

## **Les pèlerins du Mont Sinai le dimanche 10 Février 2019**

From Early times to present day, prayer and spiritual devotion have existed in Jerusalem and at Mount Sinai. Mount Sinai or Jebel Musa, as it's known by Bedouin of the Sinai, is one of the world's holiest summits. This is where Jews, Christians, and Muslims believe God spoke with Moses, giving him a divine of laws. Pilgrims have been visiting Mount Sinai for well over 1500 years and its popularity and importance is secondary only to Jerusalem.

The Origins of the Armenian community in Jerusalem are traced to the fourth century AD and the accounts of their pilgrimages are numerous.

This illustrated lecture shed light on early inscriptions of Armenian pilgrims of Mount Sinai, and Islamic covenants provided to the Armenians dictating security and peaceful coexistence among Christians and Muslims. Maurice Missak Kelechian is an Electrical Engineer, a pioneer entrepreneur in the field of IT technology. Mr. Kelechian has extensive experience with key US Department Defense global operations. He is an independent investigative researcher passionate about finding untold stories of courageous expressions and service to humanity by the US government, its people and Near East Relief organization that became the catalyst for the survival of hundreds of thousands of Armenian victims between 1915-1930. His most recent discoveries include two orphanages in Lebanon: One in Antoura where, between 1915 and 1918, around 2000 orphans were being Turkified by Jemal Pasha and Halide Edib Adivar, and another in Ghazir where, in 1925 the "In Golden Rule Gratitude" special rug was woven by the orphan girls and sent to the U.S. President, Calvin Coolidge to be displayed at the White House.

● Admission free (Donations appreciated) ● Reception following program

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