

Margalit Matityau

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Since 1986 she has served as secretary-general of the Writers' Union in Israel and has participated in the international Congress of Poets all over the world since 1991. She has published numerous collections of poetry in both Hebrew and Ladino in Israel and Spain, and a collection of short stories. Margalit is a documentary film producer of a series named: "Sefarad, ways and life" and is a co-owner of Prima Luz films together with her son Jack Matitiah.