



Amazing Torah Cover's created on stories of Bible by Siona Benjamin



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LAST ISSUE

This Newsletter was forced to be divided in two parts.

The date of the release of this issue was on 1 Oct. 2023. It was ready when some team members thought to delay its release and include the pictures of Simchat Torah Celebration due on 7 Oct. 2023 and release on Sunday 8th Oct. 2023.

But the world changed on 7th Oct 2023.

Instead of adding Simchat Torah picture we divided the issue into part two to include the events of 7th. Oct. 2023 and after including the death of our Bene-Israel soldiers in this war.

या वृत्तपत्राचे दोन भागात विभाजन करणे भाग पडले.

या अंकाच्या प्रकाशनाची तारीख १ ऑक्टोबर २०२३ होती. जेव्हा टीमच्या काही सदस्यांनी त्याचे प्रदर्शन लांबणीवर टाकण्याचा विचार केला आणि ७ ऑक्टोबर २०२३ रोजी होणार् या आणि रविवार ८ ऑक्टोबर २०२३ रोजी प्रदर्शित होणार्या सिमचट तोराह सेलिब्रेशनची छायाचित्रे समाविष्ट करण्याचा विचार केला तेव्हा तो तयार झाला.

पण ७ ऑक्टोबर २०२३ रोजी जग बदलले.

सिमचट तोरा चित्र जोडण्याऐवजी आम्ही अंक भाग दोनमध्ये विभागून ७ तारखेच्या घटनांचा समावेश केला. ऑक्टोबर २०२३ आणि या युद्धात आपल्या बेने-इस्रायल सैनिकांच्या मृत्यूचा समावेश केला.

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עלון זה נאלץ להתחלק לשני חלקים.

תאריך יציאת גיליון זה היה ב-1 באוקטובר 2023. הוא היה מוכן כאשר חלק מחברי הצוות חשבו לעכב את שחרורו ולכלול את התמונות של שמחת תורה שאמור היה לצאת ב-7 באוקטובר 2023 ולצאת ביום ראשון 8 באוקטובר 2023.

אבל העולם השתנה ב-7 באוקטובר 2023.

במקום להוסיף תמונה של שמחת תורה, חילקנו את הנושא לחלק השני כדי לכלול את אירועי שביעית. אוקטובר 2023 ואחרי הכללת מותם של חיילינו בני ישראל במלחמה זו.

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Our Heartfelt Condolences!



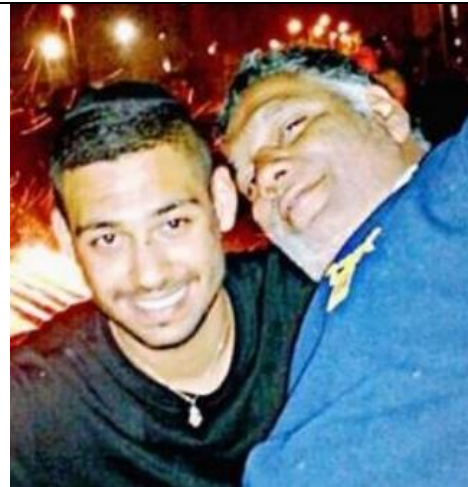
During last four month three tragedies hit unexpectedly the Bene-Israel Community.

In India two brothers Elaan (25) & Israel Benjamin (22) Waskar were lost to the community in a storm.

In Israel father (60) Shai Silas Nigrekhar and son (29) Aviad Nir fell prey to a terrorist attack, shot at point blank range.



2nd Lt. Or Moses, 22, from Ashdod, from the Home Front Command gave her life protecting her base from Hamas Terrorists who attached Israel on 7th. Sept 2023. Her father had just driven her to her base a few hours ago. She was one of the first soldiers who were killed.



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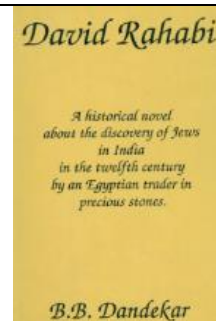
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The Bene Israel have lived in India for over 2100 years—or so their legends say. In 175 BC, or thereabouts, in the reign of Antiochus IV, the Bene Israel fled Judea, sailing in ships down the Red Sea and into the Indian Ocean, toward India.

India had been established since the days of King Solomon. (His Ophir, so some Bene Israel believe, was the now-silted-in port of Sopara near Surat on the West coast of India)



A historical novel about the discovery of Jews in India in the twelfth century by an Egyptian trader in precious stones. The rest is Bene Israel legend.

BB Dandaker mixed Bene-Israel History with fiction so well that people got confused what was the real history and what was fiction.

The Fiction and Non-fiction of B.S.Benjamin/B.B.Dandekar

How many know about Bene-Israel Novel writer?

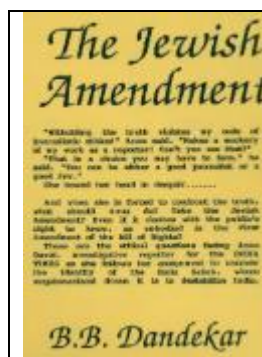
[Benjamin Home \(ku.edu\)](mailto:Benjamin Home (ku.edu))

For further information on any of these books e-mail the author at: sben@ku.edu or write to him at A.B.Literary House, P.O.Box 528, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, USA



The novel, with nerve-tingling suspense, binds the characters in a plot replete with surprising twists. Yet it transcends the ordinary class of the genre. It towers above the work of Le Carre, Follett, Ludlum and Deighton, because it probes deep into the human heart. And then rips out what it finds there with an almost brutal candor.

It is a literary novel that explores, with brilliance, the roots of racial tensions—not only in South Africa, but in England as well.



The ethical questions are facing by Anna David, investigate reporter for the INDIA TIMES as she follows her assignment to uncover the identity of the Bada Saheb, whose megalomaniacal dream it is to destabilize India. Set in New York, Bombay and Ahmedabad, THE JEWISH AMENDMENT

From the Publisher's Desk

Dear readers,

This is the last issue of Shaniwar Teli eNewsletter.

We have distributed 16 issues in 4 years. We have realized that our community is small and our history, even smaller. We have covered all the history of the Bene-Israel community. All-important articles statistics and research can be found in these 16 issues.

We have no interest in just updating who is doing what in the community as all this information is updated on Facebook and now also on Shaniwar Teli, WhatsApp group too.

We would like to thank all the synagogues in India and Israel and all the groups in India & Israel for giving us their effective support over last four years. I would like to thank all the Shaniwar Teli team from Australia, Canada, England, Greece, India, Israel, New Zealand, Singapore and the USA for keeping their deadlines so that the issue goes out on time. I sincerely thank, with all my respect, Dr. Shulmith Charikar for supporting this effort as a strong pillar to the newsletter.



Lastly, I sincerely thank Mr. Nissim Moses for keeping a watch on us as a father would, and not hesitate in kicking our backs when we behaved like a cowboy, shooting around aimlessly.

It was wonderful to know my community once again after 40 years. I lead the JRU YG in early 1980's and then knew our community well. Shaniwar Teli re introduced me to the same community after 40 years. I discovered nothing much has changed, and I love my community. We still have wonderful people who all want only good of the community, just that they all want to do it in their own way. Others should follow them. They will not follow others. The egos are still too tall. The crab's quality still persists, not just in India Bene-India but in Bene-Israel's of Israel too.

During Corona time our "Adopt a family" was a very successful project. We would like to thank all those families who offered help to our Bene-Israel families in India. We know some of them are still helping monthly. We also thank Mr. Sassoon Phansapurkar for suggesting the idea of adopting and sending us the details of the families that needed help.

Sincerely, Elijah(Leo) Daniels B.Sc. (Hons). MBA.

From the Editorial's Desk

Shaniwar Teli e-newsletter would like to thank all our readers for their immense support they have shown us in the last few years. We take immense pride in our work and always strive to exceed expectations. I would like to announce that this is the last issue.

Mr. Elijah (Leo) Daniel has spent an enormous amount of valuable time on this project listening to the whims and fancies of all. We all have to thank Leo for this E-news. It was his brain wave to start this E-newsletter. This newsletter helped us to come closer to one another and solve various problems.

However, we have been enveloped by so many words that the point of the problem has been lost as effectively as a needle in the haystack.

It is now felt that as we have a What's App group, all members can communicate with one another, and various differences can be sorted out on this chat group. The Bene Israeli worldwide has benefited with the E-newsletter, but time has come to move on to new technology.

I would personally like to thank Leo and our team in Israel and worldwide for their support in providing materials to us on time. Our cultural values are deeply rooted in our heritage.

It reminds me of what Lawrence Yeo has said "*Creativity is largely about accepting that we are always a work in progress and that no individual project has a definitive beginning or end. It's the understanding that our creative potential is defined by the blending of our work to create a general trend, which we hope is progressing in the right direction.*"

We will keep issuing single subject pages where necessary.



