

Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews in America

The Jewish Role in American Life

**An Annual Review of the Casden Institute for the
Study of the Jewish Role in American Life**

Volume 13

Steven J. Ross, *Editor*
Saba Soomekh, *Guest Editor*
Lisa Ansell, *Associate Editor*

Published by the Purdue University Press for
the USC Casden Institute for the Study of the
Jewish Role in American Life

Contents

FOREWORD	vii
EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION	ix
<i>Saba Soomekh, Guest Editor</i>	
<i>Saba Soomekh</i>	1
The Maurice Amado Foundation: Promoting Sephardic and Jewish Cultural Heritage in America—An Interview with Elaine Lindheim and Sam Tarica	
<i>Molly FitzMorris</i>	11
Language Mixing in Seattle Ladino: Influence or Interference?	
<i>Bryan Kirschen</i>	25
Diglossic Distribution among Judeo-Spanish-Speaking Sephardim in the United States	
<i>Joyce Zonana</i>	53
"And she loved brown people": Jacqueline Shohet Kahanoff's Affirmation of Arab Jewish Identity in <i>Jacob's Ladder</i>	
<i>Devin E. Naar</i>	75
"Sephardim since Birth": Reconfiguring Jewish Identity in America	
<i>Aviva Ben-Ur</i>	105
Diasporic Reunions: Sephardi/Ashkenazi Tensions in Historical Perspective	
<i>David Suissa</i>	125
Negotiating Exile: An Arab Jew in America	
<i>Gina Nahai</i>	131
Becoming American	
<i>Shulamit Nazarian</i>	141
Iranian Jewish Art Today: What Cultural Legacy Are We Handing Down?	
<i>Rabbi Daniel Bouskila</i>	165
The Classic Sephardic Spirit	
ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS	177
ABOUT THE USC CASDEN INSTITUTE	181