

# ***“A Window Into Old Jerusalem”***

## ***Observations about Jerusalem and the Holy Land 1820-1920***

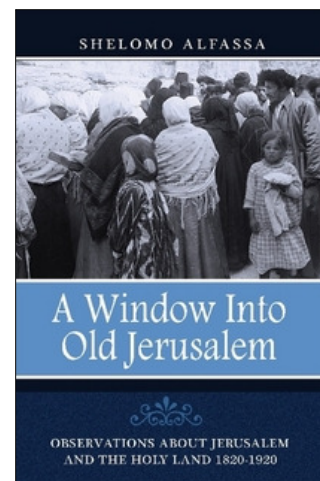
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***Have you ever wanted to know what life was like for the Jewish people in Jerusalem and the Holy Land long before Israel became a State?***

Well known international Sephardic advocate, Shelomo Alfassa, provides such information in his new compilation, *A Window Into Old Jerusalem* (\$25.95 6x9 inch hardcover 371 pgs.), a unique collection of short tales and first hand observations about Jewish life in Ottoman Jerusalem and the Holy Land, by travelers that visited during a critical period of transition.



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