Dr. Shulmith Charikar

Letters

I want to express my appreciation for the recent positive and accurate coverage that our organization received in the latest edition of your Newsletter. It is truly refreshing to see a change in the tone and content of your articles. Moving forward, I would like to foster a constructive and open relationship between our organization and the Newsletter. I am confident that our continued collaboration can contribute to a better understanding of our mission and the positive impact we aim to create in our community.

I look forward to future opportunities for collaboration and providing you with accurate and up-to-date information about our organization.

Wishing you all the best. Yaffa, IOBI



We would request Shaniwar-Teli to arrange to return our donations from IJF/IOBI that we had given in the year 2018 for the repairs of the monument in Navgao.

Nearly seven years have passed. Nothing has been done. Now we understand that the repairs may cost cores of rupees which is not possible for our community to collect.

We would like to get our money back with interest and devaluation value added to it. Money kept in the back keeps its value.

Please guide us how to proceed.

Sincerely,
David Chandgaokar

Synagogue
Moses Koletkar
Panvel 2nd July, 2023

Dear Leon-Yes you and Dr. Shulamite and your Whole Team have Done Pioneering Work in Promoting Awareness the Proper and Better Understanding of the true Origin, Customs and Traditions, Contribution of our Men, Women, Scholars, Military personal and others. Yes I would Gladly Recommend the Continued Dissemination, the continued contribution of our people opinions of Our People-Who have Studied the Heritage History, the Evolution of our Culture ever since their Origin in the Holy Land of Israel to India their Sojourn In India (the Only Place in The World Where Our People Never Suffered Anti-Semitism, Discrimination and Hatred) and return to The Ancestral Homeland of their own free Will and contribute to its development, even though

they were treated unfairly by some of their own kind who had returned from other locations in the world where they had suffered from grotesque conditions in the countries of their sojourn there.

Nissim Moses
Historian Indian Jewish Heritage
Bene Israel Genealogy Research

Thank to Moses, Yaffa, David and Nissim for your letters.

David, we will discuss this matter with IJF/IOBI and will let you know.

Thanks dear Leo brother. Shaniwar Teli volume is very informative. All matters are covered under one roof. Blessing from Beth-El

Synagogue
Moses Koletkar
Panvel 2nd July, 2023



Dear Leon,
Read The current Issue of the Shaniwar Telis.

How come it is not mentioned that the Beautiful Ten Commandment Tablets on the Awnings of the Synagogue were donated by Nissim Moses & his Wife Beatrice and Romiel Daniel his wife then participated in its unveiling together with Nissim Moses?

Further that Nissim and his wife participated generously in the Re dedication expenses of the Synagogue.

Then again no mention was ever made of the many recent awards received by Nissim Moses-????

Dear Brother

How r you?

I am proud of all your actions and thoughts for the Indian community..And you are doing a great job... stay blessed!!

I was thinking that if our leaders in our community like YOU, Eliaz Dandekar, Nissim Moses, Golan Sharikar...Leo Daniels, Samuel kurulkar, Ilana Shuz, Moshe Sagaukar, Yaffa Gupte and others...get together to discuss and decide how to get this **story of the Maharaja saving Polish Jews .. in to history books in the Education Committee of Israel and also in Yad Veshem..Jerusalem.**

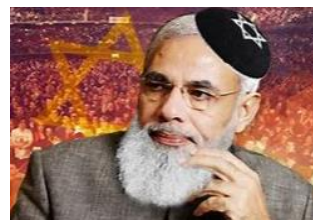
One person alone cannot do it and it's important that you leaders should come together and do things together as a team. Then you will have power and success!!

I think Samuel Kurulkar wrote a letter to Yad Vashem.. but not sure if he has received a reply...that's sad!!!

Please see what you can do with our fellowmen, Thanks , Ora Samson

Car prices in India, on Jan 24, 1972

Make	Ex-factory price	Increase	On-road price
Hindustan Ambassador	Rs 16,946	Rs 127	Rs 24,000
Premier Padmini	Rs 15,946	Rs 259	Rs 22,000
Standard Herald	Rs 16,539	Rs 459	Rs 22,700

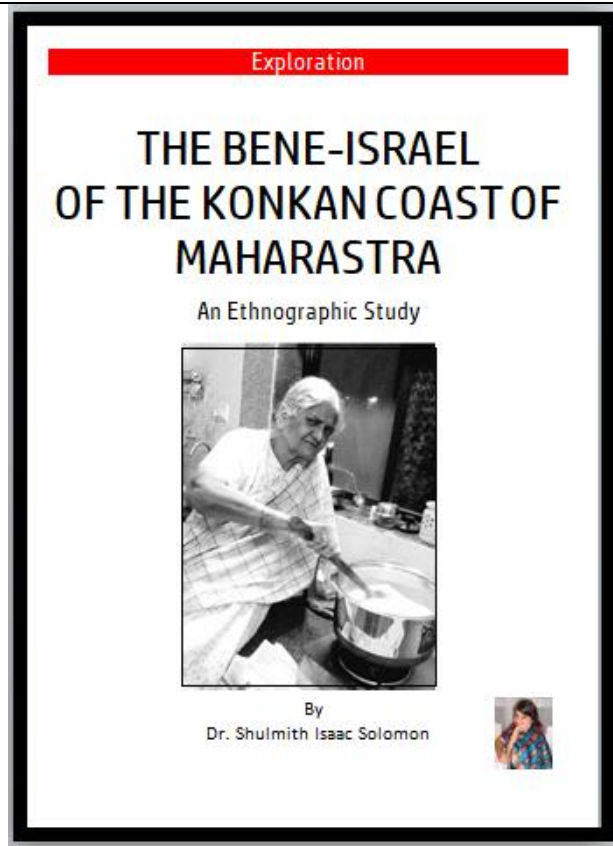


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In 2023 world poulation is 8.1 billion and Jewish population 15.3 million.
Just 0.2%

"Don't send me flowers when I'm dead. If you like me, send them while I'm alive."

Living Legend



Over 300 pages Manuscript researched
written and composed by
Dr. Shulmith Isaac Solomon (Charikar)

Dr. Shulmith Charikar is a silent but an aggressive warrior. Whatever she decides, she will do it. Once she lends support to a cause, she will never back off or run away from responsibilities. Unfairness is not accepted by her and she strictly keeps things straight forward.

Her knowledge of the community is amazing with brilliant memory, with hardly anyone in the community whom she does not know.

During 1980's Shulmith led JRU YG as vice president for many years and led the group as president for a year. She is the editor of Shaniwar-Teli e-Newsletter since Jan 2020.

Her ethnographic research on Bene-Israel is an intensive work done over 30 years with pictures and detailed descriptions.

**"As we look ahead into the next century,
leaders will be those who empower others."
Bill Gates**

We at Shaniwar Teli are very proud to award our living legend crown to Dr. Shulmith Charikar for her loved and dedication to our Bene-Israel Community.



Dr. Shulmith Charikar

Award For Sincere Unselfish Community Service



COVID-19

Remember those COVID days? Many Bene-Israel families lost their source of income. We had just issued our first Shiniwar-Teli newsletter in Jan. 2020 when news started coming of closedown. AJDC were helping families but that was not enough. It was then that Mr. Sassoon Phansapurkar approached us for help. Mr. Sassoon Phansapurkar explained the serious problems many of Bene-Israel families were facing who had lost total source of income. There was no hope for them.

We asked AJDC to share with us the list of needy family so that we can arrange help, but they refused. Not just that, they issued an open letter against us that they are no way related to them if we collect money. We had no idea how we could find such families as AJDC refused to cooperate. Then it was Mr. Sassoon Phansapurkar who suggested and supported the “Adopt a Family” idea where the helping families will help the families in India directly. Neither Shaniwar-Teli nor Sassoon was involved with the money and how much. Both families spoke to each other and decided the best solution.

Sassoon started sending us the details of the needy families and we would forward it to the families in Israel, Australia, Canada, USA, UK, New Zealand and Singapore. We were so proud when we had many more families ready to help then the families that needed help. The helping families helped by sending money every month. We know that some of them are still continuing to help. We were able to help so many families only because of Mr. Phansapurkar. We had asked his kind wife Sinorha if they too needed help, but she said thanks, but they were ok. We don't need any help. Thank God.

In last 4 years we have worked with everyone in our community but have not seen so much concern for our community as we saw with Mr. Sassoon Phansapurkar. “Adopt a Family” project was due to him. Those families should thank Mr. Phansapurkar too besides those who adopted them. Mr. Phansapurkar has also helped many BI families in getting bodies of their dead from the hospitals for their respectful Jewish burial instead of burning the bodies by Municipal offices in bulk. (Please also see last page).



Jewish Angel Award

We are proud to award our “Jewish Angel Award” for his unselfish community work to Mr. Sassoon Phansapurkar

Shaniwar Teli's 'Wall of Fame' Please also see last page

Shaniwar Teli always appreciates more, those community members who do things for the benefit of the whole community, without any selfish motives. During these last four years, besides Mr. S. Phanspurkar there are more people who have impressed us. We want to add them to our "Wall of Fame". In previous issues we have already decelared the people on our "Wall of Fame". Now we add;



Mr. Avihay Bastekar

Avihay collects old Bene-Israel books to scan them to preserve our heritage. Through his Piyyut India WhatsApp he collects and saves old tunes of Bene-Israel prayers.

