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*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN*

As the Chief Rabbi of the Jews of Turkey, I would like to recommend the project, "Sephardi Taste", a Sephardic food tasting event organized by "Jew'els of Spain". The event is going to share the history and legacy of our ancestors with the world; namely the heritage of the Sephardic Jews expelled from Spain in 1492, a heritage that has been kept alive from the Ottoman time till today in Turkey.

The Turkish Jews are fully integrated into these lands and contributed to their development in many different areas for more than 500 years while trying to preserve the Sephardic culture such as language, traditions and also Sephardic food as an essential part of this legacy.

As Sephardic Jewish citizens of Turkey, we believe in the importance of keeping our Sephardic heritage alive and make it known worldwide since it'll also reflect the positive approach of our lands for centuries that enabled the coexistence of different cultures in peace. As the food is one of the main pillars of this heritage, events like " Sephardic Taste" will contribute to preserving our precious culture and history through the flavors of our cuisine.

Yours sincerely

*With my prayers*

Rav Isak Haleva

The Chief Rabbi of Turkey