

**Ongoing Archival and Library Work at the
Nidhe Israel Synagogue and Museum in Bridgetown, Barbados**

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Description: This presentation will focus on archival work undertaken with the records of the Nidhe Israel Synagogue Restoration Project in Bridgetown, Barbados. Ms. Levi will provide a brief overview of the history of the Jewish community in Barbados and background information on the project's undertaking of restoring the synagogue and its adjacent area. She will discuss the digitization of these records and describe the thought processes and decisions that went into arranging, describing, and digitizing the collection. The possibility of establishing a library at the museum will be touched upon. Considerations will be shared, and the pros and cons of a physical library will be discussed. Comments and suggestions by the audience in the form of brainstorming will be appreciated.

Amalia S. Levi is currently the project archivist and curator at the Nidhe Israel Synagogue and Museum of the Jewish Community of Barbados. She is an independent scholar and freelance cultural heritage consultant. Amalia holds a Master's in Library Sciences and Archives, and an MA in History, with a focus in Jewish Studies; both from the University of Maryland, College Park. She also holds an MA in Museum Studies from Yıldız Technical University in Istanbul, Turkey. She completed her BA in Archaeology and History of Art in Athens, Greece. Amalia has worked in museums, developing exhibits and conducting archival research. She was the founding curator of the Jewish Museum of Turkey in Istanbul and is the co-editor of the book *Identity Palimpsests: Archiving Ethnicity in the U.S. and Canada*. She is interested in augmenting historical scholarship on diasporas and minorities through linking and enriching dispersed collections and also in the ways memory and identity are articulated and reified in archives, museums, and libraries.