

***SOULS IN THE GARDEN* TIMELINE**

ORGANIZED BY DATE OF BIRTH OR OTHER EVENT

Notes:

- *Unless otherwise noted, all places are in Spain.
- *Italicized entries contain events or names of people referred to in the introductory material, or in the poems, or in the notes to the poems.
- *Unless otherwise noted, people in the timeline are Jewish.
- *Short or familiar versions of people's names are used, usually because they are used this way in the poems, or the introductory material, or the notes.
- *Dates are often estimates and should be taken with a grain (or two) of salt, since secondary sources often copy from other secondary secondary sources, which may or may not be accurate.

B.C.E.

Annexation of Iberian peninsula (Spain and Portugal) by Roman emperor Augustus (19 BCE)
Seneca, Roman philosopher (4 BCE-CE 65, b. Córdoba?)

0-900 C.E.

Rabbi Shimon (or Simeon) bar (or ben) Yohai (lived 2nd c., b. Galilee, in what is now Israel), the "Holy Lamp," main personage in the *Zohar*, the *Book of Splendor* (or *Radiance*), the primary Jewish mystical text

Plotinus, Greek (possibly Egyptian) philosopher (204/205-270, b. Lycopolis, Egypt)

Visigothic invasion and rule of Spain (5th c.-711)

Muhammad, the Prophet, founder of Islam (ca. 570-632, b. Mecca, Arabian Peninsula)

So-called Jewish Golden Age of Spain (ca. 8th-12th c.)

Muslim invasion of Spain (711)

Reconquista, reconquest by Christians of Islamic Spain (718-1492)

Ibn Masarra, Muslim mystic (883-931, b. Córdoba)

10th-11th Centuries

Avicenna (Ibn Sina), Muslim philosopher (970 or 980-1037, b. near Bukhara in what is now Uzbekistan)

Samuel (Shmuel) Hanagid, Jewish statesman, vizier, military commander, and poet (993-1056, b. Mérida)

Dunash ben Labrat, Jewish poet (ca. 920-990, b. Fez, Morocco, lived in Córdoba)

Mrs Dunash ben Labrat (also referred to as the Wife of Dunash), Jewish poet (ca. 9th-10th c., b. Fez, Morocco, lived in Córdoba)

Joseph Hanagid (1035-1066, b. Granada)

Massacre of Jews in Granada (1066)

Abu Ishaq, Muslim poet (b. Elvira, d. 1067)

11th-12th Centuries

Taos Pueblo (New Mexico, U.S.), settled (1000-1450)

Rabbi Solomon (Shlomo) Ibn Gabirol, poet and philosopher (1022-1055, b. Granada)

Rashi (Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac), French biblical commentator, (1040-1105, b. Troyes, France)

Norman Conquest of England (1066)

Rabbi Moses Ibn Ezra, poet (1055-1135, b. Granada)

Rabbi Yehudah Halevi, poet-philosopher (ca. 1075-1141, b. Tudela or Toledo)

Al Ghazzali, Muslim mystic philosopher (ca. 1058-1111, b. Tus, Persia)

Ibn Quzman, Muslim poet (1078-1160, b. Córdoba)

First Crusade (1096-1099)

North African Almoravid Islamic dynasty conquers Granada (1090)

Rabbi Abraham Ibn Ezra, poet, philosopher, and biblical commentator (1092-1167, b. Tudela)

Crusaders conquer Jerusalem (1099)

Qasmuna, female Jewish poet (ca. 12th c., b. southern Spain)

12th-13th Centuries

Jewish Massacre in Toledo (1109)

Averroes (Ibn Rushd), Muslim philosopher (1126-1198, b. Córdoba)

Benjamin of Tudela (Benjamin the Traveler), Jewish travel writer (ca. 1130-1173, b. Tudela)

Rabbi Moses Maimonides, philosopher, codifier of Jewish law, and community leader (1138-1204, b. Córdoba)

Almohades (North African Islamic dynasty) invade Spain (1147)

Second Crusade (ca. 1147-1149)

Maimonides' family flees Spain to Fez, Morocco (1160)

Rabbi Isaac the Blind, mystic (1160-1235, b. Provence, France)

Ibn 'Arabi, Muslim mystic, poet, and philosopher (1165-1240, b. Murcia)

St Francis of Assisi, founder of Franciscan order (ca. 1181/2-1226, b. Assisi, Italy)

Jews expelled from France (1182)

Third Crusade (1189-1192)

Rabbi Moses Nachmanides (Bonastruc ça Porta, Catalan name), biblical commentator, mystic, and community leader (1194-1270, b. Girona)

13th-14th Centuries

Rabbi Isaac (Isaac ben Samuel) of Acre, visitor to Rabbi Moses de León in Ávila, Spain (13th-14th c., b. Palestine)

Rumi, Muslim mystic (Sufi) poet (1207-1273, b. Balkh, in present-day Afghanistan, or Vakhsh, in present-day Tajikistan)

Saadi (Sa'adi) Shirazi, Muslim mystic (Sufi) poet (1210-1292, b. Shiraz, Persia)

Alfonso X, King of Castile and Aragon (1221-1284, b. Toledo)

Leaping Mary, legendary figure who supposedly jumped off a cliff in Segovia and was entombed in the cathedral in 1237

Rabbi Abraham Abulafia, mystic (1240-ca.1291, b. Zaragoza)

Rabbi Yehudah Halevi (1075-1141, probably b. Tudela) leaves Spain for the Holy Land (1245)

Rabbi Moses de León, Jewish mystic (1250-1305, probably b. Leon)

Mrs Moses de Leon, wife of Rabbi Moses de León (13th-possibly 14th c.)

