

# The Iraqi Jews – The Oldest Diaspora, Now Safe in Israel

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*"Edot Hamizrach"* Israel's Oriental Jewish Communities, *New English Review*, August, 2009). The simple consequence of this, is that many American Jewish spokespersons when commenting on what they believe are traditional "Jewish" customs, values, traditions, social mores, political behavior, food, music, dress, humor, language, and heritage are often remote from the realities they find when visiting Israel.