He has recently published a book with QR codes that takes you the the original song sung and saved on the YouTube. Selfless service to the community.



Mr. Herzl Bhonkar

After the Memorial in Navgao if anything useful that was built for the community for the community in Raigad was the candle lighting cabinate at the Elijah Rock.

Raigad Jewish Association took the initiative under leadership of Herzl.



Mr. John Perry

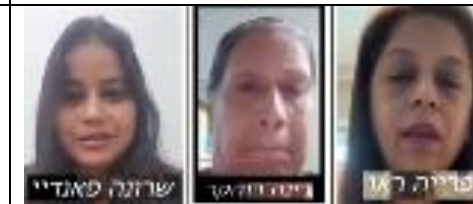
Setting aside ego and pride, Mr. Perry shared the donors list from 2018 telling the community that over 3 Lacs Rs. were collected that is now with IJF (perhaps doubles with time)

There was no repair done since 1918 to the memorial, for which the money was collected. This money should be returned back by IJF to the donors.



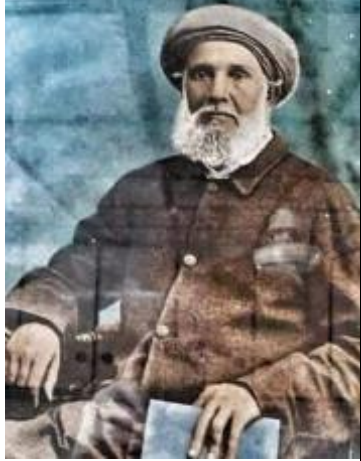
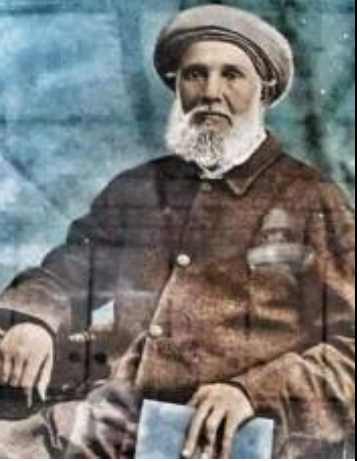
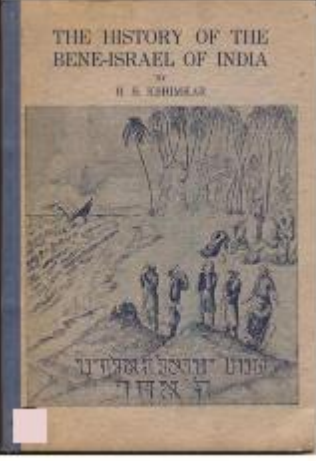
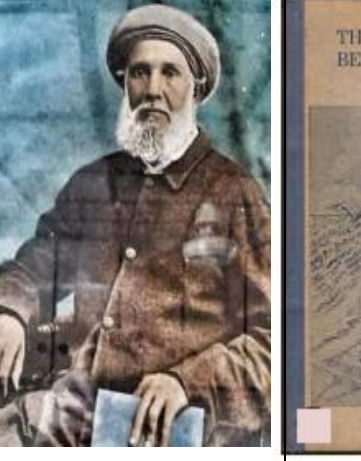
Mr. Golan Charikar

There were and are eligible Bene-Israel Jews in whom Jewish Agency has rejected. Golan and his group Masale work hard on these rejected files to bring these immigrants to Israel.



"Shaniwar-Teli"?	"शनिवार-तेली"	"שניוואר-טלי"
I am always asked this question. What is the meaning of "Shaniwar-Teli"? Answer: Our ancestors landed in India during the year -175 BCE due to a storm. They knew to extract oil from olives as they came from Levy's tribe. So they started extracting oil in India from local fruits. Teli: In India people who extract oil are called "Teli" by profession. Shaniwar: As our ancestors were Jewish, so they did not work on Saturday. Saturday is called as "Shaniwar" in local language. Shaniwar-Teli: They became popular as "Shaniwar-Teli" or Oil extractors who did not work on Saturdays It was this name of "Shaniwar-Teli" that made the British to invite a Rabbi from London to investigate if we were Jews, 1400 years later. The name "Shaniwar-Teli" is a miracle of God to bring us back to our land.	असा प्रश्न मला नेहमी विचारला जातो. "शनिवार-तेली" म्हणजे काय ? उत्तर: आपले पूर्वज इ.स.पू. १७५ च्या दरम्यान वादळामुळे भारतात उतरले. लेव्हीच्या जमातीतून आल्याने ऑलिव्हमधून तेल काढणे त्यांना माहित होते. त्यामुळे त्यांनी स्थानिक फळांपासून भारतात तेल काढायला सुरुवात केली. शनिवार: आमचे पूर्वज ज्यू असल्याने त्यांनी शनिवारी काम केले नाही. शनिवारला स्थानिक भाषेत "शनिवार" म्हणतात. शनिवार-तेली : ते "शनिवार-तेली" किंवा तेल काढणारे म्हणून लोकप्रिय झाले जे शनिवारी काम करत नाहीत "शनिवार-तेली" या नावामुळेच इंग्रजांनी १४०० वर्षांनंतर लंडनहून एका रब्बीला आपण ज्यू आहोत का, याचा शोध घेण्यासाठी बोलावले. "शनिवार-तेली" हे नाव आपल्याला आपल्या भूमीत परत आणण्यासाठी देवाचा चमत्कार आहे.	תמיד שואלים אותי את השאלה הזאת. מה המשמעות של "שניוואר-טלי"? ענה: אבותינו נחתו ביהודו בשנת -175 לפנה"ס עקב סערה. הם ידעו להפיק שמן מזיתים כי הם באו משבטו של לוי. אז הם התחילו להפיק שמן ביהודו מפירות מקומיים. טלי: בהודו אנשים שמפיקים שמן נקראים "טלי" במקצועם. שניוואר: כמו שאבותינו היו יהודים, כך הם לא עבדו בשבת. יום שבת נקרא "שניוואר" בשפה המקומית. שניוואר-טלי : הם הפכו פופולריים כ"שניוואר-טלי" או שואבי שמן שלא עבדו בשבתות השם הזה "שניוואר-טלי" הוא שגרם לבריטים להזמין רב מלונדון לחקור אם אנחנו יהודים, 1400 שנה מאוחר יותר. השם "שניוואר-טלי" הוא נס של אלוהים להחזיר אותנו לארצנו.

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Since we asked the question if a memorial should be made for Mr. H.S. Kehimkar, I have been asked several times, who is Mr. Kehimkar?	केहिमकर यांचे स्मारक व्हावे का, असा प्रश्न आम्ही विचारल्यापासून मला अनेकदा विचारण्यात आले की, श्री. केहिमकर कोण आहेत?	מאז ששאלנו את השאלה אם צריך לבנות אנדרטה למר ה.ס. קהימקאר, נשאלתי מספר פעמים, מיהו מר קהימקאר?
 	 	 
Haeem Samuel Kehimkar (1830-1909) was a Bene-Israel Jew. He was appointed as Post Master (highest position in British Post office services) of the Head Office of General Post Office (GPO) at (Victoria Terminal (VT). Mr. Kehimkar did many deeds that benefited the Bene-Israel community. One of them was, as Jews, he made the Bene-Israel soldiers as Europeans. Because of this Bene-Israel solders got much higher salary. Mr. Kehimkar built the first Bene-Israel school called as "Israel School" that is now famous as Eli Kadoori School. He also built the first Bene-Israel Prayer Hall in Bombay. The most important deed he did for the Bene-Israel community was that he wrote the history of the community. He also wrote about Bene-Israel Jewish customs and traditions.	हीम सॅम्युअल केहिमकर (१८३०-१९०९) हा बेने-इस्राएल ज्यू होता. व्हिक्टोरिया टर्मिनल (VT) येथील जनरल पोस्ट ऑफिसच्या (GPO) मुख्य कार्यालयाचे पोस्ट मास्टर (ब्रिटिश पोस्ट ऑफिस सेवेतील सर्वोच्च पद) म्हणून त्यांची नियुक्ती करण्यात आली. श्री. केहिमकर यांनी बेने-इस्रायल समाजाला लाभदायक अशी अनेक कामे केली. त्यांपैकी एक म्हणजे ज्यू म्हणून त्याने बेने-इस्राएल सैनिकांना युरोपियन बनवले. यामुळे बेने-इस्रायल सोल्डर्सना खूप जास्त पगार मिळाला. केहिमीकर यांनी "इस्रायल स्कूल" नावाची पहिली बेने-इस्रायल शाळा बांधली जी आता एली कदूरी शाळा म्हणून प्रसिद्ध आहे. त्यांनी मुंबईत पहिले बेने-इस्रायल प्रार्थना सभागृह बांधले. बेने-इस्राएल समुदायासाठी त्याने केलेले सर्वात महत्वाचे कार्य म्हणजे त्याने या समुदायाचा इतिहास लिहिला. बेने-इस्रायल ज्यू	האם שמואל קהימקאר (1830-1909) היה יהודי בן ישראל. הוא מונה למנהל הדואר (התפקיד הגבוה ביותר בשירותי הדואר הבריטי) של המשרד הראשי של משרד הדואר הכללי (GPO) במסוף ויקטוריה. מר חימקאר עשה מעשים רבים לטובת קהילת בני ישראל. אחד מהם היה, שכיהודים, הוא הפך את חיילי בני-ישראל לאירופאים. בגלל זה החיילים בני ישראל קיבלו שכר הרבה יותר גבוה. מר חימיקר בנה את בית הספר הבני-ישראלי הראשון שנקרא "בית ספר ישראל" וכיום מפורסם כבית הספר אלי כדורי. הוא גם בנה את אולם התפילה הראשון של בני ישראל בבומביי. המעשה החשוב ביותר שעשה למען קהילת בני ישראל היה שהוא כתב את תולדות הקהילה. הוא כתב גם על המנהגים והמסורות היהודיות של בני ישראל.

