



24th Levantine Heritage Foundation Zoom lecture gathering with guest speaker Ben Singer  
26 February 2023, 2pm (UK time)

## Rediscovering the Diversity of a Levantine Family – the Jewish, German, Austrian, French and Armenian Roots of One Istanbul Family

Ben Singer has recently completed an extensive research project on 11 branches of his family who all settled in Constantinople in the mid to late 19th century. Some fled persecution in Eastern Europe and Armenia, while others came from Western and Central Europe in search of adventure, opportunity, and a better life for themselves in the cosmopolitan capital of the Ottoman Empire.

With the passage of time, much of the family history had been completely lost or forgotten. However, Ben’s research, using a variety of primary sources, pieced together a wealth of details about these families and the businesses which they founded and operated in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Ben will present his family’s diverse origins, while also touching on the resources he used in his research.

Booking essential: <https://ben-singer-presentation.eventbrite.co.uk>



Family photos and advertisements from the Singer, Schorr, Koch, Widmann and Saury family businesses (Constantinople, 1880s – 1920s)



Originally from Istanbul, Ben has a background in international relations and political science. He is a lawyer specialising in aviation law. Ben lives in Singapore.

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