



**Kulanu Canada Presents**

## The Mystery of the Jews of San Nicandro

**This film by producer/director, Vanessa Dylun, is based on a book by Professor John Davis, about a group of Italian Roman Catholics in a small village, who underwent a mass conversion to Judaism in Fascist Italy, and who over a period of twenty years of observing Jewish practices, left Italy and emigrated to the new state of Israel in 1949.**

**In the making of the film the producer discovered a bigger story, that of the powerful revival of Judaism in Southern Italy. About ten years ago, Rabbi Barbara Aiello, Italy's first female Rabbi opened the first synagogue in Serrastreta, Italy in 500 years. She serves the new communities of Jewish presence in Calabria and Sicily, and more recently Puglia and Sardinia, all areas with an ancient Jewish population before The Spanish Inquisition forced Jews to flee.**



**The spirit that called the converts of San Nicandro back to Judaism has also been stirring in North America, where many people of Italian origin are discovering links to a Jewish past.**

**Date:** Sunday April 2, 2017      **Time:** 7:30pm (doors open 7:15pm)

**Location:** Lodzer Center, 12 Heaton Street, Toronto

**Admission:** \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for students

Contributions (excluding admission fee) welcome and are tax receiptable. Kulanu Canada is supporting production of the Italian-Hebrew-English siddur for the new Jewish communities

Co-Presenters:



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