## Blue Mosque

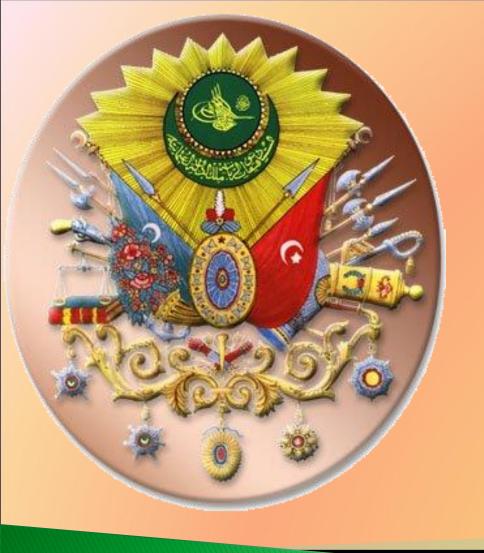


## Millet System

- Autonomous areas, for non-Muslim minority groups (Jews, Greek Orthodox and Armenians)
- Practiced their own religion and traditions
- Lived by their own laws & courts (except when a Muslim was involved)
- Pay an additional tax (conversions = tax break)
- During the Spanish Inquisition, many Jews fled to the Ottoman Empire because of the Millet system (better treatment than Europe)

## Jewish Millet (Istanbul)







- Economy
- Religion
- Geography
- Customs

#### **Economy**

- Largely agrarian & herding
- ▶ Heart of trade network → taxes, taxes, taxes
- Raw materials & exports:

Spices: saffron, cumin, cinnamon, cloves, mace, pepper, salt, and sugar.

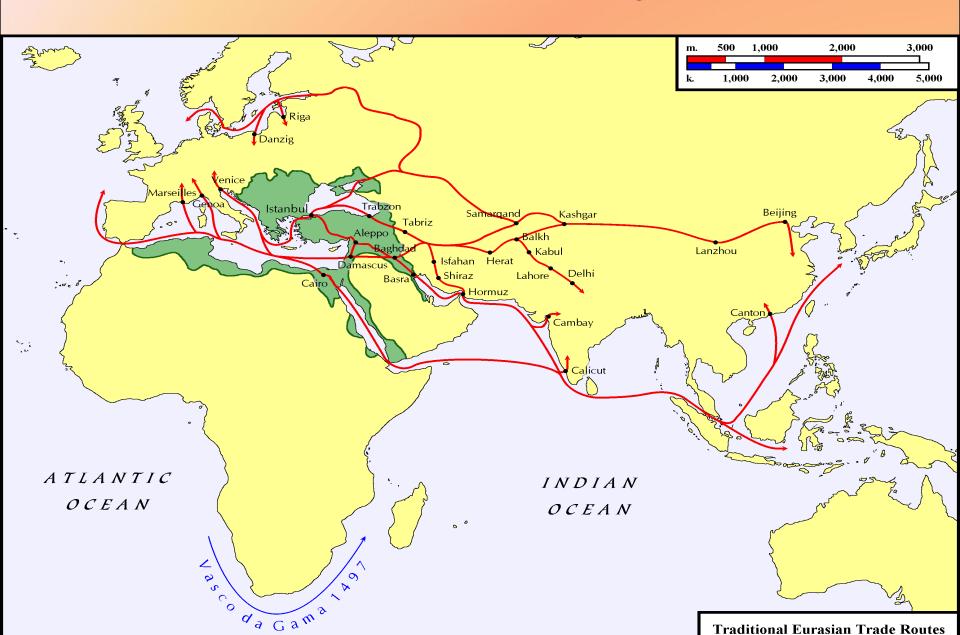
Textiles: silk (green, blue, red), crimson damask, crimson velvet, camlets, cotton, linens, carpets.

Foods: wheat, barley, millet, raisins, of oil, oranges, lemons, rhubarb, wines (malmsey, madeira).

Dyes: Cochineal (red), indigo (blue).

Luxuries: caper, quicksilver, coral

## Most roads lead through Istanbul



## Religion

- Islam is the dominant religion
- Mosque complexes, with their social services
- Millet system allows for minority religions to remain (Jews, Christians [all types])



# Mosques

