

# The Moroccan Jews : Contradictions Galore

Part 4 of the Oriental Jewish Communities

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In 1948, more than 260,000 Jews lived in Morocco, making it the Arab state with the largest Jewish population in the Near and Middle East. It has contributed the largest number of *olim* (Jewish immigrants to post-1948 Israel) from a Muslim majority country and from many aspects also presented the greatest challenge to the veteran and predominantly Ashkenazi society of the State of Israel (see New English Review [“Edot HaMizrah” Israel’s Oriental Jewish Communities](#))