

CASA SHALOM

Institute for Marrano (Anusim) Studies

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Dear Members & Friends,

This is our first newsletter, designed to bring you up-to-date with our recent activities.

May 2nd I addressed the Jewish Historical Soc. of England, Jerusalem Branch presenting a lecture with a great deal of recent new material on *The Hitherto Unknown Secret Jews of Ireland and Connections to Spain & Portugal*.

April-May. Articles in the Jerusalem Post on the Jews of the Balearic Islands plus the Jewish Background to Christopher Columbus. These produced feedback from many families of Anusim-Marranos from all over the world, including Huguenot links in Columbia, Germany, Spain, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Israel, N. & S. Ireland, many of whom wish to come to live in Israel. By making Casa Shalom membership, we are now helping so many of them regain their stolen Jewish Identity.

We recently had further news on the follow-up on 15th century scroll of Esther discovered in Ibiza, over thirty five years ago, will be commemorated in the opening of the Casa Colom. (House of Columbus) there this month, if I get enough support & hopefully manage to go and onto the Zamora Anusim Conference to address them at the end of July.

We have been chosen by one of the most prestigious Canadian Universities to supervise two months of M.A study on Anusim, from this July by one of their students, who will be we hope amongst our many promised Summer 2016 visitors.

We sadly having to record the passing just a few days ago of the greatly respected Ambassador and Casa Shalom Founder Board Member Mordechai Arbell Z"l. He gave years of wonderful service.

There is much excitement at the finding of what was previously thought a defunct Far Eastern Jewish group, their old photos, details of weddings and general way of life and increasing determination to reach Israel.

Finally, we wish to pay further tribute to Rabbi Wallis and the International **Arachim** outreach organization; all he has done to help Casa Shalom continue by donating the Jerusalem accommodation in the hope that others will assist to bear the financial support needed for day-to-day affairs and we in addition offer our sincerest congratulations on the publication of his biography "Incredible". It is indeed a fitting title for this book!

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