He wrote this book in 1880. But he found no one to print it. He died in 1909.

Mr. Kehimkar left behind his rich manuscript "History of the Bene-Israel of India," with tons of information on the history and customs of the Bene Israel community. It was published in Tel Aviv in 1937 on the initiative of Mr. Immanuel Olsvanger, a South African Jew.

The book gave the Bene-Israel community a respectful identity. This book proved a very strong evidence of Bene-Israel people being Jews. Based on this book the Bene-Israel community was accepted in Israel.



Mazgao Bene-Israel Cemetery

चालीरीती आणि परंपरांबद्दलही त्यांनी लिहिले.

१८८० मध्ये त्यांनी हे पुस्तक लिहिले. पण ते छपायला त्याला कोणीच मिळालं नाही. १९०९ मध्ये त्यांचे निधन झाले.

केहिमकर यांनी बेने इस्रायल समुदायाचा इतिहास आणि चालीरीती यांची बरीच माहिती असलेले त्यांचे समृद्ध हस्तलिखित "भारताच्या बेने-इस्रायलचा इतिहास" मागे सोडले. दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील ज्यू इमॅन्युएल ओल्सवांगर यांच्या पुढाकाराने १९३७ मध्ये ते अवीवमध्ये हे पुस्तक प्रकाशित झाले.

या पुस्तकाने बेने-इस्रायल समुदायाला सन्मानजनक ओळख मिळवून दिली. बेने-इस्रायल लोक ज्यू असल्याचा भक्कम पुरावा या पुस्तकाने सिद्ध केला. या ग्रंथाच्या आधारे इस्रायलमध्ये बेने-इस्रायल समुदायाचा स्वीकार करण्यात आला.



बेने-इस्रायलची माझगाव स्मशानभूमी

होय क्तेब सफर זה בשנת 1880. אבל הוא לא מצא מי שיפרסם אותו. הוא נפטר בשנת 1909.

מר קהימקאר השאיר אחריו את כתב היד העשיר שלו "תולדות בני ישראל של הודו", ובו טונות של מידע על ההיסטוריה והמנהגים של קהילת בני ישראל. הוא יצא לאור בתל אביב בשנת 1937 ביוזמתו של מר עמנואל אולסוונגר, יהודי דרום אפריקאי.

הספר העניק לקהילת בני ישראל זהות מכבדת. ספר זה הוכיח הוכחה חזקה מאוד לכך שבני ישראל הם יהודים. על בסיס ספר זה התקבלה קהילת בני ישראל בארץ.



בית הקברות מזגאו של בני ישראל

Best Young Scientist Award for Ameeta Haeems in Ahmadabad

We got this information from Nissim Moses.

We asked for the information but they did not send any to Nissim or us. Perhaps due to the war.



Recent attack on Israel took me back to the memories of the book I had read during my collage days; Exodus by Leon Uris (written in 1958). The book ended sadly with Dafna's dead naked body being found in a farm. She was raped multiple times by the Arabs and tortured to death in 1958.

This is what happened on Oct. 7, 2023.

Same author wrote Haj in 1985 that the Palestine side of the story and the book ends with Ibrahim slipping back into primitivism and kills his daughter.

Nothing has changed in last 3500 years.

Leo Daniels



What was the Origin of the Bene-Israel Surnames/Family Names?

By

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Though the Bene-Israel's prayed in Hebrew like other Jews, and like most Jews living in the Diaspora (Galut) they often did not understand most of the language. Like most Jews elsewhere in the world, they adapted their names to the lingua of the national and cultural environment of the people among whom they lived. This adaptation of names to the cultural environment has happened three times in the past history of the Bene-Israel and is currently happening again in Israel.

During the 1600's the Bene-Israel lived mainly in the princely states of the Sidi of Janjira (Muslim Princes) and that of the Angres-Maratha Princes (Hindu), which were later combined into the Bombay Presidency by the British. This included within its boundaries the Konkan (Today Raigad District) Region, which was the locality of their original advent and sojourn in India as per their traditions. The first modification of the surnames was the addition of "Kar" to the names as in the local Hindu tradition. The second modification of the names was the adaptation of the names into their locally acceptable form e.g. Samuel became Samaji, Yehezkel became Hassaji, Abraham became Abbaji, Isaac became Issaji, Jacob became Yacobji, David became Dawoodji or Dadaji. In the case of women's names, the common word "bai" (Meaning Lady) was added like initially Sonabai, Sacubai, and later Leahbai, Sipphorabai, Hannahbai, Rifkabai (Rabcobai) etc. Then during the time of the British in India the third modification was initiated. There was a conversion from these names to their anglicized form, which is the current status of most names like Solomon, Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, David, etc. However, the tradition of using the father's name as the middle name and the family name as the surname was retained.

Nissim Moses has done an remarkable job in preserving the history of Bene-Israel (Shaniwar-Teli) Israeli-Indians.

The community is very thankful to him.



Surnames were changed from Killekar to Kelly, Pingle to Pringle, Ashtamkar to Ashton, Kolatkar to Kolet, Korlekar to Corley, Charikar to Cherry, etc. or later on, in some cases one of the grandfather's names was retained as the surname in the anglicized form and the family name was dropped except when used in communal affairs or in the synagogues. That is why, one will see among the Bene-Israel a multitude of anglicized new surnames even though they were originally from the same family e.g. today some of the descendents of Shmuel Talkar go as Moses, some as Daniel, some as Ezekiel, some as Isaac, and some as Abraham. This same trend also occurred amongst the descendents of say the Awaskar's or Nagaonkar's and others. The result was that though one may find today two Bene-Israel families with the surname of say Moses or Daniel, there could be absolutely no direct family link. On the other hand one might be able to find some ancestral link, if one were to trace the roots back through the original family surnames. That is why, in the development of the Bene Israel Communal Family Tree, every effort has been made to record the lineage through the original surname/family names rather than their existing surnames, though today the family may not be using that original surname. In Israel, the names are now being Hebraized where Solomon has reverted to Shlomo, Moses to Moshe and Samson to Shimshon etc.

Up to very recently a Bene-Israel person was traditionally identified by his personal name, followed by his father's name and then tenaciously followed by his surname e.g. Talkar, Awaskar etc. This occurred especially in synagogues, religious ceremonies and blessings, in some sort of a determined forefather directed sub-conscious communal effort to maintain historical links to ones ancestral roots, but this later changed as mentioned above except in the synagogues of the Bene-Israel.

Name	Hebrew Word	Meaning	Remarks
Agarwarkar	Agar Bar	Collector of forest Items	
Aptekar	Apotek	A Pharmacist,	A Compounder
Ashtamkar	Az Stam	Then in Vain	Some known as Ashton
Ashtivkar			
Awaskar	Awaz	Goose	Goose keeper
Bamnolkar			
Bandarkar			No village Sounds of Local Dialect
Bhastekar	Bhast	A small shop	
Bhinjekar			Not in the Book of B. J. Israel
Bhonkar	Ba Hon	In Wealth	No village
Bhorupkar			
Birwadkar			Not in the Book of B. J. Israel
Biswatkar			Sounds of Local Dialect
Borgaonkar	Bor Gaon	Hole-Clever Person	Well

Kholabkar	Kolav	Coat Hangar	
Killekar	Kille	Hernia	Some known as Kelly
Kolabkar	Kolav	Coat Hangar	
Koletkar/Kolatkar	Kolet	To Receive/Accept	Some known as Kolet
Korlekar	Kor Li	Cold For me	Some known as Corley
Kurulkar			
Malekar	Male	Full	
Malyankar			
Masilkar	Masil	Save, Life Guard	Some known as Masil

Borgarkar	Bor Gar	Hole-Reside/live	Well
Borlekar	Bor Li	Hole- Me	My Well
Chandgaonkar			
Charikar	Sari – Samach Sheri- Shin Tsari- Sadick	To Move, Type of Cherry, To Make	Note in Hebrew three alphabets create similar phonetic sound
Chordekar	Chor Dai	Hole Enough	
Cheulkar	Sheul	Graves	Graves of the Ancestors

Mr. Benjamin J. Israel in his excellent book see ref 2 below, on the names of the Bene-Israel's has succeeded in developing a very informative listing of the large and wide variety of names in existence today. It could also have happened that some of the names developed variations in spelling and pronunciation. Over the centuries, together with the name "Indianization Process", there grew the belief that,

"The Bene-Israel names originated from, or that they adopted the names of the villages they lived in the Konkan Area".

