



Israeli-Indian Women Sabbath Candle Lighting Before Leaving For Synagogue
Artist: Unknown



From the City of Ashdod, Israel Photo credit: Yamit Daniels

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Winners of Essay Competition living in Israel	इस्राएलमध्ये राहणाऱ्या निबंध स्पर्धेतील विजेते	הזוכים בתחרות חיבורים החיים בישראל
ORT-India has already contacted the winners. To transfer international payment ORT-India need your bank SWIFT number. A bank's SWIFT code is an eight- or 11-digit code with four components: Bank code: Four letters that represent an abbreviated version of the financial institutions name Country code: Two letters that indicate the country in which the financial institution is located. Please send ORT-India your bank SWIFT code. Ask your bank and they will give it to you.	ओआरटी-इंडियाने यापूर्वीच विजेत्यांशी संपर्क साधला आहे. आंतरराष्ट्रीय पेमेंट ट्रान्सफर करण्यासाठी ओआरटी-इंडियाला तुमच्या बँकेचा स्विफ्ट नंबर आवश्यक आहे. बँकेचा स्विफ्ट कोड हा चार घटकांसह आठ किंवा ११ अंकी कोड असतो: बँक कोड: वित्तीय संस्थेच्या नावाच्या संक्षिप्त आवृत्तीचे प्रतिनिधित्व करणारी चार अक्षरे कंट्री कोड: दोन अक्षरे जी वित्तीय संस्था ज्या देशात स्थित आहे त्या देशाला सूचित करतात कृपया ओआरटी-इंडिया आपला बँक स्विफ्ट कोड पाठवा. तुमच्या बँकेला विचारा आणि ते तुम्हाला देतील.	אורט-הודו כבר יצרה קשר עם הזוכים. כדי להעביר תשלום בינלאומי אורט-הודו צריך את מספר הבנק שלך SWIFT. קוד SWIFT של בנק הוא קוד בן שמונה או 11 ספרות עם ארבעה רכיבים: קוד בנק: ארבע אותיות המייצגות גרסה מקוצרת של שם המוסד הפיננסי קוד מדינה: שתי אותיות המציינות את המדינה שבה ממוקם המוסד הפיננסי. אנא שלח לאורט-הודו את קוד הבנק שלך SWIFT. שאל את הבנק שלך והם יתנו לך את זה.
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Letters

This is so brilliantly covered Leo!
And the entire Shaniwar Teli is a super interesting read!

Lebana Penkar

Herzl Bhonkar's article is to the ground and lays down cold facts. We hope some way could be found.

Abner Navgaokar

Dr. Pezarkar's questions are valid. But our religion says "God gave ,God took". If death has to come, it will come. Informing any one will not help.

Moshe Divekar



Dear Dr. Shulmath Charikar (editor of this newsletter)

1) to start I always loved to read your newsletter until I read this month, October 1, 2022

I always assumed that all noted here is accurate and more

2) Came to page 89 and was shocked to see the number 300000 NIS and the words " Daylight robbers"

3) This number was obtained by multiplying 3000 by 100

4) Suspected that something was utterly wrong, misleading and smelled slander and utter לשון הרע

5) looked on the internet and called the hall. Found that they have only 938 seats and not 3000 as you said

6) I was there for the function and assume that only 70% of tickets were sold

7) which means: their income was approx: $938 \times 100 \times 0.7 = 59000$ shekel very far from the 300,000 shekalim, you noted with a big question mark

8) I was shocked to see the slander and לשון הרע

9) Proper journalism is based on checking deeply every word before being sent to the general public

10) Tomorrow is Yom Kippur and the purpose is well known

11) I advise you to immediately print volume 13, not delete page 89 and apologize sincerely

12) I fear that someone will sue you for לשון הרע and the results can be guessed.

13) I am very acquainted with the expenses to have a show like this and think the 59000 shekel is peanuts

14) Lastly and most importantly, the organizer does not have to report to anyone where the money went.

15) If someone thinks that 100 shekel is a high price, he could easily not attend and buy a falafel for 20 shekel.

Wrote the above in good faith and stop the crab mentality. Regards and גמר חתימה טובה
Nahum Moses

Dear Nahum,

Thank you very much for clarifying this matter. We are much obligated.

We only print matters that various Bene-Israel groups and synagogues inform us. If there is another side to it, people usually write and correct it (as you have done it).

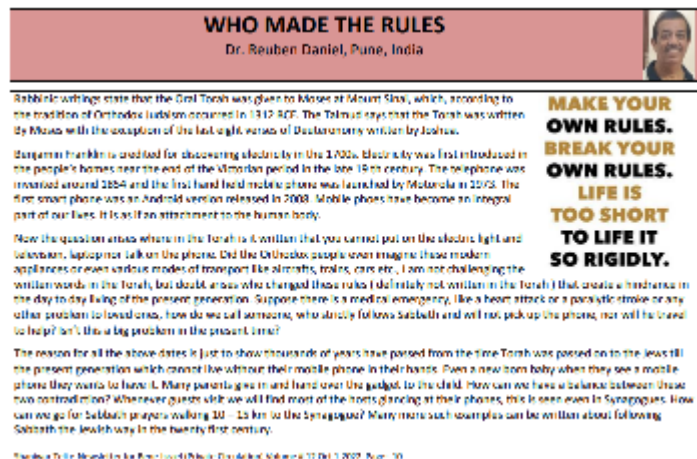
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The article on page 10 in last issue has received few responses.



This is a topic that every Jew who has questions about and needs to learn Torah and participate in classes or listen to lectures but I will try to answer the best I can.

We have to understand the basis that the Torah is Divine and has been given by GOD which has prophecies that came true and includes codes in it that no human being could have put there. In the Torah, it's written "And the Lord said to Moses: Come up to me to the mount, and I will give you the stone tablets, the Torah, and the commandments (Oral Torah + Mitzvoth).

What basically happened was the Lord spoke and Moses wrote the Torah and passed it on to Joshua and to the Israel nation and so on to the generations. We've got a total of 613 Mitzvoth (Commandments) 248 Mitzvoth we have to follow 365 Mitzvoth we do not follow or don't do Most of the "to do" Mitzvoth are connected to the "Beit HaMikdash" = Temple. The Mitzvoth have been and are relevant till this day and beyond and have been given by GOD who created the whole universe Who knows the past, present & future (for HIM there's no time restriction) so He has given us the Mitzvoth to follow for our own good and also to reward us on keeping them.

That said, with all the progress in technology/electricity all appliances/instruments/tools everything needs to be ignited. We are not allowed to ignite a fire on Shabbat and on Jewish holidays. Only in situations of life & death, we're allowed to desecrate the Shabbat, GOD forbid.

Jenny Samson Bamnolkar

Hi Elijah,
With all due respect to the gentleman and his views. I am sorry but I am not comfortable with a debate. He has the ability to research the Torah view and its dates that he mentions so I am sure he knows the place where to look for the answers to his questions.

I prefer teaching in a conducive atmosphere where there is respect for Torah and our sages, someone who has an attitude of know all is not someone I can engage with. Torah speaks to one who has humility.

Rabbi Joshua Kolet



	Dec. 16, 2022 By : Aliza Ashtan		Dear Friends and colleagues, Courtesy of Mr. Joel Malkar, Mr Moshe Ben Daniel Sogaonkar, and Mr. Elijah Jacob, Elijah Michael Talkar, it is feasible to bring to your attention a recent incitement by in my opinion an irresponsible Journalist Practicing Gutter Journalism. Attached here is the original article in Hebrew. If one is interested in having an English Version either one can use a Google Translator for Hebrew to English or wait for an update of this article publishing the translation of the attached article. Regards Nissim Moses Historian Indian Jewish Heritage Bene Israel Genealogy Research <i>(See page on this matter in this issue)</i> 
Today is the birthday of late Mr. Judah Samuel. He must be very happy as tomorrow the new Sefer Torah is bought to his synagogue. It was only the effort of Judah that the synagogue is celebrating today. Four years ago I took Judah to Mr. Gideon Talkar. No one else put any effort in this project except Judah. May God rest his soul in peace. No one must forget Judah did for the synagogues and the community. Everything stays in the same place. Only the good things we can remember, so you first, must be a good person. Most of the donations was brought by late Judah so nobody must forget it and take fake credit. I also helped in collection of donations for this purpose. The Sefer Haftara was ready before Corona and it was planned that Gedon Talkar and me (Aliza) would take it to India.	In fact is that on Judah's instructions I had bought three tickets to India from my own money (8000 NIS about 2 Lac Rs) that Judha was to return me on arrival. However with the start of the corona the direct flights to Mumbai were stopped (and still have not been resumed). So I had to ask for refund and I reserved it in my account as I had paid for it. Shaare Rason Synagogue was in shambles some ten years ago when Judah took over and renovated it slowly collecting donations and with his own contributions. Judah was a wonderful and charismatic person with lots of devotion for the duties he decided to take up. My best person and normally my morning was starting with speaking with late Mr. Judah Samuel. I will miss Judah a lot god will rest him soul Aliza Ashtan, Israel		

Editor Desk-Dr. Shulamite Charikar

We at Shaniwar Teli would like to put a Disclaimer since we print the articles sent to us by various writers. It is entirely the view of the writers and not of anyone from our team. Our team works very hard to see that our E-Newsletter is of high standards, excellent, gossip-free and finest quality reading material.

All of us were glued to our T.V. sets during the World Cup which was held in Qatar. We congratulate the winning team Argentina. Israel for the first time hosted the full distance Ironman event in Tiberias.

We at Shaniwar Teli would like to express our deepest sympathies to various persons due to their sudden demise.

Our condolences first and foremost goes to His Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji on the death of his dear mother Srimati Heeraben Modi.

Mrs .Naomi Jousha Ezekiel aged 92 years mother of Leora Micah Joseph.

J.R.U youth group lost one of its members Steve Samson Charikar in Canada. Our condolences to his parents , siblings and children. On 6th November 2022 Mr. Judah David Samuel who was Director of Marketing Israel Ministry of Tourism in India. He leaves behind his dear sister Zimar Israel and Joseph Samuel.

We had not yet got over these misfortunes when we heard the passing of our great religious leader and mohel on 25th November 2022. Rabbi Avraham Ashtamkar of Yavne. He had written many prayer books which is widely used by the Bene Israel community.

With all this it reminds me of the 14 line sonnet by the English poet John Donne. "" Death be not proud though some have called thee, Mighty and dreadful..... One short sleep past wee wake eternally. And death shall be no more, death though shall die.

The Magen Hassidim Synagogue celebrated its 40 years with great fanfare. Very soon most of us in Israel will be travelling to Eilat for the Hodida celebrations.

The Magen Hassidim Synagogue in Ashdod celebrated its 40 years with great fanfare. Very soon most of us in Israel will be travelling to Eilat for the Hodida celebrations.

As we step into 2023 we wish our readers A Happy New Year 2023.



Publisher Desk – Leo Daniels

Though our community is one of the smallest in the world, still a lot goes on. It is amazing to receive notices of different activities daily that the organizers want us to update on our FaceBook as this group has only Bene-Israel members from all over the world.

The activities vary from yoga to language teaching to entertainment shows to embassy functions to tours and parties. There are anniversary celebrations and book launches. A very busy community. Rav. Daniel Talkar sent four professionals to India for teaching various kosher professions to Bene-Israel's in India.

The most amazing news we heard as a surprise that Israel and Maharashtra Tourism Ministry agreed on 22 Baghdadi and Bene-Israel sites in Maharashtra that will be included in a Jewish Route planned for the tourists.

At the same time we had some cunning rabbi bringing up once more the issue that Bene-Israel are not Jews. He was quickly booted down by the chief rabbi and a video of apology was released.

Some amazing stories were received this time like "Kosher Love", "Interesting Facts" and few others that are published.

Meanwhile the Kirtan group is slowly getting popular and is planning to visit Israel soon.



“Living Legend Crown” for members of the Bene-Israel Community

Chariot of Fire

We all Jews, especially Bene-Israel Jews are well aware of the expression “Chariot of Fire” of Prophet Elijah. During 1981 a movie by the same name used this expression to express determination of an athletic to win his gold medal in the Olympics.

Johnny Jhirad’s whole life is a symbol of Chariots of Fire. Where ever he went, success followed him. A silent warrior who worships fairness. An ember who silently melted all the obstetrical in his way.

He has an amazing resume (see below) and achievements to his credit. In the Bene-Israel world he is always around. During 1980’s he was an active member of the JRU Youth Group and has since been active or involved in the activities that will help the Bene-Israel community.

Today he is the Dean of ORT India and his effort is to support Bene-Israel students to peruse academic qualification that are more high tech devoted and in demand in India and Israel.

We are proud to give “Living Legend Crown” to Mr. Johnny Jhirad



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B.Tech Chemical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
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Short Resume

2021- present DeanDean ORT India · Full-time 2010 till date Member of the Core TeamMember of the Core Team ProjectControlsOnline.com 2020-2022 HobbyistHobbyist Freelance 2006-2020 Reliance Industries Limited Asst. Vice President, Head (Planning and Projects Controls) 1996-2006 Consultant - Project ControlsConsultant - Project Controls Chemtex 1999-2003 Senior Planning Engineer / Senior Project ManagerSenior Planning Engineer / Senior Project Manager, Aker Kvaerner	1992-1995 Planning ManagerPlanning Manager Tecnimont ICB 1989-1991 Senior Planning EngineerSenior Planning Engineer UHDE India 1987-89 Chief Planner and Budget Controller - PAMACHief Planner and Budget Controller - PAMA Bateman Engineering Israel 1982-1887 Engineer(Projects and Systems)Engineer(Projects and Systems) Hindustan Dorr-Oliver Limited 1981 Asst. ManagerAsst. Manager Institute of Energy Management	 Johnny writes: Sinnora is my wife. My sons are Asriel age 30 and Rami age 25. 
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But my love is Kosher

I am from a religious family and my wife from a conservative Jewish family. She did not mind marrying me as she too did not mind getting a bit more religious in her ways. We are now parents to three beautiful children ages 7 4 and 2.

After recent retirement from their humble jobs my in-laws decided to travel to Romania, their first ever visit out of Israel. They have had a humble life and this first journey was very an especial one for them.

On their return they came to our place for their grandchildren with chocolates. When I looked at the chocolates for a kosher sign, there was none. I looked at my wife. She understood, raised her shoulders and looked away. This meant she had no problem, and if I have a problem, I can break my head.

So after some thoughts I said;
“Dad these chocolates are not Kosher”
Both my in-laws looked up surprised and hurt. Then my father-in- law said;



“But son, our love is kosher for our grandchildren”

I did not know what to say and gave them a confused artificial smile.

Next day on the way to work I went to see my rabbi. I narrated him the whole incident and asked him what should I do?

The rabbi thought for a while and said
“Your Dad died last year after two years of illness. Correct?

“Yes” I replied

“Did you check if all the medications and injections he received were kosher?

“No” I replied and continued “But Rabbi medication is allowed as they are lifesaving!”

“So you allowed the medication for your Dad as it would save his life. Yes?

“Yes” I replied

“Because you loved you Dad. Yes?”

“Yes” I replied

“So even if the medication were not kosher, your love for your Dad was kosher. Yes?

“Uh....” I said in confusion.

“So if your Kosher Love is valid then why not of your children grandparents”

I thought for a moment.

“But won’t God get angry with us if we eat the chocolate?” I asked.

The Rabbi smiled “He might be really angry if you deny Kosher Love”.

That evening the whole family enjoyed the chocolates. Love had made it Kosher.

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The Jewish community has lived in India for over 2,000 years. They have never suffered persecution or discrimination. They integrated and developed impressive traditions while maintaining an impressive and magnificent Jewish lifestyle. The [Israel in Mumbai](#) is promoting these days the "Jewish Route," a project that will make the heritage sites part of mandatory visits for travelers and tourists.

The basis for the path was the impressive books of Prof. Saul Sapir, born in Mumbai. He knows every stone and alley in the city and has done the most impressive research on the community. This is where the whole story begins.

We selected 22 Jewish sites in the city of Mumbai and the surrounding area and documented them. This is the historical record of the community in the most fascinating cities in the world. Yesterday, we signed an LOI with MTDC in the presence of the Minister of Tourism. Thus, after many months of work, we were able to officially approve the project.

[Israel in Mumbai](#), [משרד החוץ](#), [Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#), [Mumbai](#), [Maharashtra](#) [Maharashtra Tourism](#), [Maharashtra DGIPR](#)

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Here is the list of Indian Jewish sites that are included in the first phase of the India Jewish Heritage Program that has been worked out by Israel's Consul General in Mumbai, Kobbi Shoshani and the Tourist Department of the Maharashtra Government.

Hopefully with availability of greater funding, more sites will be added to the list.

Please note that a number of our Bene Israeli sites have been included. In fact, Consul General Kobbi Shoshani has invited representatives of all synagogues to his residence for dinner and to light the Second Light of Chanukah, tomorrow, Monday, December 19th, 2022. He will certainly brief them all on the project whose legal aspects are being handled by my friend, an ex-Xavierite, Solicitor Jonathan Solomon. The role played by Anay Joglekar of the Consulate General in Mumbai is commendable.

Here is the initial list: (next Column)

They have to take into consideration that the sites should also have adequate tourist infrastructure. With their own budget, they can only fix the plaques and website and marketing efforts

Wishing you all those involved, the best of luck.

Chag Chanukkah Sameach to my family, friends and our community members.

Here is the initial list:

Following are the places that will be covered in this Jewish Route –

Knesset Eliyahoo Synagogue, Colaba

Magen David Synagogue, Byculla

David Sassoon Library and Reading Room, Colaba

Chabad House, Colaba

Sassoon Docks (The first wet dock of Mumbai)

Sassoon Docks – Clock Tower

Sha'ar Harahamim Synagogue - Mandvi

Sha'are Ratzon (The Gates of Desire) Synagogue, Mandvi

Magen Hassidim (Shield of the Pious) Synagogue, Agripada

Tiphereth Israel (Pride of Israel) Synagogue, Jacob Circle

Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue, Thane

David Sassoon's Tomb/ Resting Place in Pune

Ohel David Synagogue, Pune

Elijah Rock, Alibaug

Magen Aboth Synagogue, Alibaug

Beth El Synagogue, Ravedanda, Alibaug

Beth El Synagogue, Panvel

Baghdadi Jewish cemetery – Chinchpokli

Jewish Cemetery of Worli, Mumbai

Bandra Jewish Cemetery, Mumbai

Jewish Cemetery, Alibaug

Jewish Cemetery in Koregaon Park, Pune

Other Jewish Cemeteries in Maharashtra

Such other Jewish monuments as decided by the Consulate in consultation with MTDC.

