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International Conference: Rabbi Eliyahu Benamozegh: Scholar, Thinker, Exegete, Philosopher

The Hebrew Year 5783 (2023) will mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Rabbi Eliyahu Benamozeg. He was a member of a Moroccan family who immigrated to Livorno, where he served as teacher, judge and preacher at the local Jewish Community for five decades. His literary legacy includes books on philosophical and moral questions, Jewish relationship with Christianity and Islam, a commentary on the Torah and many other writings on Kabbalah and theological subjects, in Hebrew, Italian and French.

These works not only display his breadth of knowledge and intellectual depth and versatility but also his capacity to inhabit varied fields of knowledge, based on a comprehensive general education in various fields.

Two hundred years after his birth we seek to mark his birth by examining these distinct elements of his works and activities with the aim of achieving a more rigorous and critical portrait and the impact of various elements of his thought, his practical achievements, and their impact. This is out of a desire to deepen what we know about Rabbi Eliyahu Benamozegh, whose legacy has not yet received the academic recognition it deserves.

Scholars are invited to submit proposals for 20-minute lectures on aspects of Eliyahu Benamozegh life, works, or legacy.

The conference is scheduled to take place at Bar-Ilan University on December 14, 2022 (20 Kislev 5782)

Please send proposals to tova.ganzel@biu.ac.il by August 21, 2022 (24 Elul, 5782)

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