



Events 2013/2014

- November 7, 2013: 9 am **Preserving the Iraqi Jewish Archive website launches**
www.ija.archives.gov; as more items are catalogued and digitized they will be added to the web site.
- November 8, 2013 **Discovery and Recovery: Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage Exhibit Opens to the Public**, O'Brien Gallery
- November 21, 2013: 12 pm **Film Series**, William G. McGowan Theater, Archives I
*Featuring a unique collection of archival images, home movies, and family photographs from Iraq, **Baghdad Twist** (2007; 33 minutes) pulls back the curtain on Iraq's once thriving Jewish community. In **Baklava and the Meaning of Life** (1999; 23 minutes), Iraqi-born sculptor Helene Simon discusses her life and her famous baklava.*
- December 3, 2013: 12 pm **Orit Bashkin, New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq**, William McGowan Theater, Archives I
Although Iraqi Jews saw themselves as Iraqi patriots, their community—which had existed in Iraq for more than 2,500 years—was displaced following the establishment of the state of Israel. New Babylonians, by historian Orit Bashkin, chronicles the lives of these Jews, their urban Arab culture, and their hopes for a democratic nation-state. It studies their ideas about Judaism, Islam, secularism, modernity, and reform, focusing on Iraqi Jews who internalized narratives of Arab and Iraqi nationalisms and on those who turned to communism in the 1940s.
- December 5, 2013: 7 pm **Discovery and Recovery: Eyewitness Accounts**
William McGowan Theater, Archives I
Director of Preservation Programs Doris Hamburg and Conservation Chief Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler from the National Archives; Maurice Shohet, Secretary of the World Organization of Jews from Iraq; and William D. Cavness, Jr., retired Foreign Service Officer, will chronicle the dramatic story behind the exhibit and discuss the historic significance of the items saved. Larry Abramson, National Security Correspondent for NPR, will moderate the discussion.
- December 17, 2013: 11 am **Preservation Symposium—Preserving the Iraqi Jewish Archive**

Talks by Iraqi Jewish Archive Preservation Project Team for the preservation community on conservation, imaging, managing and planning the Iraqi Jewish Archive project

January 5, 2014

Discovery and Recovery: Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage Exhibit closes at the National Archives, O'Brien Gallery

June 1, 2014

All Iraqi Jewish Archive entries are now online