Judah Samuel

Aliza Ashtan



Director of Marketing - India at Israel Ministry of Tourism
Accountant at British Airways Plc
Former General Manager - India at EL AL
אל על
Studied at MMK College of Commerce and Economics
Studied at Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies
Went to St. Mary's High School, Mt. Abu

Judah's father David Judah Samuel was President of the Shaare Rason Synagogue from the mid 60s until his demise in 1976 and had taken it to the height of its glory with sufficient funds and prayer services being held during those years. Years went by and about 10 years ago our Dear Judah was saddened to see the synagogue of his ancestors in such a bad state and with no funds. He took over the Shaare Rason synagogue in 2013 and with his personal connections, family and friends, along with his honesty and strong family values was able to raise funds to renovate the Synagogue. For about 10 years prayers and celebrations were held with Judah's personal touch to everything. He reached out to one and all and non Jews also started supporting the synagogue. He gave his everything doing good for the synagogue of his ancestors, Jewish community as a whole and everyone else who needed his help. Let us never forget the good deeds of our beloved Judah David Samuel , May he be in Peace



גדעון טלקר
2 ש"ס •

שלום לכולם,
לפני שבועיים זכיתי להכניס ספר תורה בפעם השניה להודו.
לפני שמונה שנים הכנסתי ספר תורה מהודר לבית הכנסת שער השמיים בטהנה.
לפני שבועיים הכנסתי ספר תורה לבית הכנסת שערי רצון בבומביי.
אני רוצה להזכיר אדם יקר שלא זכה להכניס איתנו את ספר התורה, גוידה סמואל ז"ל בן דינה שהוא היה זה שפנה אליי וביקש ממני לעזור לציבור בבומביי בספר תורה, יהי זיכרו ברוך. גוידה אדם יקר שראה לנגד עניו את החשיבות להביא ספר תורה חדש לבית הכנסת שערי רצון.
גוידה גייס תרומות והיה שותף מלא בהצלחת המשימה של הספר תורה.
זה המקום להגיד תודה לגיסי ירון ראובני שהכיר לי את גוידה וביקש ממני לסייע לו.
אני רוצה להגיד תודה לאחותו של גוידה, עליזה אשטן, שעזרה להביא תרומות לספר תורה.
לכל הציבור שתרים לספר תורה רבה, שתבורכו מפי עליון. אמן.

Shalom, Two weeks ago I won sending the second Sefer Torah to India (8 years ago to Shara Ha Shami—Thane). I want to remember a good person **Judha Samues** (son of Bina) who had asked for help. Juda was a good person but did not live the moment. Judha collected money and partner helped him out to get this Sefer Torah to India. The person who bought him to me was my brother in law Yaron Rubene . I also want to thank his sister Aliza Aston to get donations for this purpose. Many donated. Thank you to all.

Shaare Rason Synagogue



On 11.12.2022 at Shaare Rason Synagogue a new Parasha Sefer Torah was welcomed which was a dream of Late Mr. Judah David Samuel Pugavkar.

Many people gave donations and this is the Parashat Torah Safer. This was planned at least 4 years ago. But was held up because of the pandemic and no direct flights to Mumbai.





Baruch Gadkar

who was the secretary to Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India.

[Baruch Gadkar - Historical records and family trees - MyHeritage](#)



Baruch Bension Benjamin Gadkar, 1902 - 1989

Baruch Bension Benjamin Gadkar was born in 1902, in birth place , to Bension Benjamin Shalom Gadkar and Rachel Gadkar (born Unknown (Family Name)kar) .

Bension was born in India.

Rachel was born in India.

Baruch had 5 siblings: Moses Bension Benjamin Shalom Gadkar , Elijah Bension Benjamin Shalom Gadkar and 3 other siblings .

Baruch married first name Gadkar (born Unknown (Family Name)kar) .

They had 5 children: Abraham Baruch Benjamin Gadkar , George Baruch Benjamin Gadkar and 3 other children .

Baruch passed away in 1989, at age 87 in death place .

Apology from the Rabbi of the Country

Dear Friends and colleagues,

Courtesy of Mr. Joel Malkar, Mr Moshe Ben Daniel Sogaonkar, and Mr. Elijah Jacob Elijah Michael Talkar, it is feasible to bring to your attention a recent incitement by in my opinion an irresponsible Journalist Practicing Gutter Journalism. Attached here is the original article in Hebrew. If one is interested in having an English Version either one can use a Google Translator for Hebrew to English or wait for an update of this article publishing the translation of the attached article.

Regards

Nissim Moses

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However, the chief rabbis of Israel, Rabbi Uziel (words of Uziel chapter n'o 'o) and Rabbi Herzog (hachal ihskak י'ג' 'o) wrote that they are of the seed of Israel, and the permitted them to mix with other jews community, whatever ,there is no Fear of bastards , provided they can keep doing Torah and mitzvot.

Rabbi Ovadia Hadaya(yackil ahadi ס'ו' א'ו'ח' אה'ע ס'ו') offered to come in the oher Jews community ,except Cohanim(priests), provided that they pass strict conversion.

Rabbi Unterman (Tribe of (Judah ל'ו' ס'ו' י'ד' ס'ו') wrote similar to this.

In the year 1961-1962 (Hebrew year תשכ"ב), ten rabbis gathered at Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim's house for a special discussion on the subject, among them Rabbi Ovadia Hadiya, Rabbi Yaakov Adas, Rabbi Shaul Israeli, Rabbi Bezalel Jolti, Rabbi Goldschmidt and more, and after careful consideration they decided that they were concerns religious laws about marriages and divorces used in the community, and thus ordered the Marriage Registrars offices to investigate and demand the couples who wanted to marry and be sure that that there is no problem.

(Remark by me: reference to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef who is always called as זצ"ל)

Rabbi זצ"ל our master, righteous man for blessing

(File attached to Israel and page 308 תאריח) permitted the community of the "Bene Israel" [and this is his language in the letter of the 10th of month Shebat 5788

: Before you, let me clarify this Torah opinion, that the community of the Bene Israel, who came from India, are kosher Jews in all respects, and are allowed to come in a congregation and marry with all the communities of Israel. Like the religion of Moses and Israel without any doubt, and without any need for tests and inquiries, and a great commandment to adhere to them and bring them to the Torah educational institutions for the observance of the Torah and mitzvot, and to accept them into the Torah educational institutions, Torah, Talmud and yeshivas, all of whom are endowed with good teachings and a pure heart, and love to get closer to the Torah. The Torah and the subjects of its standards.)

אגב, דינם של "בני ישראל" היה שנוי במחלוקת, דעת רבים מגדולי הדור שהבאים מכת בני ישראל אינם יהודים וצריכים לעבור גיור גמור. ובהודו שאר העדות לא היו נישאים לבנות מכת זו, בהיות שהחזיקו אותם כאינם יהודים. וכבר לפני כמאה ושמונים שנה בשנת תר"ג קהילת "כלכתה" פנתה לרבינו בגדאד לברר אודות כת זו, ורבי יעקב בן רבינו יוסף חיים הצטרף לבית דין הצדק של בגדאד לאוסרם לבוא בקהל מחדש ממזרות (קובץ בני ישראל ח"א עמ' טא) [והל' השאלה מאותה קהילה זה היום כמה שנים שבא למחזיקו מן במבאי, איש ואשתו ובניו מהאדומים הידועים במקומותינו "בני ישראל" וכו' וכן עתה גדלו בניהם ודגדגו לפרק הנישואין, ומבקשים להנשא בבנות ישראל, ונפשינו לשאול הגיעה אם נוכל לתת להם מבעותינו ונקח מבעותם וכו'. ע"כ. ובחודש שבט תרע"ד חותם ב"ד הצדק דק"ק סמרדס ה"ו, האגן רבי אברהם עזראל, האגן רבי חיים דוד סודאנה והאגן רבי שמואל אשריק, בזה"ל ועל עין רבני ישראל אסור להתחתן בהם ואיסורם איסור עולם, עד שיבא הגאון באותה שנה בית דין הצדק דעוב" בגדאד הוציא פס"ד בזה"ל ולכן אלו בני ישראל הנמצאין בערי הודו, דין קראים אית להו ואסור להתחתן בהם, שודר גם הם מקדשין ע"פ התורה ואין להם גירושין. וכ"ז פסוט וסודר. כה דברי צעיר צאן ק' היושבים על מדין מה עובי בגדאד יע"א. ובנו של הכן איש חי, ח"ד יעקב ב"ד יוסף חיים סירסם וכתב: גם אני עבדא ראה ראיתי את השאלה הבאה מן מח"כ, ומה שנגזר מן מעלה ב"ד יב"ץ, וד"ק כראי מוצקים מסוגים על האמת מפי סופרים וספרים, ראשונים גם אחרונים, ולואת אסור מדין תורה להתחתן בהם והלוקח מהם בניו ממזרים. וזהו פסוט ואין צריכת, וזהו קרי' כי רב הוא, והטועם לנו ישכן בטת. כה דברי העבד הצעיר יעקב ב"ד יוסף חיים. וחכמי הספרדים בעצת בשנת תרל"ה התייחסו לכת זו, ומתב: מודע לבינה שהאיד וזרח אל עבר פניו אחת בסתם, מדידתו שד"ר משה'ק ירושלים תובב"א, מגיד אומר שכמה בני אדם מקהל עדתם נתעוררו לרחק את העם הנקראים בני ישראל, שלא להצטרף עמם לעשרה, ולא להעלותם לס"ת אפילו שטקיימים כל מצות תורה שבכתב ותורה שבע"פ, וכו', וחזק ודרש מה טיבם של האנשים האלו, והנה אחר שחקרנו ודרשנו ממעלת הרב הגדול שלישי דעתו האנשים האלה אלו הן העולין מזמן בית ראשון, ולפי רבות השנים נסמכו בין האומות, יען היו מעורבים עם גוי הארץ עובדי אלילים, וראיה לדבר מה שמבאר בס' הברית כי כאשר הלך קלומב לערי הודו, ומגע בקוץ' מצא אנשים הרבה הנקראים בני ישראל, ומנהג אבותיהם בידיהם באוה פריטים דומין לעם בני ישראל ואפילו ס"ת לא

History

Members of the Bene Israel faced discrimination from other Jewish groups due to their darker skin colour. Several rabbis refused to marry Bene Israel to other Jews, on grounds that they were not legitimate Jews under Orthodox law. Between 1952 and 1954, following sit-down protests and hunger strikes by Bene Israel demanding to be sent back to India, the Jewish Agency repatriated 337 members of the Bene Israel community to India.

In 1962, authorities in Israel were accused of racism towards the Bene Israel. In the case that caused the controversy, the Chief Rabbi of Israel ruled that before registering a marriage between Indian Jews and Jews not belonging to that community, the registering rabbi should investigate the lineage of the Indian applicant for possible non-Jewish descent, and in case of doubt, require the applicant to perform conversion or immersion. The discrimination may actually be related to the fact that some religious authorities believed that the Bene Israel were not fully Jewish because of inter-marriage during their long separation. Between 1962 and 1964, the Bene Israel community staged protests against the religious policy. In 1964 the Israeli Rabbinate ruled that the Bene Israel are "full Jews in every respect".

Today

In 1964 the Israeli Rabbinate ruled that the Bene Israel are "full Jews in every respect".

In spite of this, from time to time some cunning Rabbi will bring up some objections, especially during marriages. This does not happen only with Bene-Israel's. Russians & Ethiopians too face this kind of discriminations from time to time.

This time the matter was taken up by Mr. Moshe Sogaokar of United Indian group through Bene-Israel religious channel to get a reconfirmation of the 1964 decision.



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Apology from the Rabbi

Visitors from Australia

Solomon Erulkar has been on Shaniwar Teli e-newsletter team since its inception and has never missed a deadline. He always comes up with something amazing related to Bene-Israel community; from cricket to cooking and famous ancestors. During October he flew over to Israel with his wife Salome to attend two wedding in his family. He has promised a nice article about his visit to Israel and his experiences at the recent Israeli Indian wedding.



It was interesting for Shulmith Charikar and me to understand from Solomon and Salome why the world of Bene-Israel community is missing in Australia. The distances Bene-Israel families live are far away from each other. It could mean two hours driving at time to see a family. This discourages community meetings.

In olden days in Israel (and even now) one of the things that attracted community to attend a community gathering's was the Indian food & snacks that were not freely available as in Mumbai. But in Australia this too is not an attraction as there are Indian food restaurants all over the cities.

During prayers too people prefer to go to the closest synagogues and with children growing up in Australia, they like their own environment.

Perhaps with zoom the community members may get to virtually meet once in a while and hold meetings.



מתי לנסוע להודו, לכמה זמן?

מזג אוויר בהודו שהינה תת יבשת כולל אזורים אקלימיים שונים שמאפשרים לטייל במשך כל השנה. מבחינת המטיילים אפשר לחלק את אזורי הטיול בהודו בצורה גסה.

צפון הודו- חודשים אפריל מאי עד ספטמבר מתאימים ל: דלהי והסביבה, עמק קולו ופרוטי, חבל לאדק קשמיר. מרכז ודרום הודו- אוקטובר עד מרץ מתאימים לטיול ממרכז הודו ודרומה רג'סטאן, בומבי, גואה קרלה וטמיל נאדו. בטיול להודו, כמו בתאילנד לוקחים בחשבון את המונסונים, גשמים כבדים אשר יורדים ללא התראה באמצע היום לכמה שעות ולאחר מכן מפסיקים. לכן יש צורך להתאים את עצמכם למקרים מסוג אלו.

לכמה זמן? גודלה של הודו כ- 3.3 קמ"ר (8 בעולם 28), (מדינות לכן הזמן אינו קצוב. ואת סוגייה יעלה בפוסט נפרד. תמשיכו לעקוב, ולשאל כל מה שקשור במדינה מדהימה זו

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When to travel to India, for how long?

Weather in subcontinent India includes different climatic zones that make it possible to travel all year round. As far as travelers are concerned, the hiking areas of India can be roughly divided.

North India – The months of April, May to September are suitable for: Delhi and the surrounding area, the Kolo Valley and Parvati, the Ladakh region of Kashmir.

Central and South India – October to March are suitable for travel from central and southern India to Rajasthan, Bombay, Goa Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

On a trip to India, as in Thailand take into account the monsoons, heavy rains that fall without warning in the middle of the day for a few hours and then stop. That is why it is necessary to adapt yourself to these types of cases.

For how long? The size of India is about 3.3 square kilometers (8 in the world), 28 countries so the time is not limited. And the issue will be raised in a separate post.

Keep following, and asking everything about this amazing country

भारतात कधी, किती वेळ प्रवास करायचा? : उपखंड भारतातील हवामानात विविध हवामान क्षेत्रांचा समावेश आहे ज्यामुळे वर्षभर प्रवास करणे शक्य होते. जोपर्यंत प्रवाशांचा प्रश्न आहे, तर भारतातील हायकिंग क्षेत्रांची ढोबळमानाने विभागणी केली जाऊ शकते. उत्तर भारत - एप्रिल, मे ते सप्टेंबर हे महिने यासाठी योग्य आहेत : दिल्ली आणि आजूबाजूचा परिसर, कोलो खोरे आणि पार्वती, काश्मीरचा लडेक प्रदेश. मध्य आणि दक्षिण भारत - मध्य आणि दक्षिण भारतातून राजस्थान, मुंबई, गोवा केरळ आणि तामिळनाडू येथे जाण्यासाठी ऑक्टोबर ते मार्च हे मार्ग योग्य आहेत. थायलंडप्रमाणे भारतभ्रमणात मान्सून, मध्यावधीत पूर्वसूचना न देता कोसळणारा मुसळधार पाऊस काही तासांसाठी विचारात घेऊन मगच थांबतो. म्हणूनच या प्रकारच्या प्रकरणांशी स्वतःला जुळवून घेणे गरजेचे आहे.

किती काळ? भारताचा आकार सुमारे ३.३ चौरस किलोमीटर (जगात ८), २८ देशांचा आहे त्यामुळे वेळ मर्यादित नाही. आणि हा मुद्दा स्वतंत्र पदावर उपस्थित केला जाईल. अनुसरण करत रहा, आणि या आश्चर्यकारक देशाबद्दल सर्वकाही विचारत रहा.

ज्यू समाज २,० वर्षांहून अधिक काळ भारतात राहिला आहे. त्यांना

ברוכים הבאים לנתיב היהודי במומבאי והסביבה ,

कधीही छळ किंवा भेदभाव सहन करावा लागला नाही. प्रभावी आणि भव्य ज्यू जीवनशैली टिकवून ठेवताना त्यांनी प्रभावी परंपरा एकत्रित केल्या आणि विकसित केल्या. मुंबईतील इस्राईल आजकाल "ज्यू मार्ग" या प्रकल्पाचा प्रचार करत आहे, जो वारसा स्थळांना प्रवासी आणि पर्यटकांसाठी अनिवार्य भेटीचा भाग बनवेल.

या मार्गाचा पाया होता तो मुंबईत जन्मलेल्या प्रा.शौल सपीर यांची प्रभावी पुस्तके. त्याला शहरातील प्रत्येक दगड आणि गल्ली माहित आहे आणि त्याने समुदायावर सर्वात प्रभावी संशोधन केले आहे. इथूनच संपूर्ण कथेची सुरुवात होते.

आम्ही मुंबई शहर आणि आसपासच्या परिसरातील २२ ज्यू स्थळांची निवड केली आणि त्यांचे दस्तऐवजीकरण केले. जगातील सर्वात आकर्षक शहरांमधील समुदायाची ही ऐतिहासिक नोंद आहे. काल, आम्ही पर्यटन मंत्र्यांच्या उपस्थितीत एमटीडीसीबरोबर एलओआयवर स्वाक्षरी केली. त्यामुळे अनेक महिन्यांच्या कामानंतर आम्ही या प्रकल्पाला अधिकृत मान्यता देऊ शकलो.

[\(16\) Israel in Mumbai | Facebook](#)

הקהילה היהודית מתגוררת בהודו למעלה מ-2000. במשך השנים מעולם לא סבלה מרדיפות או הפליה. הם השתלבו ופיתחו מסורות מרשימות תוך שמירה על צביון חיים יהודי מרשים ומפואר. קהילת בני ישראל, קהילת יוצאי בגדד יהודי קוצ'ין ואחרים מרגשים אותי כל פעם מחדש.