This theory has also been proposed/accepted and supported by many scholars (Ref-1) Haeem Samuel Kehimkar – The History of The Bene Israel of India) and other historians and as a result has become quite entrenched into the Bene-Israel traditional beliefs. The origin of this theory was the probably the tradition of the local/indigenous/regional tradition of the residents of the Konkan area to adopt the name of their village as their family names. This probable relationship was highlighted to me during a recent discussion with Mr. Haim Ghiuzeli- Director of the Database Department of the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv.

In the opinion of the author, this is a misconception that developed due to the fact that over a period of time, after the arrival of the ancestors of the Bene-Israel in India; like most Jews elsewhere in the world, they stopped speaking (in Hebrew/Aramaic or whatever language that was spoken by their forefathers at that time). With the gradual fading of the language of their forefathers into memory, there resulted a loss in understanding, origin and meaning of their Surnames/Family Names. But, due to some impetus from a sub-conscious memory, the tenacious utilization and retention of the original family names in all communal and religious functions, in my opinion, was a concerted effort on the part of the forefathers of our community to retain links in some sort of a way, to their ancestral past.

A Brief List of Known Bene-Israel Names and Their Probable Hebrew Root

Chincholkar			
Dandekar			
Dhokarkar	Le Daker	To Stab	
Dighorkar			
Divekar	Di Ve	Enough –And	
Doodkar	David or Uncle		No village by this name
Erulkar			
Gadkar	Gad	Tribe of Israel	No village
Garapkar			No village
Garsulkar			
Gosalkar	Gozal	Young of a bird	
Gulabkar	Vered (Rosen)	Rose	Indian Word for Rose
Jhiradkar	Yirad,	Go Down, Emigrate	Some known as Jhirad
Jhiratkar			
Jittekar			
Kamarlekar			
Kandlekar	Kandel	Also a name among Ashkenazi Jews	Some known as Kandel
Kasukar	Kasu	Angry	
Khamkar	Kham	Hot, Warm,	
Khandalkar			
Kharilkar			
Kharvilkar			
Kehimkar	Haim	Life	

In the opinion of the author the Bene-Israel Family Names did not originate in the names of the villages that they lived in, but rather the village names developed from the names of the original (probably the first) Bene-Israel Family inhabitants living at that location and around whose homes the village grew.

After a careful review of the data on family names and their modifications over the years, the author would like to contest the misconception or theory, that “The Bene-Israel adopted the name of the villages they lived in as their Family/Surname”, due to the following reasons:

- 1. The name of a person generally originates in the language spoken by the community as a whole.**
- 2. The language spoken by the Bene-Israel (The Konkan Region) was and is Marathi and this was the case for several hundreds of years into the past and probably in some ancestral form a dialect of Marathi from the time of their arrival in India.**
- 3. Most of the names referred to by Mr. Benjamin Israel ref (2), in his book have no meaning in the Marathi language.**
- 4. On the other hand from the list attached below, one will observe in many cases a very close resemblance of the Bene-Israel Family names and Hebrew words and their meaning. Some may tend to consider this to be just coincidental. (paragraph 12 below reviews this subject)**
- 5. A look at the total area in question in which these names originated- approximately 2,500 square kilometers in the Konkan Area (see high lighted in the map below). It does appear strangely coincidental that, such a large number of villages in this area (relatively large for the days when**

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Mazgaonkar	Me Az Gaon	From Then a Genius	
Mehdekar			
Mehndrekar			No village
Morbekar			
Nagaonkar	Na Gaon	See Genius	
Nowgaonkar	Neve Gaon	Place of Clever Persons	The traditional site of the ancestral graves
Nogothenekar			
Nowgharkar			Sounds of Local Dialect
Pabrekar	Farbre	Also a name among Ashkenazi Jews	
Paprekar			Not in BJ Israel
Penkar	Pen	If Not, Lest	
Pezarkar	Le Fazer	To Distribute	
Pingle	Fingle	Also a name among Ashkenazi Jews	Some known as Pringle
Plukar	Plu	To Fail	
Pugaonkar	Po Gaon	Here is a Genius	
Razpurkar	Raz Pur	Secret, Precious Stone: Fate	
Ramrajkar	Ram Raz	Thunder: Secret, Precious Stone	
Ramraskar	Ram Ras	Running, Thunder	
Raspurkar		Running, Fate	
Rohekar	Rohe	Shepherd	

6. there were no roads and mechanized transportation) had names with no origin in Marathi or the local dialect. On the other hand, the names of so many villages in this area are traceable to Hebrew roots as shown in the table. Further, sometimes more than two to three villages (often in close proximity and sometimes further apart) had the same name traceable to Hebrew roots. However, in the same table one will observe, there are quite a few names for which the author has still not been able to trace their Hebrew/Aramaic roots. But, one will notice in the table several names compounded from two Hebrew words



Bene Israel Jews Jews of India

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१४ वे तारखेस आपल्या शक्तिप्रमाणे मेज तयार करून मध्ये १ मोठे तबक ठेवून त्यांत एका जवळ एक असे ३ प्याले ठेवावे; एकांत मोठ, २-यांत खजुराचा शिरा, ३-यांत (लियाचा) अंबट रस ठेवून त्यावर सेदारिमच्या भाकरी ठेवाव्या. त्या अशा की, वर कोहेन, मध्ये लेवी आणि खाली इस्राएल आणि समोरच्या दोन बाजूस एकिकडे जेरोवा, दुसरी कडेस झणजे त्याच्या समोरच उकडलेले अंबे ठेवावे. सर्व मनुष्यांस पुरेल इतका द्राक्षरस मांड्यांत भरून ठेवावा. गलास प्रत्येकास वेगवेगळेच असावे व तबक वस्त्रांत झांकून ठेवावे. शिरा करायाचा तो चांगला खजूर आणून त्यांतली बिया काढून टाकून एका भांड्यांत थंड पाणी घेऊन त्यांत तो टाकावा व चांगला फुगला म्हणजे त्याचा रस काढून बोधा टाकून घावा; मग तो एका भांड्यांत आटेपर्यंत शिजवावा. कित्येक लोक बदाम, अक्रोह इत्यादिकांच्या चार किंवा पांच बिया घेऊन त्या कुटून शिऱ्यांत मिसळून शिजवितात. अंबट रस फक्त लिंबे कापून काढतात. जेरोवा म्हणजे सक्क्याचे पुढचे पायाचा वरचा भाग घेऊन रीतिप्रमाणे शिरा काढून स्वच्छ करून मोठ लावून भाजावा. तबक मांडण्याची रीत.



* कडवट भाजी किंवा पिवळा व कडु पालेड.

आंबट रस व मोठ

प्रार्थना करून येण्यापूर्वी मेज तयार ठेवावे परंतु रात्रीचे नक्षत्र निघाल्याशिवाय किदुश करू नये. या रात्रीस ४दां किदुश प्यावा व बेखमीर भाकरी याच रात्री खाव्या; आधी खाऊ नयेत.

A page from Haggada with Marathi and Hebrew text , printed in Mumbai in 1880

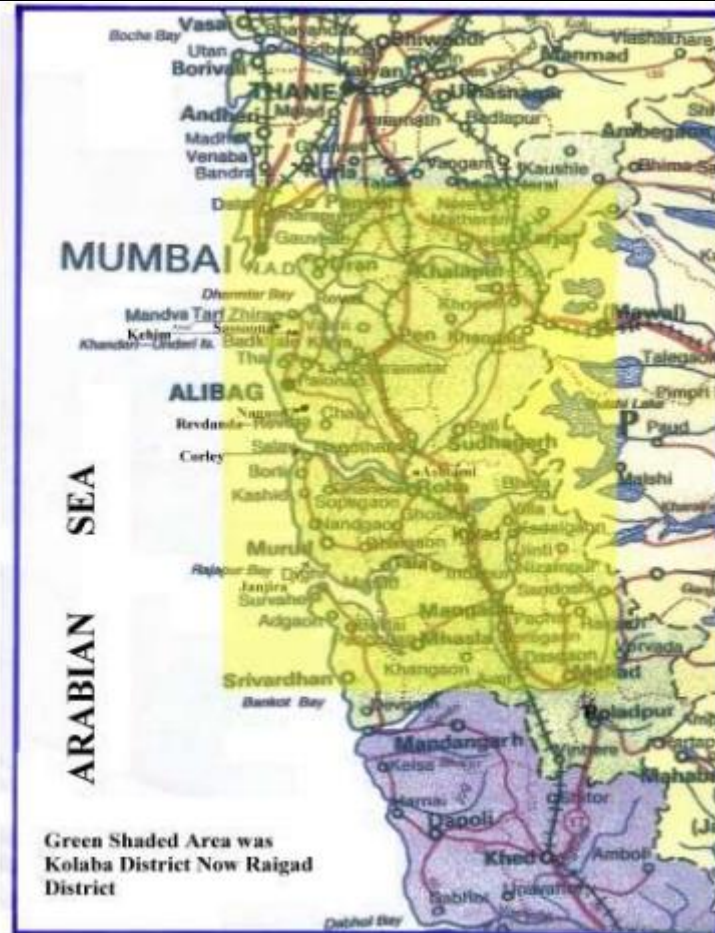
The Highlighted Area is the Original Location of the Bene-Israel in India. They arrived near Navgaon, just south of Alibagh & then spread over this region.

