

The Activities of the Ottoman Bank Museum for the Commemoration of the Camondo Family



The Camondo family played an important role in the emancipation of the Jewish community as well as in the modernization of the Ottoman Empire during the 19th century. Escaping the Inquisition, the Camondos first sojourned in Venice and then settled in Istanbul in the 17th century. The last members of the family died in the concentration camps during the Second World War-. Called after the Rothschild of the Orient, they took initiatives in every sphere of the social life , from the formation of the first municipal movement to the modernization of the urban infrastructure, from the foundation of modern banking institutions to the establishment of new schools.