מאז שהגעתי למומבאי לפני כשנה וחצי התחלנו לעבוד עקב בצד אגודל על פרויקט "הנתיב היהודי", שיהפוך את אתרי המורשת לחלק מביקורי החובה למטיילים ותיירים. הרעיון מבוסס על ספריו המרשימים של פרופ' [Saul Sapir](#), יליד מומבאי, המכיר כל אבן וסמטה בעיר וערך מחקר מרתק ביותר על הקהילה והמבנים שלה. כאן מתחיל כל הסיפור.

בשלב הראשון בחרנו 22 מבנים בעלי זיקה יהודית בעיר מומבאי והסביבה. צוות הנציגות ביקר באתרים, תיעד אותם ובנה את התשתית הרעיונית והטכנית למימוש הנתיב. לאט לאט עם הרבה מהמורות וקשיים הנחנו בימים אלו את אבן הפינה לאחד הפרויקטים המרגשים שעשינו. זהו תיעוד היסטורי החושף את רזי הקהילה באחת הערים המרתקות בעולם. אתמול מנכ"ל משרד התיירות המקומי ואנוכי חתמנו על מכתב כוונות בנוכחות שר התיירות. כך הצלחנו לאחר חודשי עבודה רבים, לאשר רשמית את המיזם.

את הפרויקט מנהלת עובדת הנציגות, האדריכלית [Michelle Joseph](#), שהקימה ועיצבה אתר אינטרנט מרשים (שנמצא בליטושים אחרונים) ואנו נשיק אותו בקרוב ביחד עם משרד התיירות. בכל אתר מורשת יוצב שילוט בהתאם להנחיות ונהלי הרשויות כאן ובכך יהפוך לחלק מהנתיב. אני מודה למישל מקרב לב!

מבקש להודות גם לנעם אבנת, הקונסולית שלנו רבת האנרגיות והיכולת שעובדת בימים אלו גם על פרויקט מרשים נוסף (ומיוחד). היא זאת האחראית לכך שהצלחנו לקיים את מזכר ההבנות עם משרד התיירות ולמצוא את הדרך הנכונה ולפתור את המשוכות הביורוקרטיות. היא אלופה!

לאיש האשכולות [Anay Joglekar](#), היועץ הפוליטי שרץ במסדרונות הממשלה המקומית כדי לחבר את כל הרשויות למען המטרה. תודה רבה.

בשבוע הבא נערוך מפגש של ועדת ההיגוי בו נציג את האתר, את שלטי המבנים ואת האתרים לכל הגורמים בעניין. אנו מעריכים כי נוכל לחנוך רשמית את הנתיב היהודי בפברואר השנה במעמד אישיות בכירה.

עד אז ממליץ לכם לצפות בקליפ הקצר מאד שערכנו כאן על הנתיב. זוהי טעימה ראשונית ואשמח עם תוכלו לשתפו.

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Dazling results of the Israeli Elections

2022 Israeli legislative election



← 2021

1 November 2022

TBD →

All 120 seats in the Knesset
61 seats needed for a majority

Turnout

70.61% (▲ 3.17 pp)

Party	Leader	%	Seats	+/-
Likud	Benjamin Netanyahu	23.41	32	+2
Yesh Atid	Yair Lapid	17.78	24	+7
Religious Zionist	Bezalel Smotrich	10.83	14	+8
National Unity	Benny Gantz	9.08	12	-2
Shas	Aryeh Deri	8.24	11	+2
UTJ	Yitzhak Goldknopf	5.88	7	0
Yisrael Beiteinu	Avigdor Lieberman	4.49	6	-1
Ra'am	Mansour Abbas	4.07	5	+1
Hadash-Ta'al	Ayman Odeh	3.75	5	0
Labor	Merav Michaeli	3.69	4	-3

This elections gave a very strong win to the right (only Jewish interest) especially Israel was surprised to see a strong win of the Religious Zionist lead by Bezalel Smotrich whose views are so strongly right that he wants all he Arabs throwing stones should be shot dead. What was more interesting that these far right win has come at the cost of Left (Secularism promoters) wings like National Unity, Meretz and others. Most of the other parties got almost the same number of seats like Yisrael Beiteinu (of Avigdor Lieberman backed by the Russian supporter). In fact it looks like Shas (right religious) lost some votes to ultra-orthodox Religious Zionist. This promises a strong Right wing government in Israel (unless the positions offered to different parties is not satisfactory for them). For example all the Religious parties are interested in "Ministry of Internal Affairs".



Bene-Israel community normally will choose a right wing government or smaller parties that will go with right like "Shas" that is religious right.

There have been some Bene-Israel community members who have been member of Knesset like Mr. Eli Ben-Menachem. [Eli Ben-Menachem - Wikipedia](#)
(See next page re-printed)

Religion in China

Chinese religion is not a single religion as Judaism. It is made of many different religions and philosophies. Chinese people choose whatever most suitable for them (like in Hinduism each family have their own choice of God).

TAOISM	San-Chio	Buddhism	Confucianism	Kingship	Popular Religion
It show how to live according to Tao, by going with the flow and not struggling against the tide.	This sets the cultural behavior like with parents, teachers, marriages, public etc.	Mediation is the only thing to necessary to achieve enlightenment is the basic teaching.	Its basic teaching is "What you do not want done to you, do not do to others.	Chinese believe royal ancestors had become divinities and must be worshiped	Popular religion as practiced by Chinese today is a combination of the other religions. Birthdays of important gods is celebrated.

All Gods of Chinese people were living people (like Ram in Hinduism). There are no imaginary Gods (Like Brahma Vishnu or Shiva in Hinduism)

Who are the three STAR Gods of Chinese? Out of 5000+ Gods?			Fortune Cookies	Significance Of Dragon
God of Happiness	God of Prosperity	God of Long age		
				
FU	LU	SHOU	Fortune Cookies are not Chinese but American	Dragons are seen as lucky and good

No other religions have Gods for Happiness Prosperity and Long age. These are the basic three things to keep a human happy.

Plan for a Bene-Israel Museum in Beersheba

Ruben son of Jacob Solomon Raymond Maleker +972586690939

The *Eighth Wonder* Of the World as Ruben calls it.



During 1996 Ruben registered a NGO (Amuta) in Israel by the name of **Raze Geheleth Organization** (RGO) meaning: **Secrets of an Ember** (hot coal) or the **Secrets of the burning coal** (अंगराची रहस्ये).



An **ember**, also called a **hot coal**, is a hot lump of slowly burning solid fuel, typically glowing, composed of greatly heated wood, coal, or other carbon-based material. Embers (hot coals) can exist within, remain after, or sometimes precede, a fire. Embers are, in some cases, as hot as the fire which created them.

On 20th Oct. 2022 Thursday Ruben came to Ashdod from Beersheba to meet few members of Shaniwar Teli e-newsletter to explain his plan. He was offered by the Municipal office half-dunam land to build a Indian Museum over four floors. But he refused as he wanted about 10 duman to make a horizontal museum, not vertical. As per his idea of a museum, a diagram is presented on the next page.



Reuben's idea is that if 1000 Bene-Israel families can give his NGO 1000 NIS so he will have the first Million NIS to start this project.

1000 x 1000 = 1,000,000 NIS

Reuben is requesting our community to talk to him about his idea and they would donate for this purpose – 058-669-0939

1. This will help the NGO to convince the Municipal Authorities of the interest and giving the land.
2. This will help to create the ground work / blueprints / foundation work / start building project
3. In future we can ask for another 1000 NIS from 1000 people to continue the project.
4. The project will be managed and maintained by the Municipal Authorities of Beersheba.

**Donations to
Bank Hapoalim Branch 631.
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The NGO is planning to have its first open meeting with the Bene-Israel community on April 26, 2023 from 11 AM to 3 PM in BeerSheva. It is the independence day of Israel and we plan to meet every independence day for this "Indian Mela" (*Waiting for more details*)

בנק הפועלים סניף 631. חן מספר 83842. בעל החשבון: רזי גחלה. כל תרומה מקדמת אותנו למוזיאון ומרכז תרבות ארצי לתפארת בני ישראל מהודו.

Indian Mela

Indian Food Festival

Indian clothes festival

Indian Dance Festival

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Before



After



***We don't want to use your
DATA. We want to plant Trees***

ODD ONE-Bene-Israel Synagogue's Names Did they follow a trend?

We grow up knowing the name of the synagogues we regularly visit. As we grow mature we seek meanings of the names the synagogues. For example the Beth-El synagogue in Panvel means "House of God". The synagogue in Pune is called "Succoth Shelomo" or Sukkah of King Solomon. Then other names mean Gate of Mercy, Gate of Heaven, Shield of Fathers and so on.

However my thoughts stopped at the name **Magen Hassidim** which mean Protect the Hassidim. Hassid in Hebrew means "Pious". Hasidim are ultra-religious/orthodox Jews who live within the framework of their centuries-old beliefs and traditions and who observe Orthodox law so meticulously that they are set apart from most other Orthodox Jews.

Judaism followers can be broadly divided in to ultraorthodox, orthodox, Conservatives and Reforms. We Bene-Israel's always classified our self as Conservative followers of Judaism. Then why was the Bene-Israel synagogue named as "Magen Hassidim"?

Names of all our Bene-Israel synagogue is always related to Bible, Gate of Heaven, Gate of Mercy, Light of Israel, House of God, House of Will, Gate of Peace, Shield of Abraham, Shield of Fathers. Somehow I thought "Shield of Pious" did not fit in. There were no people written as pious in the Bible.

It is also interesting that the name Magen Hassidim is used for a synagogue only in India. There are no synagogues by this name in the world. Two other Indian synagogues by the same name are one in Ashdod and one in Kiryat Gat Israel that was built by Bene-Israel's in the memory of the one in India.

Gate of Heaven

Gate of Mercy

Succoth Shelomo

LIGHT OF ISRAEL

House of God

House of Will

Gate of Peace

Shield of Abraham

Shield of Fathers

WHY JEWS USE MEZUZAH?

Your contract with God as a Jew



A mezuzah serves two functions:

1. Every time you enter or leave, the mezuzah reminds you that you have a covenant with God.
2. Mezuzah serves as a symbol to everyone else that this particular dwelling is constituted as a Jewish household, operating by a special set of rules, rituals, and beliefs.

The Mezuzah Scroll (Klaf)

1. The parchment is inscribed on **only one side**. On its reverse side, only one word appears: Shaddai, one of the names used for God. When the scroll is rolled properly, the “Shaddai” is facing the eye. The Hebrew letters of “Shaddai,” *shin, dalet, yod* are also the initials of the phrase *shomer daltot yisrael*, the Guardian of the doors of Israel.
2. The klaf must be hand-lettered by a kosher scribe — one who is observant of halacha (Jewish law) and who qualifies for the task. The case or container, on the other hand, has not special requirements. It can be purchased or homemade; it can be of any size or shape or material. The scroll is rolled up from left to right so that when it is unrolled the first words appear first. The scroll is inserted into the container but should not be permanently sealed because twice in seven years the parchment should be opened and inspected to see if any of the letters have faded or become damaged.

What is written on the Mezuzah Scroll

Hear, O Israel, the L-rd is our G-d, the L-rd is One.

You shall love the L-rd your **G-d** with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them thoroughly to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

And it will be, if you will diligently obey My commandments which I enjoin upon you this day, to love the L-rd Your G-d and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, I will give rain for your land at the proper time, the early rain and the late rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine and your oil. And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be sated. Take care lest your heart be lured away, and you turn astray and worship alien gods and bow down to them. For then the L-rd's wrath will flare up against you, and He will close the heavens so that there will be no rain and the earth will not yield its produce, and you will swiftly perish from the good land which the L-rd gives you. Therefore, place these words of Mine upon your heart and upon your soul, and bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be a reminder between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, to speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. And you shall inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates-so that your days and the days of your children may be prolonged on the land which the L-rd swore to your fathers to give to them for as long as the heavens are above the earth.

One of the greatest comedy teams in cinema History



Last pic of Laurel and Hardy taken together in 1956 at the Reseda Home of Laurel's daughter Lois. What a wonderful pair they made!!!



The Rabbi has called us to meet Bene-Israel Jews who arrived in India in 175 BCE



Incidentally, Laurel and Hardy were **(and are)** very popular with Jewish audiences.

In hebrew they are known as "Hashamen v' he raze", literally "the fat one and the thin one".

1930's

Ghory and Dixit were a comedy duo comprising **Nazir Ahmed Ghory** and **Manohar Janardhan Dixit**. They were active in **Indian cinema** during the 1930s and 1940s.^[1] They were called the Indian **Laurel and Hardy**.^{[2][3]} The duo had starred in several films including *Do Badmaash*, *Sitamgarh*, *Toofani Toli* and *Bhola Raja*. Most of their films were produced by **Ranjit Studios**.^[4] Unlike Laurel and Hardy they played only supporting roles in their films.^[5]



Dixit (left) and Ghory (right)



New Delhi, 11th November 2022:
David Polonsky, one of the most important and prolific illustrators in Israel, is visiting India on the occasion of India and Israel celebrating 30 years of full diplomatic relations.

[David Polonsky - Wikipedia](#)

Need a Jewish Physiatrist?

With a growing worldwide awareness that every human being in this world needs a personal shrink (Physiatrist) and the fact that 90% of their population cannot afford one, a Jewish family in Brazil has created an alternative.

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The image of the statue has been carefully chosen for this purpose.



Why Bene-Israel sprinkled Coconut Water around the inner borders of their home before Malida?

In the olden days Malida was made by grating coconut. The coconut water that came out of the specific coconut that would be granted to prepare Malida was not allowed to be drunk by anyone. This water would be sprinkled along the inner borders of the whole home. It was symbolic purifying of the home to prepare it for the sanctified prayer of Malida ceremony. In Israel this custom is not followed.



GOLD- The StreeDhan (The property of a woman)

Indian housewives hold 11% of the world's gold. That is more than the reserves of the USA, the IMF, Switzerland, and Germany put together.

StreeDhan is an Indian word derived from the combination of two words, "Stree" meaning woman and "Dhan" meaning property. So, to sum it up, Streedhan means **the property of a woman**. Streedhan may include any property or asset such as land or ornaments before or after her marriage.

This property is showered on a woman for her protection if any ill-fated fortune falls on her. This is philosophy of Hindu faith that a woman should never be helpless for the community to miss use her.



Judaism has been compared with Hinduism by Osho Rajneesh and Steven Rosen in their books. They cite the similarities between Brahmins and Jews who viewed themselves as "God's chosen people." Rosen adds that Brahmins had a "community of priests" while Jews had a "Kingdom of Priests".

David Flusser says that the tale of Abraham has many similarities with a certain story from the Upanishads, stating that "One can easily discover parallels in the Upanishads to the Abraham legend".

American biologist Constantine Samuel Rafinesque (1783-1840) in his book The American Nations discusses linguistic and traditional similarities between the two religions.

Hindu Calendar	Jewish Calendar
5124 Yudhishtira Samvat calendar	5782

What Year Is It According To The World's Various Calendars?

[What Year Is It? Why The Answer Is More Complicated Than You Think \(allthatsinteresting.com\)](#)

Gregorian	Chinese	Buddhist	Byzantine	Ethiopian	Hebrew	Holocene	Islamic	Thai	Japanizes	Hinduism	*Unix
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***Unix Calendar: 1640995200 – 1672531199**

Unix is a system for calculating a point in time as defined by the number of seconds that have elapsed since January 1, 1970. This date is the last time the system was adjusted for Coordinated Universal Time, which is the primary standard by which the entire world regulates clocks.

“Kaku” we love you

Dafna Samuel Pugaukar



Dafna writes for Shaniwar Teli from time to time. Her financial analysis on world economic is always amazing. We know most readers do not understand them, but those who do appreciate her analysis admired her. A very charming person, very intelligent and humble. Dafna is also niece of our editor Shulmith Charikar.

We bid farewell to a lovely human being in the month of November, whom I was proud to call my uncle and fondly referred to as ‘Kaku’. His name is Mr. Judah David Samuel Pugavkar. He passed away, shockingly, at a local hospital in the town of Pune in India after opting for selective procedures at the hospital.

Mr. Judah Samuel was born on 16th December, 1959 to an affluent family in Mumbai, his father being an established customs officer and his mother, a homemaker from Karachi in Pakistan who moved to India following the fateful partition of British India. He has two older siblings, Mrs. Zimra Israel and Mr. Joseph Samuel. At the time of his untimely demise, he had a promising career at the Ministry of Tourism Israel as the Director of Marketing for Israel tourism in India. Prior to joining the Tourism Ministry, he was the General Manager of EL AL in India. He also worked for British Airways and later on Kenya Airways for a short while. He completed his MBA at the Bajaj institution in Mumbai and was an alumnus of the MMK college in Mumbai.

While he was much younger, he and my father attended St Mary's High School at Mount Abu, India. My grandmother always narrated the playful and mischievous pranks they would play at school. She used to love telling us of his fondness towards collecting eggs in their wardrobes and she would have to unceremoniously get rid of them to avoid other reptiles.

He was a devoted son, a loving brother and an affectionate uncle who spoilt his two nieces. I remember him being patient with my sister and I throughout our childhood where he would shower us with anything that we requested for, had we made any requests. He would always come to our rescue when we needed his help.



With Dafna(right) & Elizabeth (Left)

He was known to extend this helpful nature to all his family and friends when they requested and needed help. Besides his friendly and helpful nature, which was adored by all friends and family, he did go the extra mile to help the Jewish community in Mumbai whenever he could. He worked tirelessly and led in the efforts to reopen Shaare Ratzon Synagogue in Mumbai which was abandoned in the past. He, along with Mrs Sinora Kolhatkar and a group of strong-willed committee members, successfully gave the synagogue the reputation that it holds today, and the committee members continue to follow in his footsteps.

My uncle led his life with determination, proud of his roots, affection and unapologetically. He believed in going after what he wanted to achieve and would not back down when faced with a challenge. He knew how to work a gathering and was charismatic and was known for his speeches at parties and family and formal occasions.

He always encouraged me and my sister to face our fears headfirst and crush any challenges that stood in our way to achieving our goals. He taught us never to feel inadequate and to chase after what we wanted. We aim to live with those principles and continue to keep his legacy alive in our hearts.

