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Light and Shadows
The Story of Iranian Jews

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Wall carpet with symbols of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Kashan, Iran, early 20th century. Woven silk. Ben Ephraim Family Collection, Tel Aviv
The Book of Esther and the Forging of a Persian Jewish Identity
Reproduction of Cyrus cylinder. Babylon, clay. Date of original: 559-530 BCE.
Original in the collection of the British Museum, London.
Reproduction of wall painting depicting an image from the Book of Esther in the Dura Europos Synagogue. Dura Europos (modern-day Syria). Original: 245 CE. Beit Hatfutsot Photo Archive.
Jewish pilgrims visit the tomb of Esther and Mordechai, Hamadan, Iran, 2008
Photograph by Hasan Sarbakhshian. Collection of the artist, USA
Tnu Shira, blessings recited before the reading of the Book of Esther. Iranian Kurdistan, 1864. Ink and gouache on paper.
Gross Family Collection, Tel Aviv
Life in the Mahale

The Jews of Mashhad

Eternal light (Ner Tamid). Mashhad, Iran, 1886.
Raised, engraved, cut and sawed copper, paper, adhesive.
Collection of Rohangiz Zaghirejad & family
Jewish marriage contract (*ketubah*) (left) and Muslim marriage agreement (right). Mashhad, 1853. Ink and gouache on paper. Owner: Matthew and Robert Mordecai, courtesy of Global Mashhadi Jewish Federation, New York
Above: Leaf necklace talisman. Iran, circa 1920. Silver. Gross Family Collection, Tel Aviv

Left: Amulet for protecting mothers and babies. Iran, first half of 20th century. Cut and engraved silver. Gross Family Collection, Tel Aviv
Ceremonies and Rituals
Torah case. Western Iran, 1861. Wood coated with metal, oil paint, cotton cloth. Gross Family Collection, Tel Aviv

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Torah finials, Yazd, 1933. Silver, ink and paint on paper, and glass. Collection of the Yazdi Tiferet Yerushalayim Synagogue, Jerusalem.
Torah finial. Yazd, Iran, 1966. Cut and engraved silver. Courtesy of the Yazdi Tiferet Yerushalayim Synagogue, Jerusalem
Torah finials. Central or western Iran, early 20th century. Cut and engraved silver. Gross Family Collection, Tel Aviv.
Kabalistic scroll amulet. Isfahan, late 19th century. Ink on paper. Private collection
Jewish marriage contract (*ketubah*). 
Golpayegan, Iran, 1838. Ink and paint on paper. 
Gross Family Collection, Tel Aviv
The Modern History of Iranian Jews
Iran and Zionism
Iranian Jews carrying Torah scrolls as they depart for Israel. Tehran, circa 1950

Photograph. Beit Hatfutsot Photo Archive
Chief Rabbi Yedidia Shofet (right) and his son Rabbi David Shofet (center) participating in the general demonstrations leading up to the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Tehran, 1979.

Hasan Sarbakhshian (b. 1968, Iran). February 22, 2008. Shiraz, Iran
Photograph. Collection of the artist

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