

Sacred Treasure: The Cairo Genizah

Rabbi Mark Glickman

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3:00-4:30 PM

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In late 1896, Rabbi Solomon Schechter of Cambridge University stepped into the Genizah at the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo, Egypt, where he discovered a massive pile of hundreds-of-thousands of ancient and medieval Jewish manuscripts – the largest discovery of its kind ever made. Mark Glickman's recent book, *Sacred Treasure: The Cairo Genizah* is the first widely accessible account of this amazing discovery and its priceless contents. His multimedia presentation will share highlights of the Genizah story – how it was discovered, what it contained, and some fascinating new tools now used to preserve and study Genizah manuscripts. He will also share some reflections as to the modern-day significance of the Genizah and its story.

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