We will miss him always and do believe we will be reunited again.



History of Bene-Israel Kirtan

Elijah Jacob



On February 1st 2015 and September 4th 2016, Bene Israel Kirtans were performed in Mumbai in two decades. Kirtans were nearly forgotten by the time that Mrs. Flora Samuel in Israel and Mrs. Rachel Gadkar in India had briefly revived it in the 1990s, but at one time, kirtan had been one of the most important and popular forms of Bene Israel performance. Where did Jewish kirtan come from and where did it go?

“Kirtan” (literally, “to sing praises of the divine”) comes in many different forms across India. Unlike the Hindi-belt kirtan, Sikh kirtan or South Indian kirtanam, Marathi kirtan combines stories and philosophical discourse with song. The Maharashtrian Hindu kirtan tradition is ancient – dating back to at least the 13th century – but Bene Israel kirtan is only as old as the late 19th century. In a 1918 article on kirtan in his *Prasangik Vichar* (Occasional Thoughts) series, Mr. Samuel Mazgaonkar recounted how he and his friends Mr. David Haeem Divekar, Mr. Benjamin Shimshon Ashtamkar, Mr. Rahamim Shlomo Talkar, Mr. Hannokh Shlomo Talkar and Mr. Isaac Abraham Talegaonkar began performing kirtans in 1880. After hearing a “trance-inducing” kirtan by a Hindu kirtankar named Raosaheb Shankar Panduranga Pandit, they decided to promote kirtan as a means to teach Jewish texts to the Bene Israel community and they formed an organisation called the Kirtanottejak Mandal.

Mr. Benjamin Shimshon Ashtamkar performed the first Bene Israel kirtan – Abraham Charitra (The Deeds of Abraham) in 1880 under the auspices of the Kirtanottejak Mandal and the text of his kirtan was published in 1882. The Kirtanottejak Mandal decided that Mr. Benjamin Shimshon Ashtamkar and Mr. David Haeem Divekar, senior members of their group, would serve as Kirtankars and that the remaining four friends would sing the songs. This group performed across Marathi – speaking India at naming ceremonies, weddings and housewarming parties. Popular accounts and author introductions to kirtan texts suggest that despite early resistance by some members of the Indian Jewish society, nineteenth and early twentieth century, Bene Israel kirtans drew large crowds and elicited enthusiastic responses from listeners. Printed texts were eagerly sought out by people wanting to follow along during the performance or relive it afterwards.

Between 1882, when Abraham Charitra was published and 1960 when the last kirtan was published, approximately 42 kirtans found their way into print with activity concentrated between 1882 and 1918, a 36 year span during which 35 Bene Israel kirtans were published. According to Benjamin Ashtamkar, he and the other members of the Mandal could not meet the incredible demand for new

kirtans because kirtan was not their primary occupation. Benjamin Shimshon Ashtamkar's other kirtans included Noacha Bhaktibhaav (1888), Shmuel Akhyan (1889), Shimshon Akhyan (1896), Elisha Akhyan (1897) and several others. His brother, Dr. Aaron Shimshon Ashtamkar, the Chairman of the Panvel Municipality, also composed a few kirtans including The Account of King David in the Marathi Verses (1883), The Mourner's Consolation (1884) and David Rajacha Charitra (1896). Other kirtans performed between the 1880s and 1921 were composed by Solomon Shalom Aptekar, Aaron Daniel Talkar, David Haeem Divekar, David Solomon Pezarkar, Joseph David Penkar, Isaac Shalom Awaskar, David Jacob Talkar, Samuel David Valvatkar. Isaac Shalom Awaskar, Samuel Moses Kandlekar, Solomon Aaron Bastekar, Joseph Haeem Awaskar, Isaac Abraham Talegaonkar, Isaac Saddik Chordekar, Isaac Satamkar and Hannokh Shlomo Talkar. In the 1930's and 1950's, Mr. N. S. Satamkar composed and performed at least four kirtans and in 1990, Mr. Noah Massil of Israel composed a kirtan on Ruth for Mrs. Flora Samuel to perform.

When the Kirtanottejak Mandal disbanded, other groups supported kirtan in its place, including the Jewish Union Singing Club, the Jewish Amateurs Singing Club, the Kirtan Mandal of Pune, the Satamkar Music School and the Bene Israel Youth Convention. Indian and Israeli independence interrupted this process in the mid twentieth century and kirtan went through a period of dormancy until it was revived by educators associated with the Israelite School now the Eli Kadoorie School. While the early Kirtankars were men, its late twentieth century revival has been led by women. The late Mrs. Rachel Gadkar taught at Sir Eli Kadoorie School for many years and wrote extensively on Bene Israel culture, including an important article on kirtan. She also performed kirtans in Mumbai and Thane. Before migrating to Israel from Bombay in 1964, the late Mrs. Flora Samuel had been the headmistress of Sir Eli Kadoorie School and she continued teaching after immigration. She taught kirtans to a women's organisation in the town of Lod, published kirtan texts, performed kirtan and wrote articles on Jewish kirtans.

With Hannah "Annie" Rohekar and Ivy Jhirad, Flora Samuel performed kirtans on Joseph, Moses, Hannah and her 7 sons and Ruth. The three women received kirtan texts and learned melodies from a Lod resident whose father-in-law had been a kirtankar in India. Mrs. Rohekar composed the remaining melodies and her husband accompanied the group on bulbul tarang ("banjo"). In these performances, one woman provided the discourse and a small chorus of women sang the songs. Although Mrs. Samuel wrote the kirtan narrations, she appointed a different woman as narrator/kirtankar for each performance. It was a successful enterprise – the group was invited all over Israel to perform and Mrs. Samuel even performed kirtan at an exhibit on the Bene Israel at the Jewish Museum in New York. In addition to these public performances of kirtan, several women in the Bene Israel communities of India and Israel continue to sing songs in the vruttas associated with kirtan. Mrs. Diana Pingle has in recent years performed a religious discourse with songs in the manner of kirtan

With the support of Dr. Nathan Aston, Shoshanna & Hannah Kolet and the Orot Ha Torah Women's group, we once again had the opportunity to hear Bene Israel kirtans in India.

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Mohel Avraham Ashtamkar's Funeral at Yavne Cemetery
Shaniwar-Teli wrote about his over 1000+ Circumcision

Orot Ha Tanakh Piyyut Group "India Tour"

Orot Ha Tanakh Piyyut group presently has performed six kirtan recitals at different locations in Mumbai, Delhi, Cochin & Ahmedabad.



Kirtan group performing at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Performing Arts in New Delhi in 2017.



Kirtan group Performing at Jcc in Mumbai in 2016



Kirtan group Mumbai Dec 2022



Mumbai Sept. 2022

Gandhi Jayanti at Kiryat Gat

Hannan Reuben



On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, DCM Rajiv Bodwade paid homage to Bapu at Mahatma Gandhi circle in [#KiryatGat](#) in a ceremony attended by Mayor of Kiryat Gat Municipality and prominent community members & embassy officials.

Oct. 2, 2022



National Convention Of Indian Jews

Hundreds of Indian origin Jews drawn from four different communities gather for national convention in Israel

[Thousands Of Indian Origin Jews Drawn From Four Different Communities Gather For National Convention In Israel \(abplive.com\)](https://abplive.com)



Nissim Moses (Right) historian well known for his research of Bene Israel Genealogy, was felicitated at the event with two books by community members released.



Petah Tikva (Israel), Oct 14 (PTI): Thousands of Indian-origin Jews from all four major communities descended on this northern Israeli city on Thursday evening to participate in the sixth national convention of Indian Jews, celebrating the occasion with a whole range of cultural display, including food, music, dance, cultural exhibits, yoga workshop, etc.

The enthusiasm in the community was such that the allotted number of registrations was filled up within a few days after the event was announced. The community organized the event with the active support of the Indian mission in Israel and the municipality of Petah Tikva which was very generous in providing the necessary support for the event.

Rami Greenberg, the Mayor of Petah Tikva, applauded the role of the Indian Jewish community in Israel saying "they have contributed to the development of the country in every possible way. It also includes the strong strategic relations Israel has with India in the field of defense, polity and economy". "It is great to see how the Bnei Menashe, Bene Israel, Cochini and Baghdadi Jews from India have managed to keep in touch with their roots, even those that are third or fourth generation here", Greenberg added.

Charge d'affaires at the Indian mission, Rajiv Bodwade, described the convention as "an acknowledgment of the rich diversity and the unique traditions of the four major communities of Indian origin Jews". "Until recently the Indian Jewish communities had largely remained confined to themselves and held exclusive events and functions celebrating their Indian origins and culture.

Through the Government of India's endeavor, the four communities came together and jointly organized five national conventions of the Indian Jews in the last decade", Bodwade pointed out. The sixth national convention this year was celebrated after a gap of five years which includes the period of restrictions due to COVID-19.

"We hope that this convention will act as a cultural bridge between the peoples of India and Israel", the diplomat stressed, noting that India and Israel mark thirty years of upgradation of bilateral ties to full diplomatic relations and 75 years of Independence. "Further we are proud of the fact that India, given its unique tradition of co-existence, is one of the few places in the world where there has never been any anti-Semitism in history," Bodwade emphasized.

Touching upon a well-known fact that the older generation of Indian Jews in Israel still maintains a "deep bond" with India, he said that "the national convention provides an engaging platform for the younger generation to cherish and better understand their unique culture". There are about 85,000 Jews of Indian origin living in Israel who continues to maintain their distinct cultural practices. The national convention of the Indian Jews in Israel also helps display a part of the Indian diversity with Bene Israel coming predominantly from the Maharashtra region, the Baghdadis from the Kolkata area, Cochins from Kerala, and the Bnei Menashe from Manipur and Mizoram.

Ricky Shay, a prominent member of the Indian Jewish community, also proudly spoke of the Indian spirit of co-existence and how the Jewish community never felt any trace of anti-semitism in India. An elder member of the community, Nissim Moses, a historian well known for his research of Bene Israel Genealogy, was felicitated at the event with two books by community members released.

The India Cultural Centre in Israel organized a Kathak performance led by Ritusri Chaudhuri. She will also be performing with her team in Jerusalem on Friday. Well-known Israeli singer of Indian origin, Liora Itzhak, who has had a brief association with Bollywood and sang the national anthems of both countries during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Israel in 2017, also enthralled the crowd with some popular Hindi songs. Several local artists, mainly from the Indian Jewish community, performed on stage. PTI HM PY PY PY
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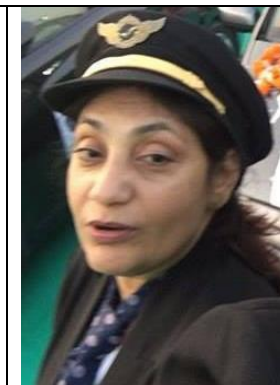
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Let us meet the ORT India, Director Mrs. Sivanah David Ashtamkar

Sivanah David Ashtamkar, finished her schooling from IES (King George) school, Dadar, and graduated from University of Mumbai through Ruia college in faculty of science. She holds a diploma in business administration from Mumbai university.

She had started her career with Air India as a Traffic Assistant and rose to the level of senior manager working for the same company for 35 years. During her tenure in Air India she was assigned many important portfolios like VIP special handling, cargo space management, and Dangerous Goods Regulations Instructor for India and foreign destinations.



She is married to Mr. David Ashtamkar who served the income tax department for 28 years and then started his own company; Menorah Realities, and is a successful businessman. Her two daughters are Amira & Akiev. Amira heads the HR department of Jindal Group and is married to Mr. Akiev Samson.

The younger daughter Aviva post graduated in hospitality management and worked as a manager in Marriott group. Presently she chose to venture into her own business and started a cloud kitchen named "Yakana".

Cloud kitchen is a **virtual platform** where the customers can place an order anytime online, and it's a commercial space that offers food services to the customers, only takeout and delivery. A Cloud kitchen is also called a ghost kitchen or virtual kitchen.



She applied and was selected by ORT India as a Director in Jul 2019. (Chai festival 2019 –below)



She is now looking after the day to day affairs of ORT India and distributing educational and online scholarships, managing the properties owned by ORT India and looking after all the aspects of the 6th floor building owned by ORT India.

She also coordinates with Podar Education Group and ORT International schools monitoring all the aspects related matters. She has successfully managed to put the Taglit 2022 group together after a gap of three years. She takes keen interest in helping Jewish families who need counselling and help related to any educational faculty.

Driving has always been her passion and has taken part in Times of India, women's drive for supporting cancer patients. She has represented the event twice.



Giving away laptops to students



With few from Taglit 2022 group

भारत-इस्त्रायलमध्ये ३० वर्षांचा जिव्हाळा



नेरूळ : 'काळोखातील प्रकाश रेषा' पुस्तकाचे प्रकाशन करण्यात आले.

नेरूळ, ता. ५ (बातमीदार)
: इंडियन चेंबर ऑफ इंटरनॅशनल
बिझनेस आणि नरिमन लाईट हाऊस,
मुंबई प्रज्ञा प्रकोस्ट आणि ज्यू वेलफेअर
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संयुक्त विद्यमाने भारत इस्त्राईल
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नागरिकांमधील जिव्हाळ्याचे संबंध
अधोरेखित केले.

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जनरल एच. ई. इस्त्राईलमध्ये भारत
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झाली. या मुलांना इतिहासातील
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या पुस्तकातून भारतातील पुढच्या
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विचार मांडले.

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या वेळी चर्चा केली.

A Novel Idea – Shukkha for Kids

Ronen Bhonkar



Last year Ronen Bhonkar who is the Honorary Secretary of Magen Hassidim Synagogue in Mumbai experimented with a new way of tying fruits in the Shukkha. He tied them lower so that children of different ages could reach them on the last day to pluck them.

This idea was so well received that it was repeated this year followed by giving gifts away to the children.

All the synagogues in the world should think of adapting Ronen's idea and call the Shukkha

Ronen's Kids Shukkha

Ronen's Kids Shukkha



The sukkah serves as an admonition to man not to become overconfident because of affluence. Like one's ancestors in the desert who dwelt in a *sukkah*, one's survival is contingent upon the grace of the Almighty (*Rashbam*, Leviticus 23:43).

Meet Ronit Satamkar Palkar

Teacher for Abacus & Vedic Mathematics



I am Ronith Solomon Palkar residing in Panvel for last 24 yrs. My maiden name is Ronith Joseph Satamkar from Jacob Circle Mumbai. I Passed my 10th std from St Ignatius High School, Jacob Circle. Then did my Secretarial Science course from ORT India, Worli. Worked in various offices. Got married in 1998.and now teaching Abacus Brian Development Program n Vedic Maths to school students since last 7 years.

Byte computers is a sister concern of Universal Mental Maths under which I work. [Byte Computer Education | Home \(ummbYTE.com\)](http://ummbYTE.com). I teach both Abacus & Vedic Maths (for 6th std studs n above), which are maths short cuts.

Byte Computer Education (1989), Panvel City has been offering professional training to students. It specializes and is well-known for training students as well as working professionals in accounting, web designing, programming languages.

Abacus Mathematics	Vedic Mathematics
Abacus is a Brain Development Program, which is for stududents from Std 1st to 4th. We use numbers as a medium for this program. Stududents do arithmetical sums (+, -, $\times$ n $\div$) on Abacus Kit. 	Vedic Mathematics, is a system of mathematics which was discovered by Indian mathematician Jagadguru Shri Bharathi Krishna Tirthaji, in the period between A.D. 1911 and 1918, who then published his findings in a Vedic Mathematics Book by Tirthaji Maharaj. These methods work very — well for dyslexic/slow students who struggles with the way arithmetic is taught in schools." Vedic Maths can be introduced to students as young as six std, and can be pursued up to the research level.




Ronit Satamkar Palkar



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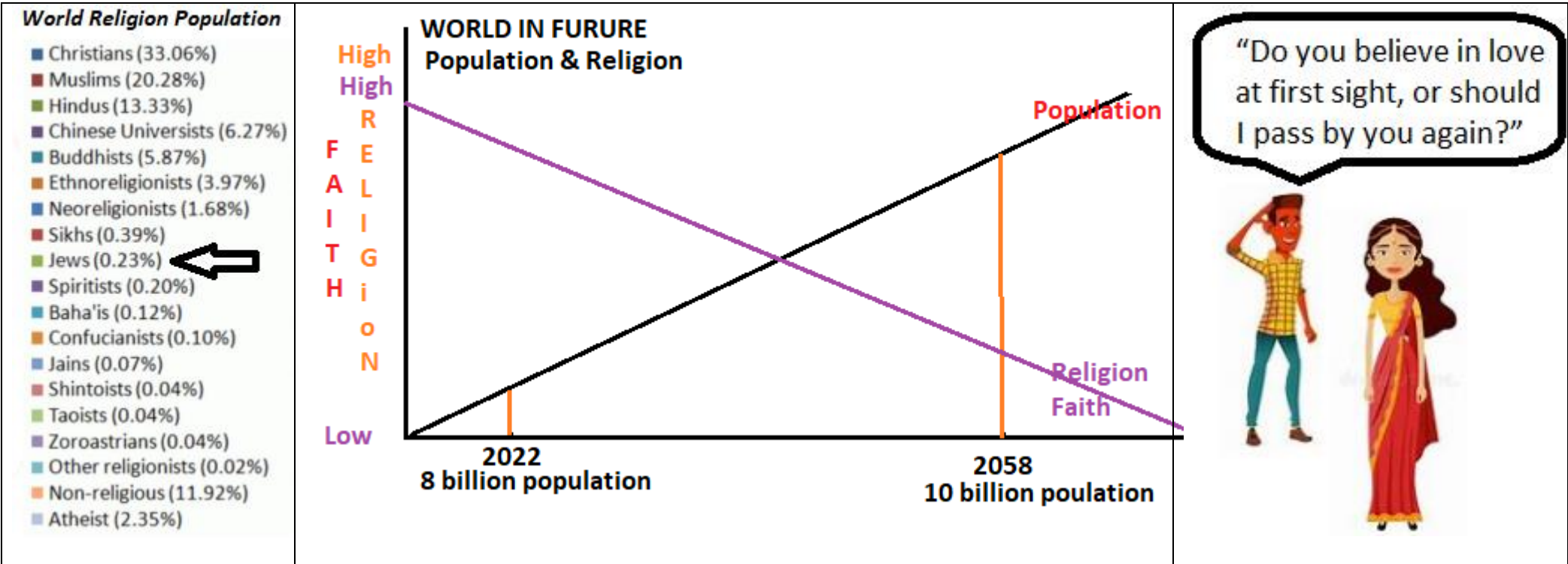
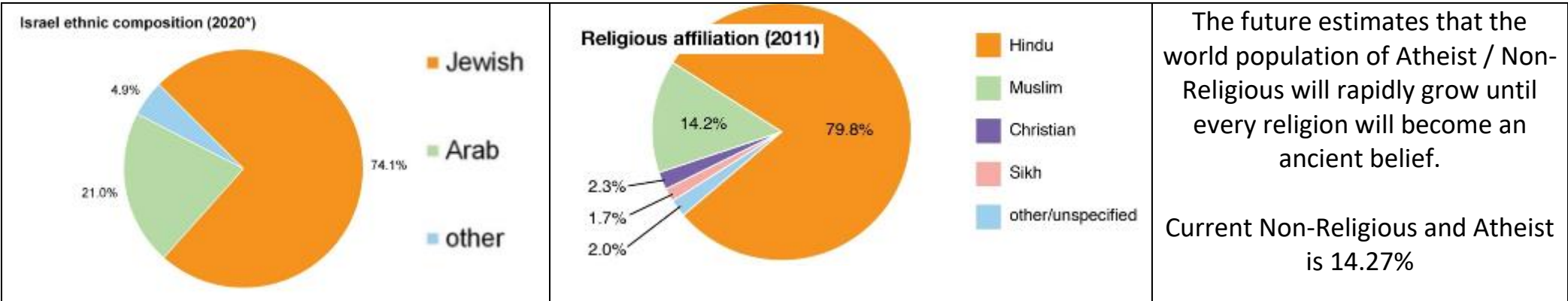
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World Religious Population Distribution

Israel (Jews 74%)

India (Hindus 80%)



History Jewish Education in India

In 1875, "The Bene Israel Benevolent Society for Promoting Education" established the "Israelite School", an English-language primary school which developed into a high school in 1892. In the 1930s the school became known as the Elly Kadoorie School after its benefactor, and taught its pupils, most of whom were Jewish, Hebrew as well as English and Marathi. Today, the school has become a Marathi-language school in which none of the pupils are Jewish. The Israelite School Old Students' Union, which later became known as the Maccabean Fellowship, was established in 1917 and in its heyday in the 1950s it attracted hundreds to social gatherings. The Jacob Sassoon Free School was founded at the end of the 19th century as an English school for Baghdad children in Bombay. Although at first a quota for Bene Israel pupils was imposed, by the 1970s nearly all of the Jewish pupils (125 out of 400) were Bene Israel. In 2001, there were hardly any Jewish pupils at the school.

