

## The Elements of Public Sephardic Discourse

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This article deals with presenting the attitude of certain leadership elements in the State of Israel towards *Edot Hamizrach*- Jews from Arabic speaking countries, as a distinct group and as having a common origin and mentality.

The attitude is expressed as a clear "distinction" between *Edot Hamizrach* and the rest of the groups within Israeli society.

The article lists three types of attitudes, i.e. divisions within society, in which each type expresses a characterization through which it ascribes to *Edot Hamizrach* a unique definition of mentality, thereby separating them from the other population groups.

This article asserts that these "divisions" are based on untruths, short sightedness, and a need to define "mentality" for dishonorable purposes. While on the other hand, there is a driving imperative to delve deeper into Jewish history in order to refute those "divisions."