The Total Land Area highlighted is approximately 2500 Sq. Km.

First the migration took place to Bombay, then to the rest of India & finally to Israel and other places in the world.

In 1890 they were approximately 12,000 in number, in 1953, 35,000 in numbers and today they number approximately 90,000 plus all over the world.

Map of Konkan Area



Saigaonkar		 B.J. Israel claims this name originated in the village of Ivle.	Not a village as per book of B.J. Israel. Village exists in map sent by Joshua Benjamin.
Sankar			
Sassonkar	Sasson	Joy/Happiness	Later known as Sassoon
Satamkar	Satam	To Shut Up or Silence	No village
Shapurkar	Shipur or Sapir	Improvement or Sapphire	
Shikolkar	Shikul	To Weigh/Consider	
Shirgaonkar	Shir Gaon	Song Genius	Not in B.J. Israel
Shirkolkar	Shir Kol	Song, Voice	No Village
Shrivardhankar			Sounds of Local Dialect
Sogaonkar			
Songaonkar	Son Gaon	Sheep, Genius	Sone Ve Bacar
Talegaonkar	Tale Gaon	Deer - Genius	Clever as a Deer
Talkar	Tal	Dew	
Tarankhopkar			Sounds of Local Dialect
Thalkar(Same as Talkar)			
Umerdekar	Omer Di	To Say Enough	
Varulkar			
Varsulkar			
Wadawkar			Sounds of Local Dialect
Wakrulkar			
Wakulkar			
Walwatkar			
Wargharkar			
Waskar			
Wavekar			
Zawlikar			Not listed in BJ Israel's book.

7. Mr. Benjamin Israel in his well researched book (ref-2) (Israel, Benjamin J., The Jews of India,- Jewish Welfare Association,-Published by Mosaic Books, B-17, 2nd Floor, Lajpat Nagar, Part 2, New Delhi 110024. 1998) on page 114, states that often two or more villages in the Konkan Area,

sometimes in the same district and sometimes in the same sub-division had the same name. As a result of which it became quite difficult to identify which one of the multiple villages with the same name, is the village from which a particular surname originated. Earlier, according to him Mr. Tarankhopkar (1929) too, had the same difficulty.

Further, some of the villages or hamlets have ceased to exist and as a result, do not appear in official records. Mr. Israel Benjamin also states that the names may have been derived from hamlets, wadis, or padas. The above statements in the opinion of the author are very important observations that go towards supporting the theory that the village name originated in the name of the particular Bene-Israel Family residing at that location for a considerable period of time in the distant past. Where, some of the residential locations evolved into hamlets, and then in time with sufficient growth into a village. If on the other hand the person/family stopped residing there at that location and the hamlet or wadi, was purchased by some one else or absorbed into another village, that location lost its identity with relation to the Bene-Israel family that had lived there, though the person continued to hold his family name.

Finally, it would seem reasonable to assume that when a family bifurcated into two or more closely located residential locations that each residential location as mentioned by Mr. Benjamin Israel would be identified with the family residing there. At this point, the author would like to draw the reader's attention to the second part of paragraph 7 and 8 below. This

Favorite Prophet of the Bene-Israel



Prophet Elijah

**Common Bene-Israel Prayer Halls during
1700-1800
There were about 325 such prayer halls in
Raigad**



fact, in its self would sufficiently explain why some village/hamlet/surnames survived and why some disappeared. On page 118,119 Mr. Benjamin Israel refers to the village “Borli” which according to him originated the name “Borlekar”. As the case in point, the author would like to refer the reader to the table of surnames presented below, where “Bor” means “hole” and “Li” means “me”, both of Hebrew origin. The author would like to surmise that, as the Bene-Israel population grew, parts of the Borlekar Family lived at each of those locations held property at those locations at some period of time in parallel or otherwise. As a result each of those residential locations was the residence/hamlet/village of a person from Borli or Borlekar family and thus the villages adopted the name “Borli”. Another example would be the two surnames Nagaon and Navgaon (Navgav). B. J. Israel shows that both are common to Alibagh Tahsil close to where the ancestors of the Bene-Israel are supposed to have first arrived. Nevertheless, then he shows Nagaon

villages to be also in other Tehsil locations like Mangaon, Sudhagad, Uran and Mahad. These are relatively far from the location of the original arrival of the Bene-Israel. They were probably villages established by the descendents of the original family bearing the name of Nagaon.

From the list of Bene-Israel names published in the book of Mr. Benjamin Israel (ref. above) on pages 122 to 128 and 129 to 134, three significant anomalies are quite obvious:

7.1 One will note that: a few Bene-Israel names have no village of origin e.g. Doodkar.



Traditional Hanukkah Lighting in Bene-Israel Community



Bene-Israel Profession was of Industrial Oil Pressing for coating fishing boats and war ships to protect its hull.

7.2 Then again Benjamin Israel stipulates/claims and attributes that certain surnames originated in a village with a completely different name e.g. the village of “Sai” is said to have been the origin for the surname Ivlekar, but two pages later also originated the name Saigaonkar. This could only imply that two different families resided in that village and not the way Mr. Benjamin Israel claims. Taking Mr. Benjamin’s hypothesis to the extreme, it would be like stipulating that because the Talkar and Korlekar families lived in Awas, that the village of Awas originated their names.

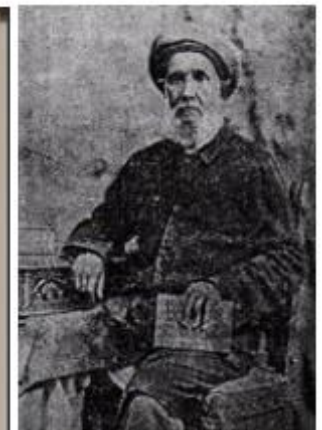
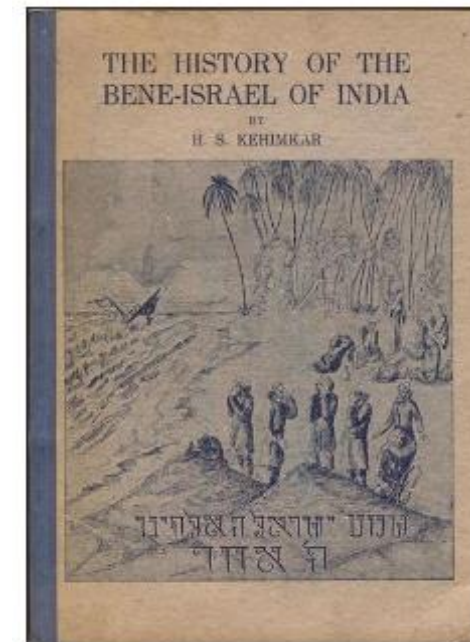
N.B.: A map of the Konkan Region, recently sent to the author by Mr. Joshua Benjamin Ex Chief Architect to the Government of India in a personal communication does show the location of many villages, which in the book of Mr. B. J. Israel were not traceable or the surname was traced to another village e. g. Saigaon.

7.3 Further, one will note that many surnames in spelling and pronunciation barely resemble the village names, even after taking into account that some corruption or deviation may have occurred, Such significant deviations in relating the village name to the surnames all the more lends credence to the theory that the surnames did not originate in the village names.

8 During the author’s childhood days, when he used to visit his Grand Mother’s Wadi (mango/coconut orchards) in the village of Awas, one fact about this village was very conspicuous. In the center of the village lived a Bene-Israel family with the family name of Awaskar (person’s nickname was Babu, descendent last known to be living in one of the suburbs (Kiryat Ata) of Haifa, Israel) and only he, in the whole village of several hundred



Two Salt less, oil less Kadak (Hard) Roti (bread) cooked on fire to be used as Chala for the Bene-Israel Sabbath prayers



Haeem Kehinkar
1930-1909
The book that placed Bene-Israel on the World Map

inhabitants, had the surname Awaskar. In the opinion of the author, the village in time grew around his ancestral home and as a result it took his family name and not the other way around. Incidentally, this Awaskar family, were oil pressers (Shanwar Telis- the ancestral/original occupation of the Bene-Israel upon arrival in India) and managed in parallel the general store of the village from their home (both, very significant facts, which the author will refer to later, when discussing the status of the Bene-Israel in Indian Society in the Konkan area.