The Bombay ORT school for boys was established in 1962; the school for girls in 1970. In 2001, there were still a small number of Jewish pupils who receive technical and vocational training, many of them later emigrating to Israel with knowledge of Hebrew.



Israeliet School of Kehimkar, Haeem Samuel



Jacob Sassoon School



ORT-India

What different styles of head coverings say about Israeli Jewish men and women

[What different styles of head coverings say about Israeli Jewish men | Pew Research Center](#)



What you wear can say a lot about who you are and what you believe. In Israel, for instance, the type of kippa – or lack thereof – worn by an Israeli Jewish man often is strongly correlated with his religious identity as well as some political views.

Among Israeli men who say they usually wear a large black fabric kippa, a majority identify as Haredi (also known as ultra-Orthodox) Jews (58%). By contrast, most of those who wear a black crocheted or knitted kippa (59%) say they are Masorti (“traditional”) Jews. And small black fabric kippot (the plural of kippa) as well as colored or patterned crocheted kippot are particularly common among Dati (“religious,” sometimes called “modern Orthodox”) Jews. What about Jewish women? The Kippa has long been part of the Jewish dress code for Jewish men, but not for Jewish women. That is not because Jewish women never bothered covering their head, but because non-Jewish women always covered their heads.



What different types of kippot say about Israeli Jewish men

Among Israeli Jewish men who wear each type of kippa (or no head covering), % who say their religious identity is...



				
<i>Breslov Kippah</i> These large kippot knitted from white yarn often have a pom on top and a slogan of the Breslover community around the edge. A similar white style, without the slogan, is worn by some non-Breslover Hasidic children.	Yemenite Jews traditionally wear a stiff black kippah shaped like a dome. They are usually made of velvet and have decorative borders.	The name aside, this kind of kippah is actually crocheted and is favored by Modern Orthodox Jews and Dati Leumi in Israel. They come in a variety of colors and patterns, with styles constantly changing, and sometimes playful variations. Some Jews who lean in a slightly more Orthodox direction will favor an all-black version of the same kind of kippah.	Some haredi Jews regard the velvet kippah as fulfilling a more stringent obligation to have two layers on one's head, though not all agree with this view.	Some Hasidic children wear a hat called a kashket as an alternative to a kippah. This is shaped something like a Bukharian kippah — having a wide band and no brim — but it is usually entirely black and made of felt.

	<i>Shtreimel, Spodik, Kolpik</i> These are all large, cylindrical fur hats usually worn on Shabbat or festivals and to weddings. The streimel is a very wide brown hat made from animal tails (usual fox, marten or minx) while the spodik tends to be taller and dyed black. Because a spodik is dyed, it is a less expensive hat, though neither style is cheap. Which one you wear is usually determined by the Hasidic sect of which you are a member.		<i>Fez or Tarboush</i> This cylindrical red cap, sometimes with a tassel, was traditionally worn by Jews from the former Ottoman empire, especially Morocco. Jews tend to call it by its Arabic name, Tarboush. <table><tr><td></td><td> <i>Satin Kippah</i> These soft, looser lined kippot are especially popular among older generations of Reform and Conservative Jews. </td></tr></table>		<i>Satin Kippah</i> These soft, looser lined kippot are especially popular among older generations of Reform and Conservative Jews.
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במסעדת המלון
11:00-16:00 זמן חופשי (אופציות בחמשותף)
17:00 סינר חדרים והחזרות ספונסרות
17:30 יציאה לסיוען אשקלון

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6:00 יציאה מאשקלון - היכל הספורט
10:00-10:30 הפסקת ארוחת בוקר עצמאית
11:00-12:30 סיור וביקור (פרטים בהמשך)
15:00 קבלת חדרים, קבלת פנים הבוללות מציגים, עוגיות עוגות וקיראסונים
16:00-18:00 מסיחה והתארגנות בחדרים
18:30-20:30 ארוחת ערב במסעדת המלון (קבלת וורד לכל אחת, נגן בכניסה לחדר הטובל)
20:30-24:00 פעילות בלובי המלון או למעגלינות סופג אש

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10:30-11:30 התחלות חדשות ומצגות - ד"ר ריקי שיי
10:00-14:00 פעילויות ואמריקניות שיפורטו בהמשך
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Interesting Facts

Herzl Bhonkar



As I learn more, I get more amazed. Of course we know the Christians and the Muslims both are followers of the new versions of Old Testimony. Both these religions were born during ACE (After Christ Era) in last 2000 year and so we are clearer about it.

But, Hinduism that has been existing, as long as Judaism, some similarities between the two are amazing when understood.

There is no doubt that Noah and Manu describes the same floods that recreated the world. But recently I became aware of few more amazing facts.

In Hebrew a Man is called איש - Esh

A Sanskrit word for "God" or "deity". Esh (ईश in Devanagari script) is also a Sanskrit word for king, head, leader or Lord. As Esh's meaning in Sanskrit is king, Head, Leader who worshiped as Eshwar (God). Probably this belief arises from the fact that many Indian Hindu names that end with "Esh or Ish" actually refer to God (Shiva).

In Hebrew a women is called אשה – Esha

A Sanskrit work for “Parvathi” the Goddess and wife of Shiva

Our Jews commitment to God is shown by Brith as Abraham **Circumcised** himself. The reason Abraham used the part of his penis (and no any other part of the body) was because it is through Penis the new life begins (sperms that get transferred to women for fertilization). Keeping the same logic of commitment the Hindus pray the Shiv Ling (the representing of penis of Shiva).

There are also explanations that claim that Abraham was a Braham (Hindu) but when he separated from the Braham community, he was called A-Braham (Non-Brahman).

Going a step further, the meaning of Noah in Sanskrit is “the Man par excellence or the representative man and father of the human race (regarded in the as the first to have instituted sacrifices and religious ceremonies, and associated with the Manu (Man-us = Man)

Are you now wondering about the same things that I do?

from 4 years ago.



Mr. Jacob Elijah Dandekar A Piece of Bene-Israel History

It was his wish that Bene-Israel children study Hebrew.

Mr. Dandekar, the Bene-Israel born children are experts in Hebrew in Israel.

"I am Jacob Elijah Dandekar. I am known as Baba. I'm 84 years old and I am one of the last Beni Israel of Alibagh. I've been a Hazan for over 45 years. I learned to be a Hazan from Baruch Gadkar who was the secretary to Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. When I was a Hazan, I always gave the children a portion to read so that they would love to pray. My father taught me the importance of prayer and today I still know the Tehillim by heart. My father would wake me up at 4am to go to morning prayers. He would call my name, "Jacob, Jacob, Jacob" and if I didn't wake up he would shove me. In those days, we went to pray or we were beaten. Prayer was very important, in fact when I was a boy, I remember a man from the village of Korli who would walk 3km every day just to attend prayer in the Borli Synagogue.

I remember that on Shabbat all the people would come together in unity. It made me feel so good inside. Every family sat in their home with their Shigli which we used to keep the food hot on Shabbat. On Hashanah Rabbah, we would stay up all night and study

and pray until the morning and then together we would attend the morning prayers. Some of us kept cows by our homes and only a Beni Israel would milk them.

There were five children in my family. We were four brothers and one sister. All are gone except for me. My sister Tziporah was very loving and whenever we visited with one another she would always make me feel loved. She would have a meal ready for me and always wanted to spend time with me. She moved to Israel and died.

I am the guardian of this Kneset. **Today, nobody comes to pray anymore. Nobody knows Hebrew or even how to pray.** My hope for the future is that Jewish children will study Hebrew and the prayers. In the house, the parents should show a love of prayer and of learning Torah. The parents should go to synagogue to set a good example for the children. Here, there is never a minyan. Every day, and every Shabbat, I come to the synagogue, open its gates, and pray alone. I am alone but I have God." I was inspired by Humans of New York, Humans Of India, Humans of Judaism

Daniel Jacob Penkar

Director of Sinhgad Institute of Management, Pune.

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पुणे: सिंहगड कॉलेज स्पर्धेत सहभागी स्पर्धक, मान्यवर.

आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन क्रिकेट स्पर्धेचे आयोजन

पुणे, ता. १ : सिंहगड कॉलेज ऑफ सायन्स, आंबेगाव (बु.) आणि सावित्रीबाई फुले पुणे विद्यापीठ यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन मुलांच्या क्रिकेट स्पर्धेचे आयोजन केले आहे. त्याचे उद्घाटन बुधवारी (ता. ३०) करण्यात आले.

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Meet Shlomo Sharon Galsurkar - Regional Supervision Representative - India

[Rabbi Shlomo Sharon Galsurkar - OK Kosher Israel](https://il.ok.org/)

I made aliyah four years ago.

Me and my wife Sharona massil were local Jewish educators in India for almost 20 years, we joined and worked for AJDC and ORT-India.

I use to work part time for OK kosher certification.

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After aliya “Kosher Certification” (since 1935) asked me to become their staff in Israel and now I travel to India every month.

My real passion is Jewish education which I believe is service to Hashem and service to my community.



Rabbi Shlomo Sharon Galsurkar

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Rav. Daniel Talker

Rav. Daniel Talker arranged for four professionals from Israel to visit India to teach Jewish Kashrut professions to the Bene-Israel.

Shochet: Kosher way of slaughtering Chickens and Goats

Mohel: to Circumcise Jewish children.

Kashrut – Basics of Kosher Food

Nissuin: Conducting Jewish Marriage

Chazzanut: Learning to be a Chazzan



<https://youtu.be/NORPYnDVuC8>

Bene-Israel Jokes

Galsulkar & Nahaokar stood at a traffic signal;
 Galsulkar: I wonder what one traffic light says to the other.
 Nahaokar: That is simple. Stop looking at me, I'm changing!

Koletkar : "Your mother has been with us for 20 years, isn't it time she got a place of her own?"

"My mother?" replied Mrs. Koletkar "I thought she was *your* mother."

Bhonkar's wife asked him for something that went from 0-200 insanely fast.
 He Bought her a weighing scale!

Kurulkar came to see his doctor Dandaker.
 Dr. Dandaker: "Kurulkar, I have bad news, and worse news for you."
 'What is the bad new?' asks the patient.
 Dr. Dandakar: 'You only have 24 hours to live.' replies the doctor.
 Kurulkar: Oh my, that's terrible! What could possibly be worse than that?!!
 'Dr. Dandakar: Well, I've been trying to contact you since yesterday...!'

Chincholkar: Today my son's school is closed. He is at home.

Wakrulkar: Why? My son went to school today. What is the holiday for?

Chincholkar: He said a fish from school went swimming and it drowned!

Wakrulkar: Oh.. (stunned). Your son seems a very sympathetic boy!!

Ruby: I don't know what to do. My dog keeps chasing people on a bicycle.
 Sandra: Then why don't you take away the bicycle from the dog?

Neomi: Ortal, I always wonder how do the Transgender recognize each other. There are so many of them?

Ortal: That is simple Neomi. They do the same that we did as children.

Neomi: What?

Ortal: You show me yours and I will show you mine.

Birwadkar: The doctor said I have become fat. I should reduce 30 Kg. It is impossible for me to do that at this age. What can I do?

Pezarkar: They are all crazy. Do what I did. Change your doctor.

Waskar you know my girlfriend, she ignores my existence and only talks to me when she needs something.



Varulkar you should be proud. She treats you like her God!

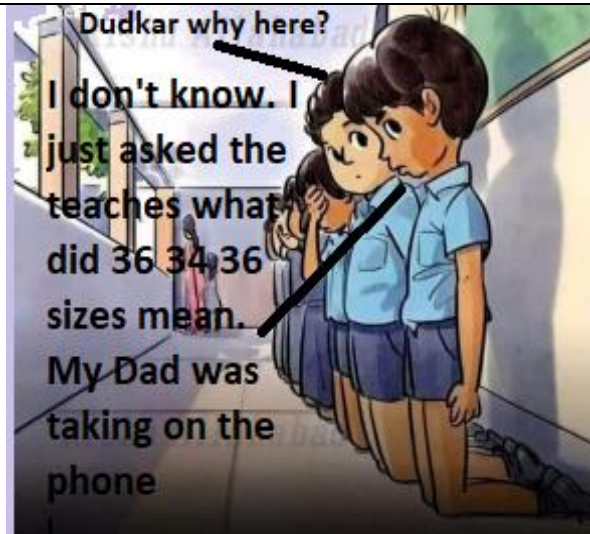
Nathan, I am so happy today. My girlfriend said her heart is like a mobile and I am her SIM card.



Moses....
 Don't be too happy. If she gets a new offer she will change the SIM card



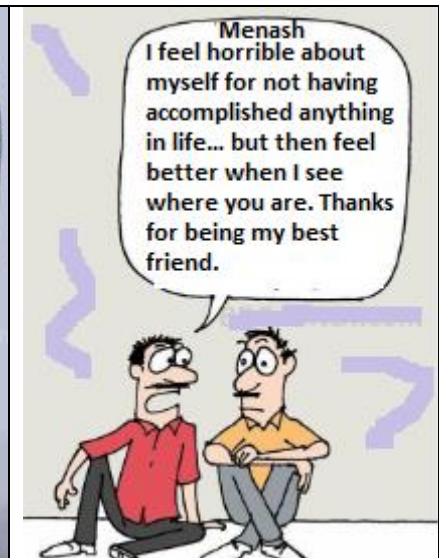
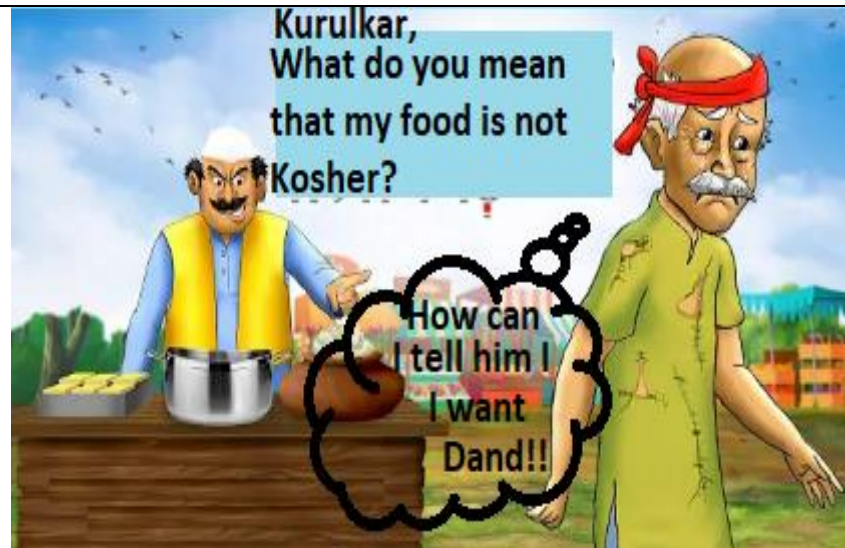
Esther Shabbat Shalom



Mr. Levi Sankar.
As leader of Bene-Israel in Ashdod what do you want to say about BB winning the election



BB and Modi are good friends. So now I think all of Israel will start wearing Indian dresses like me and eat Indian food with hands.





The question is who contributed more to the growth of our country?

01. On the Rs. 5000 Mrs. Ashtamkar donated, she got a 30% tax rebate. Therefore, she actually landed up earning back Rs. 1500/-. In other words, by donating Rs. 5000 she made a net contribution of just Rs. 3500/- to the country.

02. On Alcohol, the total taxes (excise and GST) added up to approximately 72% of the MRP. So when Mrs. Ashtamkar paid Rs. 5000/-, Rs. 3600/- went to the state exchequer... against Rs. 3500 from Mrs. Ashtamkar.

...and 48 pegs of pleasure from two bottles 750 ml whisky bottle 🍷🍷. And the tandoori chicken, peanuts, soda and other bites he consumed worth Rs.5000 along with whisky contributed about Rs.1000 more to government.

