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Sephardis, such as the Ottoman merchant on our cover, once dominated Greek urban life. That history was swept away under the Nazis. Can Greek Jews survive economic crisis and far-right threats to blossom in the 21st century? JR's Rebecca Taylor travels the country to find out.

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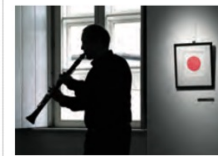
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