- 9 This same scenario was repeated, with respect to the house of one Mr. Haim Samuel Kehimkar (same as the author of the History of the Bene-Israel in India) who incidentally was the author's grandmother's father. His house too, was centrally located in the village and only his family bore the same name as the village, which then had several hundred inhabitants. The property of the Kehimkar's was referred to as Kehimkaran Chi Wadi- i.e. the wadi of the Kehimkar's.

N.B. Social Anthropologists from abroad not knowing the past history of the villages and their residents would most probably overlook such an observation. During a recent visit to the Konkan region the author observed the following: In Pen there was still a Penkar family residing there, in Awas and Kehim, there are no more Awaskars or Kehimkars remaining in the village of Awas and Kehim. In the village of Thal near Alibagh there live the family of Mr. Levy Bhonkar who at one time operated an original ox drawn oil press.

- 10 My Grand Parents (Talkers) and the family of the parents of the late Mr. Dan Corley (Korlekars- a family now living in Ramat Gan, Israel) owned extensive property and lived for a very long period of time (more than 40 years to the best of the author's knowledge) in Awas but never adopted or



A Bene-Israel Family perhaps during early 1800's



changed their name to Awaskar. “But, in the village of Awas and the surrounding areas, the property of my grand parents was known as Talkaran chi Wadi – i.e. the Wadi of the Talkers.” Today it is not called so, but for several years (more than 25 years after the Wadi was sold to a third party) to the best of the author’s recollection it was still called “Talkaran Chi Wadi”.

- 11 It is important to note that many Jews lived in Bombay, Pune, Ahmedabad, Karachi, Revdanda, Mandwa, Alibagh, Rewas, Thana, but, one will not find even one Bene-Israel family name affiliated with any of these towns or villages. Some Awaskars, supposedly the first immigrants to the Bombay City area were jokingly called Mumbai Kars at one time. However, the surname of Mumbaikar was never adopted by any of the families. Again in Mandwa There is a Wakrulkar Family owning extensive property there till today who are sometimes fondly referred to as Mandwakars, but no more than that.

- 12 1. In paragraph 4 above certain persons have remarked that the similarity of the Bene-Israel surnames to Hebrew words may be just coincidental. In order to study this aspect, a check was made of the adjacent regions of equivalent size to that marked in the map shown in paragraph 5 above and still in the Bombay Presidency Marathi speaking region. Strangely though villages with similar Marathi origin names reoccurred in those regions, the author could not find any village names traceable to Hebrew roots in those adjacent regions.
2. Another rebuttal of the subject of coincidence is that it may be possible to have one word family names being similar to, or traceable to, Hebrew roots such as Sasson, Awas, Tal etc. then how does one then explain family names incorporating composite Hebrew words like “Shir Kol”, “Ram Raz”, “Ram Ras”, Shir Gaon”, “Ba Hon”, etc. Even the pronunciation of the Marathi word for village “Gav” the family name was pronounced as “Gaon”, this at least among the Bene-Israel could not have been a corrupted form of pronunciation though it was probably convenient to relate “Gaon” to “Gav”. Incidentally “Gav” in Hebrew means “Back”.

Maurya Empire *Maurya Sāmrajya*

322 BCE – 184 BCE



Maximum extent of the Maurya Empire, as shown by the location of Ashoka's inscriptions, and visualized by historians: Vincent Arthur Smith,^[1] R. C. Majumdar,^[2] and historical geographer Joseph E. Schwartzberg.^[3]

**Bene-Israel stayed in India from
175 BCE to 1947 ACE (2000+years)**

Bene-Israel arrived during Maurya Empire ruling in West India.

Dynasties and entities that ruled the region include, in chronological order, the Maurya, the Western Satraps, the Satavahana dynasty, Rashtrakuta dynasty, Western Chalukyas, the Bahamanis, Deccan sultanates, Mughals, the Maratha Empire founded by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and the British.

As a result the author's conclusion is that the Bene-Israel's never adopted, changed or took the names of the villages that they lived in, but that the village's name originated from the resident Bene-Israel family around whose property the village grew. The names of the Bene-Israel, have in his opinion, historically originated from the Hebrew or Aramaic language; or some earlier dialect of the language spoken by their forefathers prior to their exodus from the land of Israel or advent into India, sometime prior to, or after the destruction of the first temple. Some of the names in the list though appear to be an indigenized form of the original Hebrew names translated into the local dialect. This may have been due to the reason that the descendents of the original ancestors having lost fluency with the language of their forefathers translated or created the name in the local language. This has been done by Jews in other parts of the world.

However additional work needs to be performed in order to trace the Hebrew or Aramaic roots of the other Bene-Israel names whose roots have still not been traced.

Given in attached table is a list of Bene-Israel Surnames along with the translation of the word in Hebrew for obtaining an indication of its probable source.

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Raigad Jewish Village names
based on Jewish owner of the
farm (later became villages)



Jewish Names + Profession



Jewish Name + Farmer



Jewish Name + Ikar (Farmer)



Jewish Name + Kar (slang)



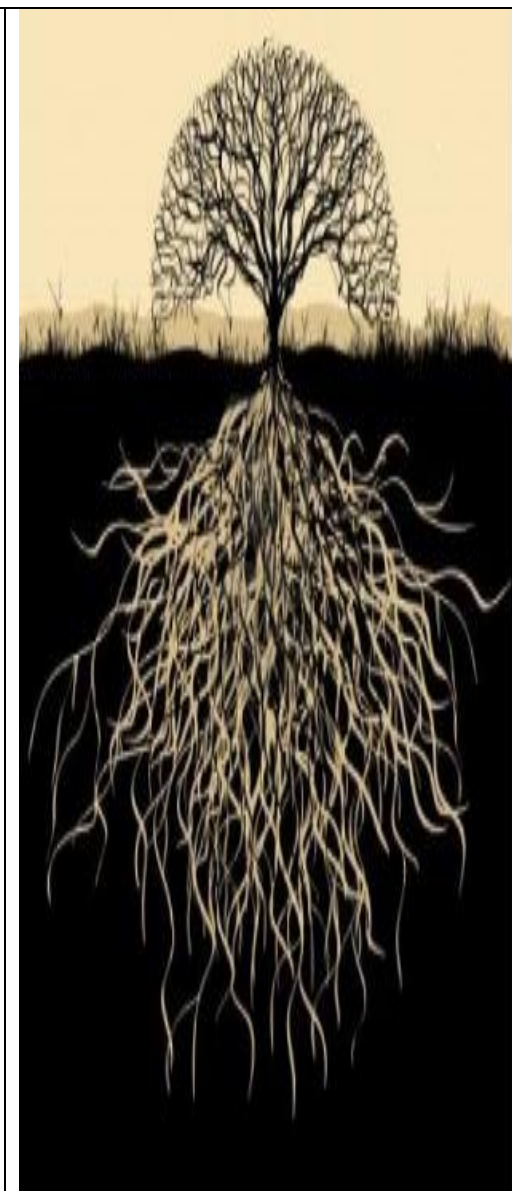
Tal (טל) + Kar = Talkar

Gozal (גוזאל) + Kar = Gosalkar

Kehim (כיים) + Kar = Kehimkar

Hebrew Roots of Bene Israel Family Names

Family Name	Hebrew Roots	Translation
kar	ikar	Farmer
Agarwarkar	Agar Bar	Collect of Items from the wild
Ashtamkar	Az-Stam	Then in Vain
Borgaonkar	Bor-Gaon	Well, Hole-Clever Person
Cheulkar	Sheul	Graves
Gadkar	Gad	Tribe of Israel
Gosalkar	Gozal	Young of a Bird
Kehimkar	Kheim	Haeem-Life
Kolabkar	Kolav	Coat Hangar
Kolatkar	Kolat	To Receive/Accept
Malekar	Male	Full
Masilkar	Masil	Save, Life Guard
Nagaonkar	Nagaon	See a Genius
Nowgaonkar	Nowgaon	New Genius or Place Clever Persons
Pezarkar	Pezar	Distribute, Spread, Feather Brained
Ramraskar	Ram-Ras	Running Thunder
Rohekar	Rohe	Shepherd
Sassonkar	Sasson	Rejoicing
Satamkar	Satam	To Close or To Shut one up
Shirkolkar	Shir-kol	Song-Voice
Talkar	Tal	Dew
Talegaonkar	Tale	Deer



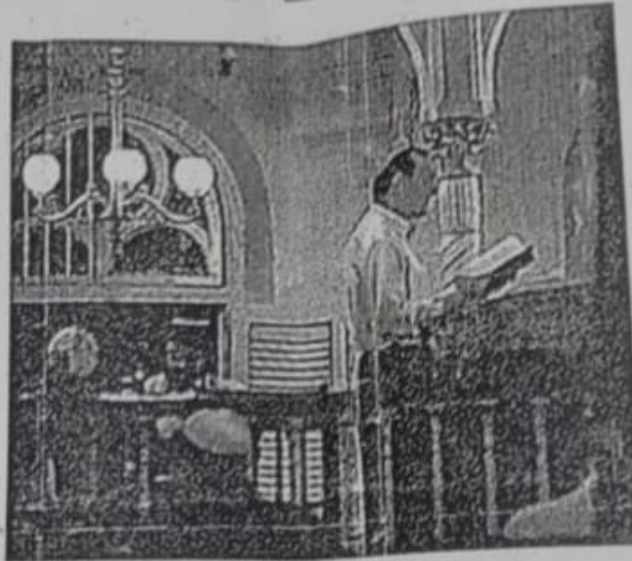
DNA tests link India's Bene Israelis to Moses

By Rashmee Z Ahmed
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

London: More than 2,000 years after they first claimed to have set foot in India, the mystery of the world's most obscure Jewish community—the Marathi-speaking Bene Israel—may finally have been solved with genetic carbon-dating revealing they carry the unusual Moses gene that would make them, literally, the original children of Israel.

