Once Upon a Time at 55th and Hoover
A short documentary by Andrés Enrique-Arias

This documentary tells the remarkable but largely unknown story of the Spanish speaking Sephardic Jews from the island of Rhodes that arrived to Los Angeles (California) in the first half of the 20th century and established a community in the area around 55th St and Hoover, what is today South Central Los Angeles.

Through compelling interviews with two immigrants born in Rhodes in the 1910s (quite possibly the last recorded testimony from this generation) we learn how the Sephardim of Rhodes were torn between assimilating into mainstream American culture and maintaining their identity. Filled with seldom seen movie footage and previously unpublished archival photographs the film brings to life a little known aspect of the history of Los Angeles.

(USA and Spain, Color, 28 minutes, 2013)
English and Judeo-Spanish (Ladino), with English subtitles
www.55thandHooverFilm.info

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Philbrick room @ Student Center
Central Connecticut State University

The director will present the film

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