Marco Polo, Italian traveler (1254-1324, b. Venice, Italy)

Jewish-Christian Disputation of Barcelona (1263)

Dante Alighieri, Italian poet and author of the *Inferno* (1265-1321, b. Florence, Italy)

End of Almohad Dynasty in Spain (1269)

Zohar, main Jewish mystical work (of kabbalah), begins to appear in Spain (1286)

Jews expelled from England (1290)
Ottoman Empire (1299-1922)

14th-15th Centuries

Renaissance (14th-17th c.)
Ibn Battuta, the Muslim Marco Polo (1304-1368/9, b. Tangier, Morocco)
Jews expelled again from France (1306)
Hafiz (Hafez) Shirazi, influential Muslim poet (ca. 1315-1390, b. Shiraz, Persia)
Rabbi Hasdai Crescas, Jewish philosopher and community leader (ca. 1340-ca. 1410, b. Barcelona)
Black Death in Europe (ca. 1347-17th c.)
Giovanni Boccaccio, author of *The Decameron* (1313-1375, b. Certaldo, Italy)
Massacres and mass conversions of Jews in Castile and Aragon (1391)
Don Abraham Senior, rabbi and Jewish community leader (1412-1493, b. Segovia)
Jewish-Christian Disputation of Tortosa (1413-1414)
Ottoman Turks Capture Constantinople (1453)
Gutenberg Bible (1456)
Beginning of Spanish Inquisition (1478)
Marriage of Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II (1479)
Susona ben Susán, La Ferosa Fembra ("The Beautiful Woman"), legendary figure in Seville (ca. 1480-?, b. Seville)
Fall of Muslim-ruled Granada to Christians and end of reconquista, the Christian reconquest of Spain from Muslims (1492)
Edict of Expulsion of Jews from Spain (1492)
Columbus "Discovers" the New World (1492)
Jews forced to convert or leave Portugal (1497)

15th-16th Centuries

Don Isaac Abravanel (also known as Abarbanel; sometimes written Rabbi Don Isaac Abravanel), Jewish statesmen and financier, biblical commentator and philosopher (1437-1508, b. Lisbon, Portugal)
Queen Isabella I of Castile (1451-1504, b. Madrigal de las Altas Torres)
King Ferdinand II of Aragon (also called Ferdinand V, king of Castile) (1452-1516, b. Sos del Rey Católico)
Rabbi Abraham Zacut(o), cartographer, inventor, and astronomer (1452-1515, b. Salamanca)
End of Middle Ages (1453)

16th-17th Centuries

Miguel Cervantes de Saavedra, author of Don Quixote (ca. 1514-1616, b. Alcalá de Henares)
St Teresa of Ávila, Catholic mystic reformer (1515-1582, b. Ávila)
Fray Luis De Leon, Spanish theologian and poet (1527-1591, b. Belmonte)
Rabbi Isaac Luria, Palestinian mystic (1534-1572, b. Safed, Palestine)
El Greco (Doménikos Theotokópoulos), Greek painter resident in Toledo (1541-1615, b. Heraklion, Greece)
St John of the Cross, Catholic mystic poet (1542-1591, b. Fontiveros)
William Shakespeare, English playwright (1564-1616, b. Stratford-upon-Avon, England)
Expulsion from Spain of Moriscos, Muslims who had converted to Christianity (1609)

18th Century

Village of Taos acquires its name (1760)
Mexican Inquisition (1771-1820)
American Revolution (1776)
French Revolution (1789-1799)

19th-20th Centuries

End of Spanish Inquisition (1834)
Pablo de Sarasate, Spanish gypsy violinist (1844-1908, b. Pamplona)
Stéphane Mallarmé, French symbolist poet (1842-1898, b. Paris, France)
Miguel de Unamuno, Spanish philosopher, poet, novelist, and playwright (1864-1936, b. Bilbao)
Manuel de Falla, Spanish composer (1876-1946, b. Cádiz)
Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin (1878-1953, b. Gori, Georgia)
David (Dovid) Bergelson, Jewish writer killed on the Night of the Murdered Poets (1952) in the Soviet Union (1884-1952, b. Okhrimovo, Ukraine)
Federico García Lorca, Spanish poet, dramatist, and composer murdered by Francoists during the Spanish Civil War (1898-1936, b. Fuente de Vaqueros)
Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine writer (1899-1986, b. Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Salvador Dalí, Spanish artist (1904-1989, b. Figueres)
Mexican Revolution (1910-1920)
End of Ottoman Empire (1922)
W.S. Merwin, American poet (1927-, b. New York City, U.S.)
Taos city (New Mexico, U.S.) incorporated (1934)
Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)
The Night of the Murdered Poets in the Soviet Union, ordered by Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin (1952)
Death of Spanish dictator Francisco Franco (1975)
Iranian revolution (1978-9)
Return of Pablo Picasso's antiwar masterpiece painting "Guernica" from U.S. to Spain (1981)
Guggenheim Museum opens in Bilbao, Spain (1997)
Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, Portuguese dictator (1889-1978, b. Vimiero, Portugal)

21st Century

Mosque opens in Granada (2003)
Period during which Jews expelled from Spain in 1492 can apply for Spanish citizenship (October-October 2015-2018)