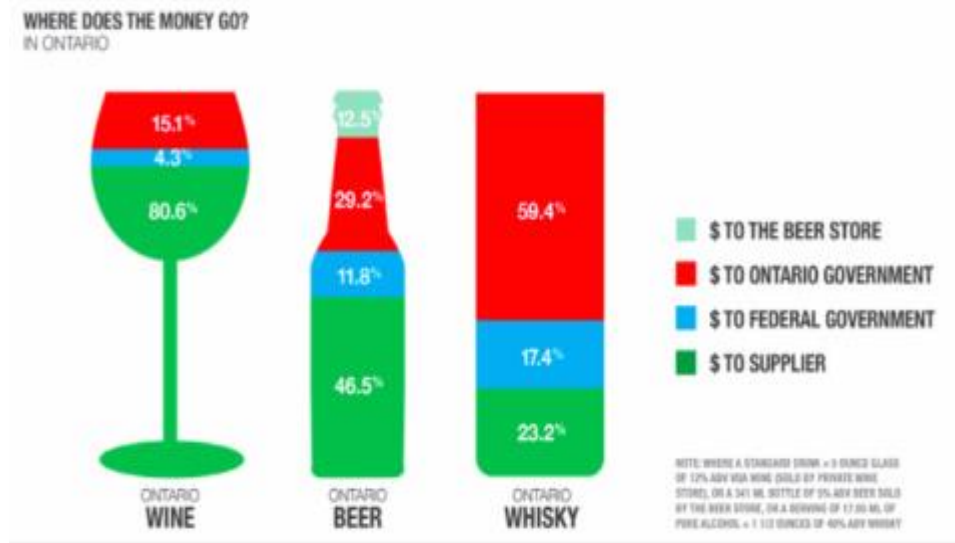
That makes it Rs.4600 of Ashtamkar vs Rs.3500 of Mrs. Ashtamkar

Therefore, not only did Mrs. Ashtamkar contribute more, she created jobs at the Distillery, their suppliers of labels, bottles, caps, machinery, Poultry farms, Snack companies, jobs at the

Marketing Company, jobs at the Wine Shop, Retail shops selling chicken, snacks and moreover he was in high spirits doing so, while Mrs. Ashtamkar doesn't even know where her money went !!

Think of it...

Next time, buy a bottle of Whisky 'you' serve your Nation !!!
Be a responsible citizen!! Have a lovely winter and also be in high spirits !!!



Dr. Riki Shi / डॉ. रिकी शि. / ד"ר ריקי שי

סופש נהדר לכולם, היה לי העונג והכבוד להשתתף בערב השקה של הספר "שוחקות אבן" על נשים מעוררות השראה בהשכלה. התרגשתי מאוד על בחירתי כאישה מעוררת השראה בתחום על ידי ערבות - נשים מחברות מסורת בית מדרש המפתח חזון יהודי הנשען על פמיניזם ומסורת ספרדית-מזרחית. המטרה היא להשמיע קולן של נשים שפרצו מחסומים ושחקו אבנים (פרצו את תקרת הזכוכית) ללמד עליהן בבתי ספר ובמדרשות ולהנחיל במרחב הציבורי את סיפורי ההשראה לדורות הבאים. הערב לווה בניגונים אותנטיים, מעגלי שיח וחיבורים מיוחדים. תודה למשפחתי האהובה שליוותה אותי ברגעים מרגשים אלה. סופש נעים ושבת מבורכת לכם ולכל בני משפחתכם

Great weekend for everyone, I had the pleasure and honor of attending the launch evening of the book "Abrasive Stone" about inspiring women in education. I was very moved by my choice as an inspiring woman in the field by guarantee - women members of the Beit Midrash tradition that develops a Jewish vision based on feminism and Sephardic-Oriental tradition. The goal is to make the voices of women who broke through barriers and played stones (broke through the glass ceiling) to teach about them in schools and midrashes and to instill in the public sphere the stories of inspiration for future generations.

सर्वासाठी उत्तम शनिवार व रविवार, स्त्रियांना शिक्षणात प्रेरणा देण्याविषयी "घर्षण दगड" या पुस्तकाच्या प्रकाशन संध्याकाळी उपस्थित राहण्याचा आनंद आणि सन्मान मला मिळाला. स्त्रीवाद आणि सेफार्डिक-ओरिएंटल परंपरेवर आधारित यहूदी दृष्टी विकसित करणार या बेइत मिड्रॅश परंपरेच्या महिला सदस्य - हमीद्वारे या क्षेत्रातील एक प्रेरणादायक स्त्री म्हणून माझ्या निवडीने मी खूप भारावून गेलो. अडथळ्यांना भेदून दगड खेळणाऱ्या (काचेच्या छतातून तुटलेल्या) स्त्रियांचा आवाज शाळा आणि मध्याश्रमात त्यांच्याविषयी शिकविण्यासाठी आणि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रात भावी पिढ्यांसाठी प्रेरणादायक कथा रुजवणे हे यामागील उद्दिष्ट आहे.





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Dr. Riki Shai doesn't stop...

Ahead of the new year 2023, Dr. Riki Shai was chosen as an inspiring woman in the field of education. There is no doubt that after her academic studies and her many years of work in the field of education from early childhood to the training of educators and at the same time she is currently finishing her law studies at Sapir College and towards a specialization in the field of law she was chosen as a successful woman and is presented in the book "Abrasive Stone" about inspiring women in the field of education by guarantee – women who connect tradition-women connect tradition, a beit midrash that develops a Jewish vision based on feminism and Sephardic-Oriental tradition.

The main goal is to make the voices of women who broke through barriers and played stones (breaking through the glass ceiling) and to teach about them in schools, midrashas, pre-military and to instill in the public sphere the stories of inspiration for

डॉ. रिकी शाई थांबत नाहीत...

नवीन वर्ष 2023 च्या आधी डॉ. रिकी शाई यांची शिक्षण क्षेत्रातील प्रेरणादायी महिला म्हणून निवड करण्यात आली होती. तिच्या शैक्षणिक अभ्यासानंतर आणि तिच्या बालपणापासून ते शिक्षकांच्या प्रशिक्षणापर्यंत शिक्षण क्षेत्रात अनेक वर्षे काम केल्यानंतर आणि त्याच वेळी ती सध्या सपीर महाविद्यालयात आणि स्पेशलायझेशनच्या दिशेने कायद्याचे शिक्षण पूर्ण करत आहे यात काही शंका नाही कायद्याच्या क्षेत्रात विशेषज्ञता म्हणून तिची निवड करण्यात आली आणि "घर्षण स्टोन" या पुस्तकात हमीद्वारे शिक्षण क्षेत्रात महिलांना प्रेरणा देण्याविषयी सादर केले गेले आहे - परंपरा जोडणार् या स्त्रिया परंपरा जोडतात, स्त्रीवाद आणि सेफार्डिक-ओरिएंटल परंपरेवर आधारित ज्यू दृष्टी विकसित करणारा एक बीट मिड्रॅश.

अडथळ्यांना भेदून दगड खेळणाऱ्या (काचेचे छत भेदून) स्त्रियांचा आवाज करणे आणि शाळा, मिडराशा, लष्करपूर्व अशा ठिकाणी त्यांच्याविषयी शिकवणे आणि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रात भावी पिढ्यांसाठी प्रेरणेच्या कहाण्या रुजवणे हे मुख्य

ד"ר ריקי שי לא עוצרת...

לקראת השנה החדשה 2023 נבחרה ד"ר ריקי שי לאישה מעוררת השראה בתחום ההשכלה. אין ספק שלאחר לימודיה האקדמאיים ועיסוקה רב השנים בתחום החינוך החל מהגיל הרך ועד הכשרת אנשי חינוך ובמקביל כרגע היא מסיימת את לימודי המשפטים במכללת ספיר ולקראת התמחות בתחום המשפטים נבחרה כאישה מצליחה ומוצגת בספר "שוחקות אבן" על נשים מעוררות השראה בתחום ההשכלה על ידי ערבות – נשים מחברות מסורת, בית מדרש המפתח חזון יהודי הנשען על פמיניזם ומסורת ספרדית-מזרחית. המטרה המרכזית היא להשמיע את קולן של נשים שפרצו מחסומים ושחקו אבנים (פרצו את תקרת הזכוכית) וללמד עליהן בבתי ספר, במדרשות, בקדם צבאי ולהנחיל במרחב הציבורי את סיפורי ההשראה לדורות הבאים.

בערב זה, סיפרה ד"ר ריקי שי את סיפורה האישי – השמים הם לא הגבול. על ההתמודדויות עם החברה, המסורת והמשפחה בדרך אל היעדים שהציבה לעצמה, נשאלה שאלות על ידי המנחה והקהל והשיבה לכולם בסבלנות רבה.

future generations. On this evening, Dr. Riki Shai told her personal story – the sky is not the limit. On coping with society, tradition and family on the way to the goals she set for herself, questions were asked by the moderator and the audience and answered everyone with great patience. The evening was accompanied by authentic melodies, dialogue circles and special connections between women from different communities and other connections. Dr. Riki Shai: "I have had the pleasure and honor of attending the launch night, sharing my stories to the audience and sharing my insights throughout my life. I try to pass the knowledge on to future generations in order to create a better world in all respects. I am glad that arab companies have created questions and worksheets combined with the personal stories of inspiring women and I am confident that this will give tools and insights to women in particular and to society in general." Journalist Ortal Arbeli (Picture in 3rd. column)	उद्दिष्ट आहे. आज संध्याकाळी डॉ. रिकी शाई यांनी आपली वैयक्तिक कहाणी सांगितली - आकाश ही मर्यादा नाही. तिने स्वतःसाठी ठरवलेल्या ध्येयाकडे जाताना समाज, परंपरा आणि कुटुंबाशी सामना करताना, मॉडरेटर आणि प्रेक्षकांनी प्रश्न विचारले आणि सर्वाना मोठ्या संयमाने उत्तरे दिली. संध्याकाळच्या वेळी अस्सल सूर, संवाद मंडळे आणि विविध समुदायातील स्त्रियांमधील विशेष संबंध आणि इतर कनेक्शन्स सह होते. डॉ. रिकी शाई: "प्रक्षेपणाच्या रात्री उपस्थित राहण्याचा, माझ्या कथा श्रोत्यांना सांगण्याचा आणि माझ्या संपूर्ण आयुष्यात माझ्या अंतर्दृष्टी सामायिक करण्याचा मला आनंद आणि सन्मान मिळाला आहे. सर्व बाबतीत एक चांगले जग निर्माण करण्यासाठी मी हे ज्ञान पुढील पिढ्यांपर्यंत पोहोचविण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो. मला आनंद आहे की, अरब कंपन्यांनी प्रेरणा देणाऱ्या महिलांना प्रेरणा देण्याच्या वैयक्तिक कथांसह प्रश्न आणि कृतिपत्रिका तयार केल्या आहेत आणि मला विश्वास आहे की यामुळे विशेषतः महिलांना आणि सर्वसाधारणपणे समाजाला साधने आणि अंतर्दृष्टी मिळेल." https://youtu.be/WXCjQO_Ydck पत्रकार ऑर्टल आर्बेली (चित्र ३ री. स्तंभात)	הערב לווה בניגונים אותנטיים, מעגלי שיח וחיבורים מיוחדים בין נשים מקהילות שונות לקשרים נוספים. ד"ר ריקי שי: "היה לי העונג והכבוד להשתתף בערב ההשקה, לחלוק את סיפורי לקהל ולשתף בתובנות שלי במהלך חיי. אני משתדלת להעביר את הידע הלאה לדורות הבאים על מנת ליצור עולם טוב יותר בכל המובנים. אני שמחה שחברות ערביות יצרו שאלות ודפי עבודה בשילוב הסיפורים האישיים של נשים מעוררות השראה ובטוחני שזה יתן כלים ותובנות לנשים בפרט ולחברה בכלל." אנו מכאן מאחלים הצלחה רבה לחברת הקהילה שלנו שתעלה ותצמיח את הדורות הבאים. העיתונאית אורטל ארבלי https://youtu.be/WXCjQO_Ydck 
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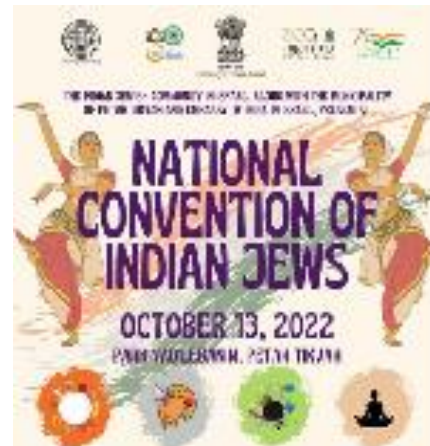


Indian Jewish Heritage Center- IJHC, as their name suggests, they don't have activities dedicated only for the Bene-Israel community. They try to take all the Indian communities in Israel together as does the Indian Embassy of India in Israel. A more Israeli approach.

On November 3rd, 2022 the Bauhaus Center held an exhibition to celebrate the 30 years of friendship between India and Israel. The program started with lectures at the Indian Cultural Center by Professor Juval Portugali, Architect Sharon Rotbard, Professor Shaul Sapir, Professor Solomon Joshua Benjamin, and Professor Micha Levin. This exhibition was a way of acknowledging the similarity between two cities, Mumbai and Tel Aviv, that shared architecture of Art Deco and Bauhaus style. The exhibition was collaboration between the Consulate General of Israel in Mumbai, Art Deco Mumbai, The Bauhaus Center in Tel Aviv and the Sir JJ College of Architecture in Tel Aviv.

The exhibition included works by Joshua Moses Benjamin z"l who was a Bene Israel and was the chief architect in the government of India. Professor Solomon Benjamin spoke about the influence of Bauhaus and Art Deco on the design of the buildings by Joshua Moses Benjamin.

The program was graced by the ambassador of India to Israel, Mr. Sanjeev Singla, and many locals and students. The exhibition on the Bauhaus style of architecture of India and Israel will be on display for the next few months at the Bauhaus center near the Dizengoff Center in Tel-Aviv.



This convention had booths from all the Indian communities in Israel

8th Nov: Initiative of the Center for the Indian Jewish Heritage in Israel and in collaboration with the municipality of Keshwar, the education division and the community network, an exhibition was opened in memory of Joel Lehengahal RIP.

The exhibition - "Bnei Menashe" by photographer Dorit Lombrozo will be exhibited at the community center until the end on 30.12.2023



IOBI/IBI



The group announced loss of their two Vice Presidents;
Judah David Samuel (Pugavkar), the Vice President of The International Organization of Bene Israelis (IOBI) from India
Steve Samson Charikar, the Vice President of The International organization of Bene Israelis (IOBI) from Canada

May their soul rest in peace.

With such amazing members this group did nothing for the Bene-Israel community. This only shows a weak leadership.



Once again the same story of this group. They do nothing but try to take the credit from other groups by saying their members were present (when they are actually not present on behalf of this group-but as they are members), the group claims ownership on them. See below their own post on their Facebook.

IOBI is proud to play a major part with the members contributing to the grand success of the National Convention of Indian Jews in Israel , initiated and organized by Embassy of India, Tel Aviv.



Again trying to make an Indian Embassy function as their function. This function is held every year by Indian Embassy. See post below:

"The Committee members of the International Organization of Bene Israelis come together to compose the national anthem of India. We salute and Respect India." (Compose??) They claim to be a registered **NGO to work for Bene-Israel community**. What exactly are they doing besides taking credit from others? When will

this NGO start working for our people for whom they have registered it?

No one understood why John Peri signed a letter issued about 22 Jewish landmark when he was not involved and not even consulted. Later the original was issued with embassy officials. As per the tradition, of IOBI, even their leader steals credit of the work of the others and send letters out in his own name. Eli Kadoori School is not included in this list.



A TV Channel interviewed their "Dongri Cha Mavali" about him being one of the many reserved army service person who were put in the flight to bring back Jews from Iran.

Beth El Synagogue, Panvel

Moses Korlekar



Shabbat Minyan group on 12th November 2022 in the BETH EL SYNAGOGUE Panvel.

On 4th. November 2022, Consul General of Israel, visited BETH EL SYNAGOGUE Panvel. They all were honored, and Mish Berakha was blessed on to them.

Hanukah lighting were held every day as per tradition



Worli Cemetery

Sion Charikar is continuing building the cement road. Daily a truck load of material is delivered to work with.

Please remember Sion and his family in your prayers.

Canada Bene-Israel - Arelia Daniels



Arelia Daniels

By Arelia Daniels

What fried foods did you eat on Chanukah? 🍷

We made Batata Vada, an Indian vegetarian fried fast food. 🍟

Recipe:

- Boil, peel and mash potatoes
- Add salt, black pepper, turmeric, garlic, ginger, chili powder, chopped coriander to the mashed potatoes
- Mix thoroughly and make into small spheres
- In a separate bowl, mix chickpea flower, salt and water and mix together into a pasty batter
- Dip each sphere into the batter
- Fry until golden brown
- Enjoy with a chutney



The Indian Jewish Federation (IJF)

David Talegaonkar



Scholarship doubled for students of minorities

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Mumbai: The state government has doubled the scholarship for students of seven notified minority communities to pursue higher education in the current academic year. The scope of the minority scholarship has been increased to include students pursuing Art and full-time diploma programmes.

Minority students — Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Sikh, Zoroastrian, Jew — pursuing higher education are entitled to an annual scholarship of up to Rs 50,000 as against Rs 25,000. The annual income cap to avail the scholarship remains Rs 8 lakh a year as per a state government resolution issued on October 4.

Students pursuing degree courses in arts, science and commerce will get up to Rs 5,000 a year this academic year. The amount will be deposited in the Aadhar card-linked bank account of the student in October and February. The scholarship amount has been doubled after over a decade.

We are pleased to inform you that it was the efforts of the Indian Jewish Federation that the Minority Status was bestowed upon the Jewish Community. Jews are included in educational scholarships for students. TOI, Oct 7, 2022.

