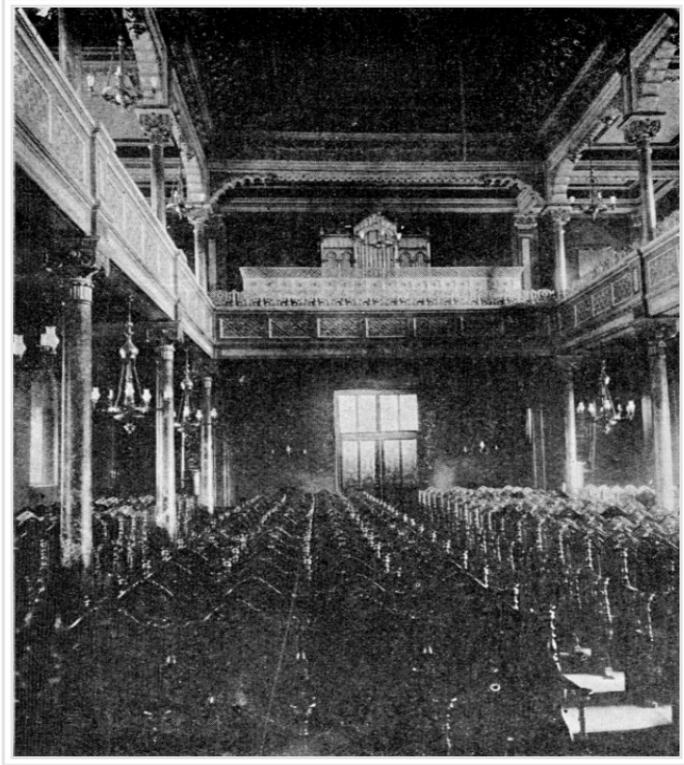


Cahal Grande Sephardic Synagogue Bucharest 1904



Great Spanish Temple, Bucharest, looking toward the bimah, 1904.





Great Spanish Temple, looking toward the organ, 1904.

The 1904 photos of Bucharest Grand Spanish Temple (Romanian: *Templul Mare Spaniol*), also known as the Cahal Grande, which was completed in 1818, devastated by the far-right Legionaries in 1941 (see photo below), rebuilt after the war, and demolished in 1985. The building is believed to have been "one of the most beautiful Jewish buildings in Bucharest".

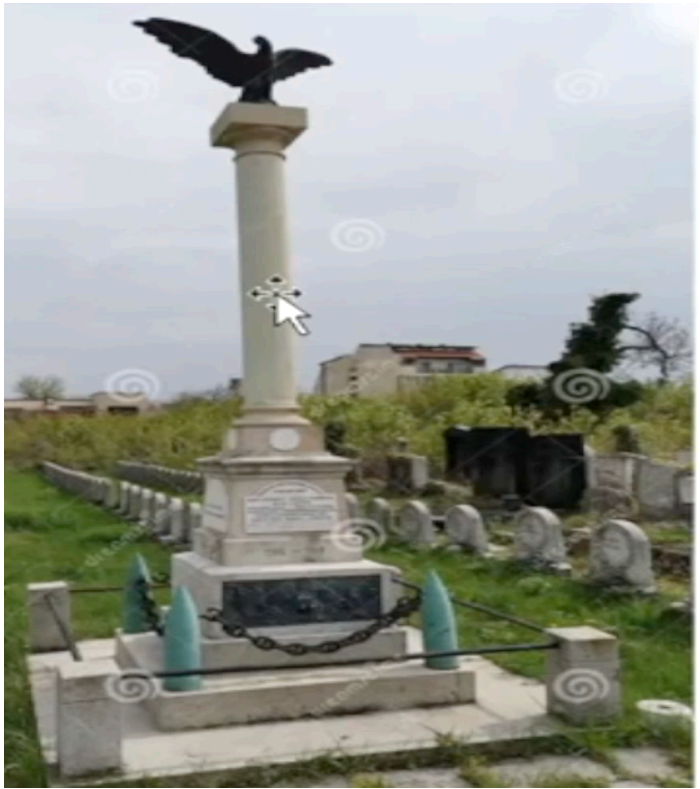




### The Spanish-Jewish Primary School for Boys.

It was previously known simply as the Talmud Torah, which is what the sign over the door says. By 1904, this and the girls' school were prestigious private elementary schools whose students attended free of charge, thanks to funding from the Halfon family foundation.





Bucharest Sephardic Cemetery



1905 Sephardic temple in Constanta was designed by the Austrian architect Adolf Lintz in the Catalan Gothic style and decorated by painter Moritz Finkelstein. It was completed in 1905. The synagogue was heavily damaged during World War II when it was used as an ammunition warehouse, later further damaged by an earthquake in 1977, and was demolished in 1989.



A Judeo-Spanish family in the Ottoman Empire, early 20th century.



Sephardic Jew in the Ottoman Empire



### Total population

2,200,000

up to 16% of world Jewish population

### Regions with significant populations

 Israel	1.4 million
 France	300,000–400,000
 United States	200,000–300,000
 Argentina	50,000
 Spain	40,000
 Canada	31,000
 Turkey	26,000
 Italy	24,930
 Mexico	15,000
 United Kingdom	8,000
 Panama	8,000
 Colombia	7,000
 Morocco	6,000
 Greece	6,000
 Tunisia	2,000
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,000
 Bulgaria	2,000
 Cuba	1,500
 Serbia	1,000
 Netherlands	600
 Macedonia	200

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