

# A Stateless People in Upstate New York

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## Background

- Palestinians have migrated to Upstate NY since the 1950s
- More than 3,000 here today
- Palestinians are uniquely stateless
- Statelessness continues to impact the diaspora

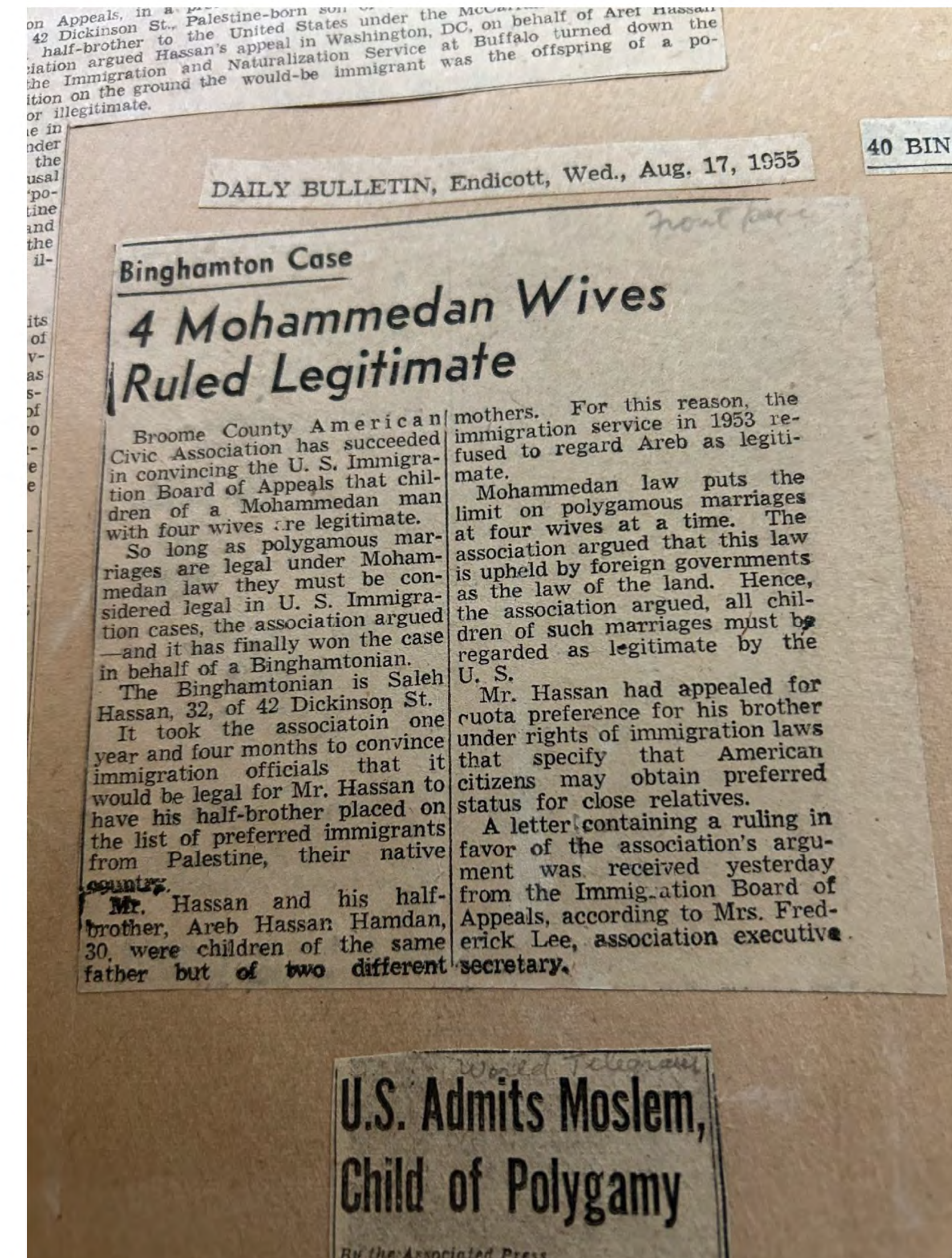


Figure 1. Daily Bulletin article from August 17, 1955, on an immigration appeal case regarding a Palestinian.



Figure 3. Middle Eastern Festival hosted by St. Elias Orthodox Church in Syracuse. Credit: St. Elias Orthodox Church



Figure 2. Palestinian-owned Jerusalem Market in Syracuse.



Figure 4. Interior view of Jerusalem Market.



Figure 5. Interior view of St. Elias Orthodox Church in Syracuse. Credit: St. Elias Orthodox Church



Figure 6. Food served at Middle Eastern Festival in Syracuse. Credit: St. Elias Orthodox Church

## Findings

- **Community Building**
  - Businesses
    - Jerusalem Market
  - Social Activities and Events
    - Embroidery Group
    - Middle Eastern Festival
  - Organizations
    - Student Clubs
- **Identity Expression**
  - Differs by Location
  - Depends on Audience
  - Varies by Gender
- **Political Awareness**
  - Reminders of Identity
    - Travel restrictions – limited liberties compared to other immigrants
- **Other Findings**
  - All Palestinians work with UNRWA
    - Ineligible to seek asylum through UNHCR

## Research Methods

- Archival Research
- Literature Review
- Observations
- Interviews