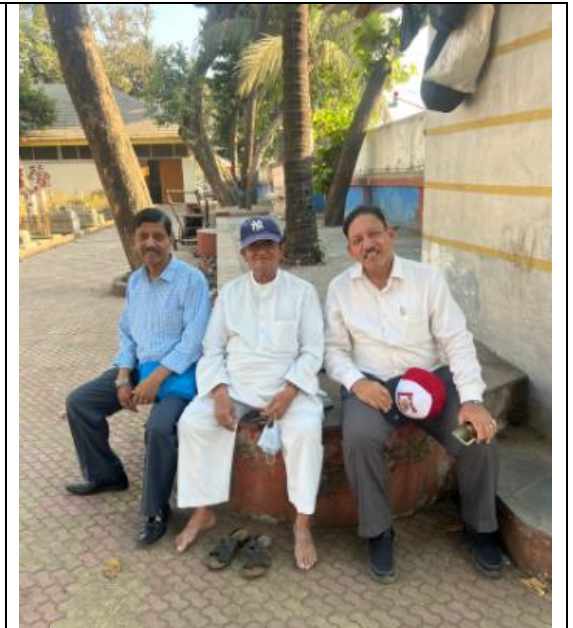
At present Mr. Jonathan Solomon is the Chairman and Mr. Ezriel Penkar is the President and myself Mr. David Talegaonkar is the Hon. Secretary of IJF. I would like to also specify that if anyone requires the notification, the said can be collected from the Sir Elly Kad0orie School.

The first job that I undertook after my return from USA was the cemetery.

We are in the cemetery, getting the grass removed from the cemetery ground and getting it cleaned.

Sion Charikar has also come with a proposal to get the ground in the cemetery concretized, to avoid grass growing in the cemetery.

Work has already started on this.



The Indian Jewish Federation (IJF)

David Talegaonkar



You are correct.

Sir Elly Kadoorie School is completing it's 150 years next year. It is an important Jewish institution and cannot be excluded from the Jewish Route.

Myself and Mr Viju Penkar has taken up the matter with the Consulate office in Mumbai. We have addressed a detailed letter duly signed by both of us. I will forward the copy of said letter. Will you publish it in Shaniwar Teli?

By not including the school, a great injustice is caused to the Bene Israel community.



BJP's Jewish Minority Leader in Maharashtra

Sassoon Phanspurkar

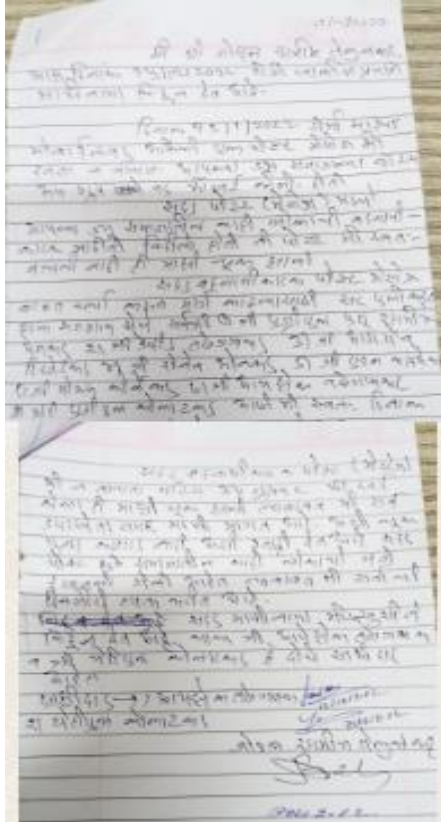
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Sassoon was to update us on a project he is working on. We are waiting for this information.

Sir Elly Kadoorie Trust

David Talegaonkar



On 15 th January 2022, Mr. Joel Telulkar, then President of Magen Hassidim Synagogue, posted one unsigned circular, which was two pages in English, handwritten, on a couple of Jewish what's app group including IOBI group.

The said circular contained allegations which were defamatory, against some of the social workers in our Bene Israel community and especially against some ladies in our community, which were personal in nature. Though the said circular was unnamed and unsigned it was posted on the groups by Joel Telulkar.

Since, there was no apology from Joel Telulkar, advocates notices were issued to Shri Joel Telulkar and police complaint came to be filed against Telulkar by all those named in the circular against whom allegations were made.

Mr Joel Telulkar realised that he was in deep legal problem and hence asked Mr.Isaac Talegawkar to intervene and resolve the matter amicably. Mr. Isaac approached Mr. Viju Penkar to amicably resolve the dispute. Since I was in U.S. Mr. Viju Penkar said that he will call for a joint meeting on my return to Mumbai.

A meeting was arranged on 15th December at 7.30 pm in the office of the Trustees of Sir Elly Kadoorie School when Mr Telulkar with folded hands asked for pardon and tendered a letter of apology in his handwriting in the presence of Isaac Talegawkar and Yael Kolatkar, to Mr. Penkar and myself, stating that he has posted the circular by mistake, inadvertently and hence asked for pardon. When called upon to read the circular, Mr. Telulkar said that he cannot read English. And he was chosen to be the President of Magen Hassidim Synagogue and also it's Trustee. He was defeated in the last election at Magen Hassidim.

Gate of Mercy Synagogue

David Talegaonkar



Urgent repairs in Gate of Mercy Synagogue .

I had assigned the work to the contractor prior to my going to U S. Mr. Sammy Waskar is helping me in both these projects to oversee the work along with Rahamin (Babuji) Charikar. The Synagogue work is carried out from the funds from our Synagogue. Infact for the cemetery also Rs 10,000/- was donated for initially starting the work by the following persons viz;

1. Mr.Viju Penkar;
2. Mr. Sammy Waskar;
3. Mr. David Birwadkar;
4. Mr. Rahamin Charikar;
5. Mr.David Talegaonkar.

History

The Gate of Mercy Synagogue, also known as Shaar Harahamim or Juni Masjid, is the oldest synagogue in Mumbai, and is featured on the heritage and religious tours list of the city. Built in 1796 near Esplanade in South Mumbai, the synagogue was later rebuilt and moved to the present location at Mandvi in 1860. The nearby railway station of Masjid Bunder gets its name from Juni Masjid, which is the synagogue's local name. Services are held every morning and the synagogue counts up to 100 people as its members. A *mikvah* (bath) present closely is used by devotees for religious purification purposes.



Letter for including Eli Kadoori school in the 'Jewish Route'



22 December 2022

To

His Excellency

The Consul General of Israel in Mumbai.

Dear Mr. Shoshani,

Shalom!

Congratulations and sincere gratitude for your thoughtful initiative of the India Jewish Heritage Program in partnership with the Tourism Department of the Maharashtra Government. This Programme reinstates and reinforces the importance and contributions of the Indian Jewry to this great Nation – India.

While many Jewish Landmarks and Sites have been considered for the First Phase of the Jewish Route, we would like to express our disappointment with the fact that Sir Elly Kadoorie High School – a vital Jewish Learning Institution of the Indian Jews did not find inclusion, or even consideration in your critical agenda of developing the Tourist Route for Indian Jewish History.

Since time immemorial, the Jewish people have been known as the People of the Book; and the value of education is strongly embedded in Jewish culture.

The Sir Elly Kadoorie High School was built by Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar in 1875 for the betterment of the Bene Israel and Jewish children, especially girls who were then deprived of education. Marathi was used as medium as the Bene-Israeli community had adopted the language. The stone age building is one of the largest schools having vast open premises for children activities.

The Sir Elly Kadoorie High School has produced Indian Jews and Non-Jews of very high caliber to attained great repute. To name a few:

- Mr. Samson Talkar, Police Commissioner
- Mr. Solomon, Asst. Commissioner of Police
- Mr. Ezriel Penkar, Mr. India Body Building
- Mr. Bala Nandgaokar, ex-Home Minister of Maharashtra
- Mr. Shinde, Agriculture Minister
- Mr. Chipkar, Collector, etc.

For the past 150 years, though the Indian Jews have not even been recognized as a minority community, it is an achievement that the School functions with very good reasons. Since the last 10 years, the School has been producing students who have been earning 98% as the highest marks. The Maharashtra Government and the Mumbai BMC has award the school as the Best Regional School in South Mumbai. Though today, we do not Jewish children studying in the school due to the competition from contemporaries and better opportunities at an English medium school, the School has aligned to India's Right to Education Act and opened its doors to children from the underprivileged and marginalized backgrounds. The school management even provides mid-day meals to children.

However, at every point, the needs and the requirements of the Indian Jews has remained and continues to remain its top priority as follows:

1. A part of the Sir Elly Kadoorie High School was given to the ORT India to conduct their Vocational Training School at a token Rent of only Rs. 1/- per/month. This enabled ORT India to train Jewish

Youth in Vocational Certification Courses, which enabled them to gain employment in India, Israel and other countries of the world.

2. Presently, the Office of the Indian Jewish Federation (IJF) is headquartered at the Sir Elly Kadoorie High School
3. The largest of the Jewish Community events (Engagements, Marriages, Felicitations and Social events) are conducted on the school ground and in the School Hall, either at a heavily subsidized cost or sometimes, if need be, it is also given completely free of charge.
4. The Sir Elly Kadoorie School has hosted and inaugurated the Indian Chapter of the iVision Conference in Mumbai, India from 8th – 10th February 2020, in collaboration with The World Zionist Organization and the Israeli Consulate General in Mumbai which marked the exchange of Ideas and Cultures between Israel & India. Dignitaries like the Head of the Department of Diaspora Affairs of the World Zionist Organization, Ms. Gusti Yehoshua Baverman, Entrepreneur and former Israeli Minister of various departments of the Israeli Government for 14 years, Mr. Eliezer (Moodi) Sandberg and the then Consul General of Israel in Mumbai Mr. Yaakov Finklestein graced the conference.
5. On Day 3 of the Conference, the Jewish festival of Tu B'Shvat was celebrated with a Tree Plantation Ceremony organized within the Sir Elly Kadoorie High School Compound. The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Kadam planted over a dozen trees along with the International Dignitaries and the Consul General to commemorate Tu B'Shvat. This event was highly appreciated by the media in India and internationally and gained mention in Israel's leading newspaper - The Jerusalem Post.
6. During the Covid 19 lockdown period, while all other Jewish Institutions (Synagogues, Community Centers, etc. remained closed, the Sir Elly Kadoorie School opened its premises with special police permissions and security to host the Global Kaballat Shabbath on Friday, 11 September 2020 with the Minister of Diaspora Affairs in Israel Ms. Omer Yankelevitch.
7. The first ever International Bene Israel Festival of the International Organisation of Bene Israelis (IOBI) formed to promote interaction and cooperation amongst the Bene Israeli Jews from India, Israel, USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Thailand and other countries of the world, to strengthen relations, foster solidarity and preserve the cultural heritage of the Bene Israelis, was conducted on the Sir Elly Kadoorie School ground from 14-16 January 2018.

The towering contributions of the Sir Elly Kadoorie School to the journey of the Indian Jewry cannot be ignored. It is our humble request that this landmark be included as a critical tourist milestone in the Jewish Route of the India Jewish Heritage Program.

We would be very pleased to meet with you to discuss our request further.

Yours Sincerely,

Ezriel Penkar

President

David Talegaokar

Secretary



अशदोदमधील भारतीय स्थलांतरितांच्या संपूर्ण समुदायासाठी हॅपी हॉलिडे आणि आशीर्वादित नवीन वर्षाच्या शुभेच्छा 2022.9.4 रोजी, सदस्यांची बैठक घेण्यात आली आणि उपस्थितांनी स्वतंत्र यादीवर धावण्याचा निर्णय घेतला भारतातून स्थलांतरितांचा समुदाय अशदोदमधील नगर परिषदेकडे .

बैठकीला उपस्थित असलेले अनेक सिनेगॉगचे प्रतिनिधी तसेच शहरातील कार्यकर्ते आहेत.

समाजाच्या गरजा आणि त्याची प्रगती व्हावी, यासाठी समाजासाठी प्रतिनिधी नेमण्याच्या इच्छेतून हा निर्णय घेण्यात आला. प्रतिनिधी निवडण्यासाठी, गुरुवारपर्यंत उमेदवारी सादर करणार या उमेदवारांमध्ये प्राथमिकता असेल 20/10/2022. २२/११/१ या दिवशी उमेदवारांची यादी वितरित करण्यात येणार आहे. २२ मार्च २०९ रोजी नगरपरिषदेत समाजाचे नेतृत्व करणाऱ्या प्रतिनिधीची निवड करण्यासाठी प्राथमरीज घेण्यात येणार आहेत.

स्थान आणि मतदान प्रक्रियेचा तपशील नंतरच्या तारखेला प्रकाशित केला जाईल

जो कोणी स्वतःला या पदासाठी उमेदवार समजतो - तो आपली उमेदवारी श्री. यानिव अष्टमकर यांना लेखी स्वरूपात सादर करेल. वर सूचीबद्ध केले आहे.

यानिव समाजाचा प्रतिनिधी का असावा आणि त्याच्या कार्याविषयी थोडेफार का पात्र आहे, याबद्दलही काही शब्दांनी यानिव सादर करायला हवेत. मोबाइल : ०५३-७१७-५८०८

यानिव अष्टमकर हे नॅशनल कम्युनिटी युनियन फॉर ज्यूज ऑफ इंडियाचे सरचिटणीस म्हणून काम पाहतात आणि ते शहरातील उमेदवार नाहीत तर उमेदवारांच्या एकाग्रतेसाठी वस्तुनिष्ठ घटक म्हणून काम करते. प्रामाणिकपणे, अशदोदमधील भारतीय स्थलांतरितांच्या समुदायाचे प्रतिनिधी

To the entire community of Indian immigrants in Ashdod. Happy holiday and a blessed Happy New Year On 2022.9.4, a meeting of members was held and it was decided by those present to run on an independent list of The community of immigrants from India to the city council in Ashdod.

Those present at the meeting are representatives from a number of synagogues as well as activists in the city. The decision was made out of a desire to appoint a representative for the community so that he could take care of the needs of the community and its advancement.

In order to select a representative, there will be primaries among the candidates who will submit their candidacy by Thursday .20/10/2022.

On 22/11/1, the list of candidates will be distributed. On March 22, 209, primaries will be held to elect the representative who will lead the community in the City Council. Location and voting process details will be published at a later date Anyone who considers himself a candidate for the position – will submit his candidacy in writing to Mr. Yaniv Ashtamkar by listed above. Yaniv should also be presented with a few words about why he deserves to be a representative of the community and a little about his work.

Mobile: 053-717-5808

Yaniv Ashtamkar serves as secretary general of the National Community Union for Jews of India and is not a candidate in the city but Serves as an objective factor for the concentration of candidates. Sincerely, Representatives of the community of Indian immigrants in Ashdod

לכל קהילת יוצאי הודו באשדוד חג שמח ושנה טובה ומבורכת בתאריך 2022.9.4 התקיימה אסיפת חברים והוחלט ע"י הנוכחים לרוץ ברשימה עצמאית של קהילת יוצאי הודו למועצת העיר באשדוד. הנוכחים באסיפה הינם נציגים ממספר בתי כנסת וכן פעילים בעיר. ההחלטה התקבלה מתוך רצון למנות נציג לקהילה כדי שיוכל לדאוג לצרכי הקהילה ולקידומה. בכדי לבחור נציג ייער כו פריימריז בין המועמדים שיגישו את מועמדותם עד ליום חמישי. 20/10/2022.

בתאריך 22/11/1 תופץ רשימת המועמדים . בתאריך 22/3/9 יתקיים פריימריז בכדי לבחור את הנציג שיוביל את הקהילה במועצת העיר. פרטים בנוגע למיקום ותהליך ההצבעה יפורסמו במועד מאוחר יותר כל הרואה עצמו מועמד לתפקיד – יגיש את מועמדותו בכתב למר יניב אשטמקר עד לתאריך הרשום לעיל. יש להגיש ליניב בנוסף במספר מילים מדוע הוא ראוי להיות נציג הקהילה ומעט על פועלו .

053-717-5808 נייד

יניב אשטמקר משמש כמזכ"ל באיחוד הארצי הקהילתי ליוצאי הודו ואינו מועמד בעיר אלא משמש כגורם אובייקטיבי לריכוז המועמדים .

בכבוד רב ,

נציגי קהילת יוצאי הודו באשדוד

143rd. Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue, Anniversary

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आम्ही भारतात व्यावसायिक पाठवतो जसे की; मोहेल, कुक्कुटपालन आणि पशुहत्या करणारा, छुपा आणि किडुशीन संपादक, आणि रब्बी (समन्वयाचे आयोजक). हे करण्यासाठी, आम्हाला मिशनच्या यशासाठी आणि सर्व कार्यासाठी त्वरित बजेटची आवश्यकता आहे. संपर्क : रब्बी डॅनियल टॉकर यांना ०५४/7888571 किंवा सावकार अनेक श्री. गिदोन तेलकर यांना ०५४/9579455.

אנו שולחים להודו בעלי מקצוע כגון; מוהל, שוחט עופות ובקר, עורך חופה וקידושין, ורב (מארגן מתאם). לשם כך דרוש לנו תקציב באופן מידי לשם הצלחת השליחות וכל המשימות. לפנות: ל רב דניאל טלקר 054/7888571 או המזכה רבים מר גדעון טלקר 054/9579455.



ב"ה

Dear Community members, in order to sustain the Jewish way of life in our community in India, we are striving to train our new Jewish community members in the following.

- **Shochet:** Kosher way of slaughtering Chickens and Goats
- **Mohel:** to Circumcise Jewish children.
- **Kashrut** – Basics of Kosher Food
- **Nissuin:** Conducting Jewish Marriage
- **Chazzanut:** Learning to be a Chazzan

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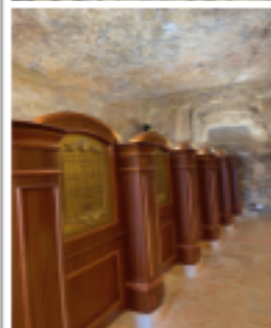
Australia

Solomon Erulkar



We decided to visit Israel in November 2022 after 7 years. My cousins locked in wedding dates 2 weeks apart which was great. That gave us a reason to visit Israel with my mum and sister. This trip also gave us an opportunity to meet our family and friends who live in different parts of Israel.

We travelled around Israel in a rented car and it was great to use the different upgraded freeways and roads. Took me a few days to blend into the traffic as an Israeli. For a person visiting Israel I was amazed by the progress made over the last few years.



Some of the highlights of our trip was visiting Jerusalem, Tel Aviv - Yafo, Haifa and Elijah's Cave. We also enjoyed my cousins weddings, the music and lovely atmosphere created by Israelis on these days. Israelis love to live life. It was also great to catch up with Leo and Shulamith in Ashdod which is now a lovely thriving city. The Israeli food options were amazing in the different cities and Shopping Malls. It's been a great 3 weeks in the month of November.

