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At my request, the Municipal Archives of The Hague (my hometown) digitized one of the oldest registers of the Portuguese Jewish Community. This financial register concerns Bet Jacob, the oldest of the two PJC communities of The Hague. No doubt the name of the community derived from the wealthy Jacob Pereira. The Synagogue of Beth Jacob occupied a large room in his house.

The register is a ledger account, it has more than 550 pages and covers the years 5467 – 5480, which means that each year has on average 40 pages, more or less. The community did not have many members, jehidim, but on the whole, they were rather affluent. Each member had two pages per year, detailing the amounts paid, often with a mention of the occasion at which the gift was made.

After the finta paying members, there are a few pages with gifts for specific charities: Tera Santa and Cautivas.

And then there are a few pages per year that mention gifts by pasajeiros, passersby, page after page after page. These could be accidental visitors of the Synagogue, but some names are repeated through the years. Probably they weren't rich enough to pay finta – community tax. And some could not become members because they were Ashkenazic. And some no doubt were visiting The Hague on official business with branches of the government, which were seated mostly in The Hague, like the Court of the Stadtholder, the States-General, the (high) courts of Holland, the Court of Auditors, etc. Which makes those lists very interesting in themselves.

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Fernando Sasso, page 527, another familiar name

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