

# Tuesday March 14

## 11:00AM HUM 415

The Center for Modern Greek Studies,  
The Department of Jewish Studies and JS 451 present

## Iossif Ventura

reads from his latest work *Tanais*

### TANAÏΣ

On June 9th, 1944, nearly 73 years ago, six-year old Iossif's life would be irrevocably changed. Almost the entire Jewish community of Hania Crete would leave the island in the hold of a German commercial vessel, the *Tanais*. They were on their way to Nazi death camps, but their death would come sooner. The ship was torpedoed by the British off the coast of Santorini and all those on board drowned, among them eighty-eight Jewish children from Hania.



*There you beach your ship by the deeply eddying Oceanus,  
Though you are to go further on to the dark house of Hades.  
(Homer, *Odyssey*, X 511-12.)*