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Eliah Mizrahi (c. 1450-1526) was one of the most important rabbinic authorities of the Ottoman Empire. His answers, written in the midst of the turmoil of the Spanish Inquisition, are of great historical interest as they concern the Jewish exiles who had found refuge in Constantinople.

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