

## VENUES

### 1- NEVE SHALOM CULTURAL CENTER

The Hebrew equivalent of the word synagogue, borrowed from ancient Greek, is “Beit ha- Kneset”, or “House of Gathering”. The search for a venue in which to hold not only religious celebrations, but various cultural and social activities as well, led to the establishment of the Neve Shalom Cultural Center, located in the lower floor of the synagogue.

*11:30 - 12:30 Ersin Alok: Lecture & Slide Show about the Star Of David in Anatolia*

*14:00 - 15:00 Mesut Ilgim: A panel about German scientists who escaped the Nazi regime in 1933 and their contribution to Turkish University Reform.*

*11:00 – 17:00 Sabrina Fresko: Sculpture Exhibition*

*11:00 – 17:00 Eti Bahar: Sculpture Exhibition*

*11:00 – 17:00 Beti Cenudioğlu: Sculpture Exhibition*

### 1A- NEVE SHALOM SYNAGOGUE



With the increase of the Jewish population in the Galata area (today encompassed by the Beyoğlu district) in the late 1930's, the need for a new synagogue arose. Thus, the centrally-located and largest Sephardic synagogue in Istanbul was inaugurated on March 25, 1951. Open for services, especially on Shabbat, Neve Shalom, which means “The Oasis of Peace,” can host a large number of people for religious ceremonies such as weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, circumcisions and funerals.

*17:00 -18:00 Representation of a Wedding Ceremony*

### 2- THE ITALIAN SYNAGOGUE

The Italian Synagogue, also known as Kal de los Frankos, was established by the Italian-Jewish community of Istanbul in the 1800's. In 1931 the original building was demolished and a new synagogue was built in its place. The existing building is an architectural masterpiece, with its marble stairs and Gothic façade. Open only for Shabbat morning prayers, it can be visited on weekday mornings as well.



*11.00-11.45 Sepharadic Synagogue Hymns Choir. Concert Choir Leader: Cako Taragano*

*12:30-13:30 Cem Mansur- Cihad Aşkın: Musical Dialogues: A musical search for Jewish identity and its expression in the Diaspora Presented by Robert Schild*

### 3-THE ASHKENAZI SYNAGOGUE

Founded by Jews of Austrian origin in 1900, it is the only currently active Ashkenazi synagogue in Istanbul open to visits and worship. It is also the last remaining synagogue, out of a total of three that were built by Ashkenazi Jews in Istanbul. The European-style façade, the wooden sanctuary where the Sefer Toras are placed (Ehal Hakodesh) and the altar are masterpieces to be seen. The synagogue holds weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and other religious ceremonies in the Ashkenazi tradition.



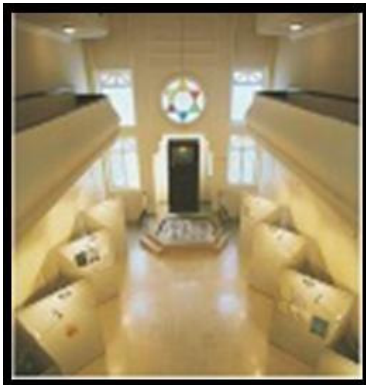
*11.30-12.00 Renan Koen: "Bridges" Piano Recital*

*12.00-12.30 Renan Koen & Linet Şaul: (Accompanied by Güç Başar Gülle) Concert "From My Grandma's Song-Book" vocalised by Linet Şaul*

*12:30-13:00 Linet Şaul (Accompanied by Albert-Alper-Tracy D.Aziz) Popular Sephardic Song Concert Performed by an Opera Singer*

*15:45-16:45 Klez-Mez Band: E. Bora Gürel, Özlem Gürel, Sumru Ağıryürüyen, Yuri Ryadchenko Klezmer Music Performance*

### 4- SCHNEIDERTEMPEL ART CENTER



Transformed into a cultural art center in 1998, the building was originally inaugurated on September 8, 1894 by the Union of Ashkenazi Tailors under the name of "Tofre Begadim". The re-inauguration of the Schneidertempel Art Center took place in May of 1999, with an international cartoon exhibition entitled "Faiths Towards a New Millenium". It has been home to many cultural activities regularly since then.

*11:00- 17:00 Bubi: Painting Exhibition can be visited all day until the 14<sup>th</sup> of September .*

*14:00-15:00 Maftirim Choir Concert. Concert Choir Leader: Menahem Eskenazi*

### 5- THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF TURKEY

**(FORMERLY ZULFARIS SYNAGOGUE)**

The Jewish Museum of Turkey was established in 1992 by the 500.Yıl Vakfı (Quincentennial Foundation) in the former Zulfaris Synagogue (Kal Kadosh Galata,) situated in the Karakoy district. There is evidence that this synagogue existed as far back as 1671. It remained in service until around 1985, when Jews living the area moved to other neighborhoods. At this point it was assigned to the Quincentennial Foundation, which restored the building. The Jewish Museum of Turkey was inaugurated in November 2001, made possible by the generous support of the Kamhi Family, the valuable contributions of Mr. Jak Kamhi and thanks to the vision and dedication of Mr. Naim Avigdor Gülerüz.



*11:00-17:00 "Aron Angel: Glimpses of His Life" Photo Exhibition Curator:Naim A.Gülerüz*

## 6- THE OTTOMAN BANK MUSEUM



The Ottoman Bank Museum, located in the former head office of the Ottoman Bank on Voyvoda Street, operates under the auspices of Garanti Bank, sponsored Ottoman Bank Archive and Research Center. The museum, organized in and around the bank's safe room, draws on a wealth of information from the bank's archive to narrate the history of this institution, which operated as the central bank, bank of issue, and treasurer of the Ottoman Empire. Apart from the history of the institution itself, the objects and documents displayed in the museum aim to provide a series of insights into the fascinating world of the late Ottoman and early Republican period. Based on a combination of chronological and thematic approaches, the museum thus examines the main phases of the evolution of the bank, while at the same time offering glimpses into the social, economic, and political environment of the time through bank branches, customer files, market operations and personnel profiles.

*14:30-15:30 Angelika Akbar: Piano Recital*

## 7- GALATA SQUARE

The European Day of Jewish Culture is being organized one more time in Istanbul, at a historical Jewish location, the Galata area, which was a major residential neighborhood for Turkish Jews in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

*From 19:30 Fast Meal For Ramadan*

## 8- CASA D'ITALIA

The Casa D'Italia building can be traced back to October 25, 1823 when it housed the Sardinia Kingdom's Consulate. In 1865, after the unification of Italy, architect Alessandro Bresci renovated the building. The historical building in Pera housed the Italian Consulate until 1919 and has been used as the Italian Cultural Center, called Casa D'Italia, since 1951. The Italian Trade Association and Circolo Roma, the most important Italian club in Istanbul, also operated under the same roof. The building was renovated in 1930 and 1932, preserving its Art-Deco style. With a capacity of 300 people and an excellent acoustic system, Casa D'Italia is one of Istanbul's best theatre venues.

*15:30-16:30 Tuluyhan Uğurlu: Concert- Istanbul, A World Capital  
(With the participation of Cako Taragano & Sephardic Synagogue Hymns Choir)*

*17:00-17:30 Karmiel Dance Group: Coreography by Verda Hason Dance Performance*

*18:00-18:15 Lale Roche: Performance about Schindler's List*

*18:15-19:15 Ensemble Yinon Mualllem: (Accompanied by Sumru Ağiryürüyen, Serdar Pazarcıoğlu, Savaş Özkök, Ekrem Şentürk) Concert*



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