We were also very fortunate in visiting Israel when a Modernist Architecture Symposium was held at the Bauhaus Centre Tel Aviv - Indian Cultural Centre. This exhibition was a way to acknowledge the architecture of self-similarity of Art Deco in Mumbai and the Bauhaus Style in Tel Aviv which goes back to the 1930's. This event was important to us as my grandfather was an Architect and the Principal of the Sir JJ School of Architecture in Mumbai. Very nostalgic times.



Here in Australia over the last few months we have had a couple Indian Jewish Synagogues Art Exhibitions in Sydney and Melbourne. Both have been a great success as the local communities were astonished by our Indian Jewish Heritage.



Hope you all had a good Hannukah celebration across the globe and hope to visit Israel soon.

Tribe of the Indian Immigrant- Ashdod Shevet Ole Hodu-Ashdod/שבט עולה הודו-אשדוד

President : Simcha Solomon



This group is a very active Bene-Israel community group in Ashdod. They are constantly busy arranging activities for the community; Yoga, Marathi and English language teaching, Shows from India, local trips. On 21st. Dec. a Hanukka party was arranged in matnas "Teth" that was well attended.

Last month they had arranged Lavani Dance program for the first time in Israel.

During Jan 2023 the group is planning a big event during Tu'bisvat holding a community malida.

As we said before, this is a very active group and they have many activities on their agenda.



United Bene-Israel Group / איחוד קהילתי יצוגי ארצי

Moseh Sogaokar



Since Oren Benjamin and Shirley Penkar have suddenly disappeared from helping the Bene-Israel Jews who wanted to immigrate to Israel, many of the families have approached this group for help to immigrate.

This group is spending hours talking to the immigration authorities about every single case.

Activity in recent months
 - Continued posting of jobs for employment
 - Food distribution in Ashdod
 - Meeting with 3 mediators in order to work as one body with the national organization. Unfortunately for me I gave up almost everything but there is no willingness on the other side to come towards a party of apparent distrust of me.
 Advertising studies in India for students from Israel
 Distribution of scholarships to students in Israel.
 Distribution of booklets by the late Rabbi Avraham Ashtamker for the purpose of preserving his heritage and the heritage of the community.

इस्राएलमध्ये स्थलांतर करू इच्छिणाऱ्या बेने-इस्राएल ज्यूंना मदत करण्यापासून ओरेन बेंजामिन व शर्ली पेनकर अचानक गायब झाले असल्यामुळे अनेक कुटुंबांनी स्थलांतरकरण्यासाठी मदतीसाठी या गटाकडे धाव घेतली आहे. हा गट प्रत्येक प्रकरणाबद्दल इमिग्रेशन अधिकाऱ्यांशी तासन्तास बोलत आहे.

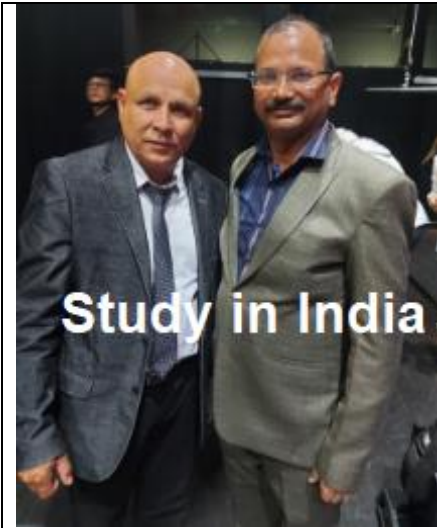
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 - अशदोदमध्ये अन्नवाटप
 - राष्ट्रीय संघटनेबरोबर एक संस्था म्हणून काम करण्यासाठी ३ मध्यस्थांची भेट . दुर्दैवाने माझ्यासाठी मी जवळजवळ सर्वकाही सोडून दिले परंतु दुसऱ्या बाजूला माझ्यावर उघडपणे अविश्वास असलेल्या पक्षाकडे येण्याची तयारी नाही.
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 इस्राईलमधील विद्यार्थ्यांना शिष्यवृत्तीचे वाटप . आपला वारसा आणि समाजाचा वारसा जपण्याच्या उद्देशाने दिवंगत रब्बी अवसराहम् अष्टमकर यांच्या हस्ते पुस्तिकांचे वाटप.

מאחר שאורן בנימין ושירלי פנקר נעלמו לפתע מעזרה ליהודים בני ישראל שרצו לעלות לישראל, פנו רבות מהמשפחות לקבוצה זו בבקשת עזרה בעלייה. קבוצה זו מבלה שעות בשיחות עם רשויות ההגירה על כל מקרה ומקרה.



פעילות בחודשים האחרונים
 -המשך פרסום משרות לתעסוקה
 -חלוקת מזון באשדוד
 -מפגש עם 3 מגשרים על מנת לעבוד כגוף אחד עם הארגון הארצי. לצערי מבחינתי ויתרתי כמעט על הכל אך אין נכונות מהצד השני לבוא לקראת מסיבת חוסר אמון בי לכאורה.
 פרסום לימודים בהודו לסטודנטים מהארץ
 חלוקת מלגות לסטודנטים בישראל.
 חלוקת ספרונים של הרב אברהם אשטמקר זצוק"ל לצורך שימור מורשתו ומורשת הקהילה.

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Children born to Indian parents
can study free in India
भारतीय आई-वडिलांच्या पोटी
जन्माला आलेली मुले भारतात
मोफत शिक्षण घेऊ शकतात
ילדים שנולדו להורים הודים
יכולים ללמוד בחינם בהודו



Getting apologize for making derogatory statements
against Bene-Israel community
बेने-इस्रायल समुदायाविरुद्ध अपमानास्पद वक्तव्य केल्याबद्दल
दिलगिरी व्यक्त करणे
להתנצל על אמירות גנאי נגד קהילת בן-ישראל



At Hanukkah Party in Petah Tikva

Jetaker: Pingle I noticed you did not come for prayers on Friday. You went to sleep?
Pingle: No, I prayed from home.
Jetaker: Why from home? Synagogue is the place to pray.
Pingle: Yes, I know. But this Friday I wanted God's personal attention.



חנוכה שמח
שמחים לשתף גם בתמונות מטקס חלוקת המלגות שהתקיים אתמול בקרית גת כמה מילים על התהליך שעברנו (לאלה שעדיין מפקפקים)

1. בחודש יוני הוצאנו פרסום על מופע שהולך לעלות לטובת גיוס כספים לחלוקת מלגות לסטודנטים.
2. במהלך יוני פורסמו גם בקבוצה זו וגם בקבוצות השונות על ידי משה סוגאוקר על תחילת איסוף בקשות סטודנטים למלגה.
3. הרישום נעשה עד סוף יולי.
4. התקבלו בקשות לקבלת טופס של כ 100 סטודנטים מרחבי הארץ.
5. כ 30 מתוכם הגישו את כל הטפסים הנדרשים
6. באוגוסט התקיים המופע של altaf raja ולאחריו ידענו מה הסכום שבידינו לחלוקת מלגות .
7. במהלך אוגוסט התכנסה ועדה שהורכבה על ידי אליהו בסטקר Lior Borfker , ו עורכת דין ציפי אומר-פאין .
8. בנוסף לוועדה ישבו 2 אנשי ביקורת חיצוניים על מנת לוודא שהועדה מקבלת החלטות לא לפי שמות סטודנטים אלא לפי מספור הנציגים (זה אומר שאנשי הוועדה החליטו איזה "מספרים" יקבלו מלגות ולא "אנשים") . אנשי הביקורת היו ציון טלגאוקר ו יואב שפורקר .
9. לאחר החלטת הועדה , קיבלו הסטודנטים את זכאותם למלגה.
10. נקבע תאריך לטקס .

חשוב להגיד כי גם יושב ראש האיחוד מר משה סוגאוקר וגם [יניב אשטמקר](#) מזכיר האיחוד הארצי , לא היו מעורבים בבחירת הסטודנטים.
כן חשוב להגיד שסטודנטים אשר לא אישרו הגעה (חלק מהקריטריונים שניתן לראות בפוסטים מיוני) , זכאותם הועברה לסטודנט הבא ברשימה.
יקומו אותם אלה שיגידו שלא פרסמנו מספיק.
יקומו אותם אנשים שיגידו שחילקנו את הכסף למקורבים לצלחת.
בטוח שיגידו שכל התהליך גם מכור מראש.

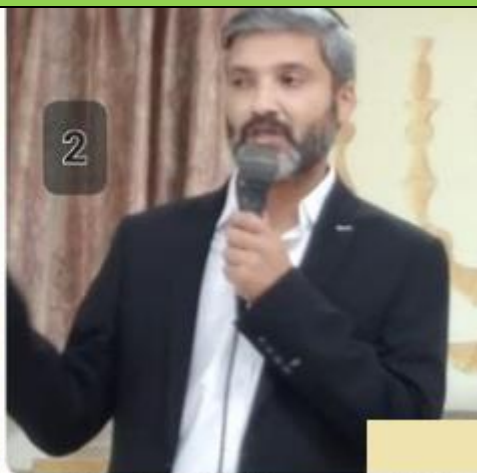


New Interest Restaurant

<https://youtu.be/4cUrhWEIU2c>

Candidates from Ashdod

Who They Are?



1. Nurin Dandekar is retired secretary of Ashdod court after 46 years of experience and now active committee member in Ashdod Magen David Synagogue

2. Mr Aminadav Vadavkar
Hazan in Beth keneseth of Kehilat Israel Ashdod Khet

3. Mr Moshe Chordekar
Managing committee of Magen Hasidim Synagogue and also
Business man of company dealing with Metal works.

4. Mr Menakhem Kharilkar a volunteer worker for Beth keneseth yod where he is also the head of the synagouge and retired from the company of E L A L. Menakhem is also managing member of Shevet Oleh Hodu Ashdod that organizes many activities for the Bene Israel community.

In the next meeting all of them should tell the community what their aims are to do for the community so that we know whom to vote for.

Raigad Jewish Association (RJA)

Herzl Bhonkar



Kobbi Shosh... @KobbiSh... · 4h

This is @MichelleJOseph, our public diplomacy attaché. Her ancestors are originally from India (B'nei Israel). She is the coordinator of the Jewish Route project. She designed the plaque and site of this historical project. Thank you Michelle!



During last three months Raigad was visited by the Israeli consulate to see the Bene-Israel Jewish Land marks to be included in the Jewish Route.

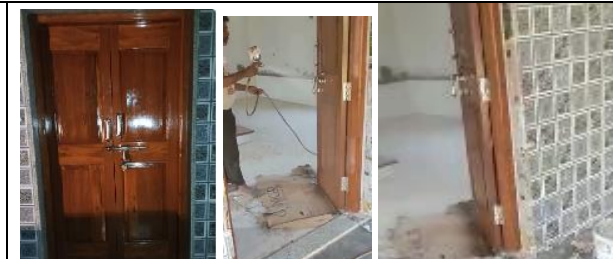
The list of 22 landmarks were released recently by Mr. Kobbi Shoshani the Council General of Israel at Israeli Embassy along with Maraharashtra Tourism.



RJA would like all the community to know that the Monument at Navgao Cemetry has lost it wordings and getting worse every day. This needs the community attention immediately.



Ampapur synagogue doors and windows are now in place. The work continues.



Main door Ambepur synagogue

	Raigad Jewish Association Opportunity for community to contribute הזדמנות לקהילה לתרום समुदायाला योगदान देण्याची संधी	
<u>Ambepur Synagogue</u> अंबापुर सिनगॉग בית הכנסת אמבפור		Contributions for building Hekal and Tebah תרומות לבניית חקל וטבה הֶכָּל וְתֵבַח לְכָל उभारणीसाठी योगदान
☐ 200 Rs ☐ 1100 Rs ☐ 300 Rs ☐ 1200 Rs ☐ 400 Rs ☐ 1300 Rs ☐ 500 Rs ☐ 1400 Rs ☐ 600 Rs ☐ 1500 Rs ☐ 700 Rs ☐ 1600 Rs ☐ 800 Rs ☐ 1700 Rs ☐ 900 Rs ☐ 1800 Rs ☐ 1000 Rs ☐ 1900 Rs ☐ 2000 Rs	We need between 3 to 5 lacs Rupee to build Hekal and Tebah. We will collect it from the community in India and Israel in small amounts. Our idea is to add this site to the 'Jewish Route'. हकल आणि तेबाह बांधण्यासाठी अंदाजे 3 ते 5 लाख रुपयांची आवश्यकता आहे. अंदाजे ते कमी प्रमाणात भारत आणि इस्रायलमधील समुदायांकडून गोळा करू. आमची कल्पना अशी आहे की ते 'ज्यू रूट' मध्ये जोडण्याची आहे. אנחנו צריכים בין 3 ל 5 חפ"י לacs לבנות Hekal ו Tebah. אנו נאסוף אותו מהקהילה ביהודה ובארץ ישראל בכמויות קטנות. הרעיון שלנו הוא להוסיף אותו לדרך היהודית."	
For your contributions in India call 9822411110 (Herzl) भारतातील तुमच्या योगदानासाठी कॉल करा 9822411110 (हर्जेल) לתרומותיכם ביהודה התקשרו (הרצל) 9822411110	For your contribution in Israel call 054-2230124 (Eli) इस्रायलमधील तुमच्या योगदानासाठी आवाहन करा 054-2230124 (एली) לתרומתכם בישראל התקשרו 054-2230124	List of all the contributors with their amounts will be published in <u>Shyle</u> Marathi Magazine त्यांच्या रकमेसह सर्व योगदानकर्त्यांची यादी शाईल मराठी मासिकात प्रकाशित केली जाईल רשימת כל התורמים עם הסכומים שלהם תפורסם במגזין <u>Shyle</u> Marathi

Magen Hassidim – Mumbai

Ronen Bhonkar



Live termite and water seepage was found in wooden door and window frames. Wall plaster was very weak so we replaced some window and door frames were affected and also the entire waterproof plastering of the affected area. The management also arranged for pest control also for treatment for termites



Water seepage on window frames



Live termite found in wall



ORT India Activities Report of Q4 2022

Johnny Jhirad- Dean, ORT India



ORT India Activities Report of Q4 2022.

Apart from three one day workshops on life skills like empathy and knowing self for three different age groups spanning ages 9+ to 30+ at Worli, Ort conducted a life skills workshop at Thane for age group 9 to 14. 16 students and 14 parents took benefit of the workshop.

Three month weekend live online Excel and Python courses have been completed. The successful students will be given appropriate certificates for the same.

In the month of January 2023, Ort is planning to hold an in person workshop on 'Usage of Mobile smartphone for Elders'. All elders who are interested to attend this workshop can contact Mr. Johnny E. Jhirad on WhatsApp number 9819137437 or Mr. Elias R. Evelikar on WhatsApp number 9819911106.



Before parents decide what career their children students should follow, it is important to perform an aptitude test so that there are no regrets later in life.

We strongly suggest to contact the Dean of ORT and follow the guidance.

Shaniwar-Teli Team

Pune

Dr. Reuben Daniel



Hanukah Celebrations in Pune - Dr. Reuben Daniel

After more than two years the festival of Hannukah was celebrated with great gusto and merriment by the Jewish community of Pune in the two Synagogues on sixth and seventh day of Hannukah on the 24 th and 25 th December 2022 at the Ohel David Synagogue and at the Succath Shelomo Synagogue respectively. All over the world the fear of Corona has reared its ugly head again in the United States, Europe, China and many other countries. But thanks to the leadership of this country who arranged large scale vaccination of indigenously developed vaccine and more than 2.19 billion doses (219.33 Crore) were administered overall, including first, second and precautionary (booster) dose of nearly 74 % of 1.417 billion population of India. With the fear of corona being negligible in India the Jewish community of Pune assembled in large numbers at both the venues. Most of the members brought their Hannukies from home to be lit at the Synagogues. At the Succath Shelomo Synagogue there was bidding for lighting Hanukahs whereas at the Ohel David it was voluntarily given to the Senior citizens and ladies. The celebrations were followed by dinner and snacks.

AJDC - Nissim Pingle



KHAI FEST 2022

Khai Fest is an annual fundraiser organized by the Jewish Youth Pioneers which is held during Channukah, this year it was held on 22nd December 2022. It is the place where people from all age groups from our Jewish community come together and showcases their talent on stage- may it be singing, dancing or putting up a comedy act and also celebrate the holiday of Channukah together. The Jewish Youth Pioneers start working 3 months prior to put up a 3 hour fun filled entertaining show, the main focus of the show is raise funds for the Jewish Old Age- Bayiti to support the elderly of our community. This year the Jewish community came together in a strong way to support our cause, for which the JYP is thankful.

Khai fest 2022 took place at the auditorium of the Swatantraveer Savarkar Hall- Shivaji park, about 200 people attended the Khai fest with a lot of enthusiasm. For everyone

who couldn't attend Khai fest we were streaming live as well, where our friends and family from all over the world joined and showered a lot of love and support for the Khai fest. After 2 years of being under lockdown due to Covid, this was the first time Khai fest was held physically. It was indeed a pleasure to see our small community coming together and celebrating this holiday through Khai Fest. People from all age groups put up a wonderful show- singing songs, dancing and showcasing all types of talent. We also lit the Hannukah with everyone present at the show and rejoiced the holiday of miracles.

This year our Chief Guest was Mr. David Birdwadkar and our Guest of Honour was Mr. Levi Rubens, with their help and support and also from all our generous donors, we were able to raise a decent amount to support our cause.

We would like to thank all our donors, well-wishers and volunteers who came ahead to support us and made Khai Fest 2022 a huge success. Big thanks to the JYP committee who are a group of individual who put in a lot of efforts, time and hard work into the making of Khai fest.



January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Parashat Bechukotai Rabbi Isaacson 8:00am - 9:00am	2	3	4	5 Interfaith Art Class by Rabbi Isaacson 10:00am - 11:00am	6 Free Shabbat	7 Shabbat
8 Interfaith Class by Rabbi Isaacson 10:00am - 11:00am	9 Parashat Bechukotai Rabbi Isaacson 8:00am - 9:00am	10 Kabbalah Class with Rabbi Isaacson 8:00am - 9:00am	11	12 Interfaith Art Class by Rabbi Isaacson 10:00am - 11:00am	13 Free Shabbat	14 Shabbat
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We are looking for help in Hebrew and Marathi articles. More writers are also welcome.

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