Four years of DNA tests on the 4,000-strong Bene Israel, now mainly based in Mumbai, Pune, Thane and Ahmedabad, indicates they are probable descendants of a small group of hereditary Israelite priests or Cohanim, according to new results exclusively made available to 'The Times of India'.

The priests are scattered worldwide but genetically related in a distinctive fashion that leaves just a billion to one chance of a mistake in identifying who the Bene Israel really are, says Tudor Parfitt, Jewish Studies professor at London's School of Oriental and African Studies.



Parfitt, who initiated and led the research, says this is the first concrete proof that "exiles from Palestine made it as far as India and managed to maintain Judaism in the sea of Hinduism and Islam".

Contacted in the Israeli town of Ramallah, 15 miles from Tel Aviv, where he emigrated from Mumbai, Aharon Daniel expressed doubt about the new findings.

"Many scientists have claimed to have found Israeli or Cohanim genes in tribes in black Africa and other communities around the world, and many here were sceptical about this," he said. But some analysts said Daniel's doubt could be a reflection of the shoddy treatment given to a few of the 30,000 Bene Israelis who returned to the Promised Land in the early '50s, soon after the state of Israel was created. Their Indian appearance, cricket-playing, sari-wearing, curry-eating and Marathi-speaking habits led to a bitter battle for recognition as "real Jews".

The name Bene Israel literally means Children of Israel and their unsubstantiated legend of origin holds their ancestors to be Jews fleeing persecution in Palestine in 175 BC.

According to the legend, seven men and seven women survived a shipwreck near Navgaon village on the Konkan coast. Their descendants became thoroughly Indian except for observing Saturday, the Jewish sabbath, as a weekly holiday. The practice led them to be known as Shanwar Teli (Marathi for Saturday oilpressers).

"मायबोली" अंक 26 वा, सप्टेंबर 2002 मध्ये वरिल माहिती या उक्तांत छापली गेली ती खालील प्रमाणे :-

Memories: Origin of Community holding a one Eliyahoo Hannavi 'Malida' ceremony together in BI community

We lived in Dongri, which together with the neighboring streets that comprised Noor Baug, J.J. Hospital, Sandhurst Road, Umerkhadi, Mazgaon and Char Naal had a majority of Bene Israeli community, much more than those at Jacob Circle (Saat Rashta) and Parel in the 1950s.

Hence, the local synagogue, the Etz Haeem Synagogue in Umerkhadi together with Gate of Mercy Synagogue (Juni Mashid) and Shaare Ratzon Synagogue (Navi Mashid) were not enough to accommodate the large number of Bene Israelis. So the High Holiday prayer services: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Simchat Torah would be held at Sir Elly Kadoore School in Mazgaon. In fact, the Chanukkah festival would have entertainment, dramas and competitions for eight nights in the school auditorium.

The community members were well acquainted with the happenings in Israel through news, relatives who had settled in Israel and various organizations including the Bombay Zionist Association, the Indian Zionist Organization that also promoted Aliya to Israel.

I had the fortune to be one of the founders of the Jewish Youth Association and still vividly remember the various tasks we undertook including Hebrew classes on Sunday mornings, entertainment program etc. Most of us from the youth group had broken away from the Bombay Zionist Association and joined hands with M.D.Japeth, a well known journalist and editor to form the Indian Zionist Organization.

Hence when the Six Day War broke out on June 5th, 1967 we were worried about the Jewish State and our family members there. The war was fought between 5th and 10th June 1967 by Israel and the neighboring states of Jordan, Syria, and Egypt.



Not content with the news reports in the newspapers and there was very little of it on All India Radio (in the absence of electronic media) we relied on M.D.Japeth, due to his association with the media and relations with the Consulate General of Israel in Bombay. From the second night of the Six Day War, over a hundred Bene Israelis would attend a meeting at the large terrace of our Chinwalla Building, courtesy my father, Isaiah Aaron Perry who was the President of the building association and hence could use it freely. Around the fourth or the fifth day of the war, keeping in mind the typical Bene Israeli practice of having an Eliyahoo Hannavi Malida, we resolved to have a community Malida if Israel won the war.

Of course, like always, Prophet Elijah heard our prayers and a grand Malida ceremony was held at the Sir Elly Kadoorie School in Mazagon which was attended by over 400 men, women and children. Our Jewish Youth Association did not have the finances to bear the cost and hence we collected Rupee One from each individual.. That was the beginning of Bene Israeli community Malida. Later, some very rich members of the community would give an open invitation to the whole community and would offer Biryani to all those present. Our association had offered the basic food needed. But we were the pioneers!

I still remember the names and faces of those associated with the Jewish Youth Association and their activities that included: Elijah Waskar, Sammy Shapurkar, George Nagavkar, Abraham Waskar, Noah Massil and of course, quite a number of our girls some of whose names I still remember, as they were known before marriage: Sarah Pezarkar, Esther Sankar, Olivia Moses, Eliza Perry. (Sincerely apologize if I have forgotten the names of some members of our committee).

John Perry

ALIBAG (*Elibaug), Indian town on the Konkan Coast, south of Bombay; formerly the leading settlement of the *Bene Israel community. Its synagogue, "Magen Avot," was founded in 1840 (rebuilt in 1910) on the initiative of the *hakham* Shalom Shurrabi, author and sponsor of liturgical works for the Bene Israel community. Alibag was the favorite resort of retired military personnel of the Bene Israel group and the center of Hebrew instruction for youth from neighboring Bene Israel settlements. The historian of the community, **Hayyim Samuel Kehimkar**, was born in Alibag. The synagogue in Alibag was still functioning in the beginning of the 21st century.

*Alibaug (Elibaug): The name of this place is after a Bene-Israel Jewish man called Eli who had a beautiful garden. Admiral Kanhoji Angre who was the Naval commander for the Maratha use to visit Eli and appreciate his garden. He named the place Elibaug. The **British misspelled it with a A instead of E**. British are known to write wrong many names as they wrote by hearing the name.

Legend behind Elijah's Rock in Khandala, Raigad.

Elijahoo Hanave Taap. Khandala, Raigad.

This is a legend. Jews were washed off to the shores of Konkan in 175 BCE. They wanted to thank God for saving their lives. The Jewish way of thanking God is by sacrificing an animal. So they sacrificed a cow. But in India cow is considered holy and no one can kill cows. So the local Hindu's came in a huge crowd with weapons to kill the few stranger Jews. It is said that at that time an angel of Jews Elijahoo came down in his cart to save the Jews. His cart wheels scratched on a rock leaving a track mark and the foot of the horse left a mark on the rock. This rock is still in the same place. Jews come to this rock to pay their respects. There may be other stories about this rock, but this fits the best with the history of the Shaniwar-Teli Jews of India.



इलियाहू हनावे तप । खंडाळा, रायगड.

ही एक दंतकथा आहे. इ.स.पूर्व १७५ मध्ये ज्यूंना कोकणच्या किनाऱ्यावर वाहून नेण्यात आले. जीव वाचवल्याबद्दल त्यांना देवाचे आभार मानायचे होते. देवाचे आभार मानण्याचा यहूदी मार्ग म्हणजे प्राण्याचे बलिदान. म्हणून त्यांनी गायीचा बळी दिला. पण भारतात गाय पवित्र मानली जाते आणि गायीला कोणीही मारू शकत नाही. त्यामुळे स्थानिक हिंदू काही अनोळखी ज्यूंना मारण्यासाठी शस्त्रास्त्रांसह प्रचंड गर्दीत आले. असे म्हणतात की त्यावेळी ज्यूंचा एक देवदूत एलियाहू ज्यूंना वाचवण्यासाठी त्याच्या गाडीतून खाली आला होता. त्याच्या गाडीची चाके एका खडकावर स्क्रॅच झाल्यामुळे ट्रॅकची खूण झाली आणि घोड्याच्या पायाची खूण खडकावर पडली. हा खडक अजूनही त्याच ठिकाणी आहे. ज्यू लोक या खडकावर आदरांजली वाहण्यासाठी येतात. या खडकाबद्दल इतर कथा असू शकतात, परंतु भारतातील शनिवार-तेली ज्यूंच्या इतिहासाशी हे सर्वोत्कृष्ट आहे.

אליהו הנורא טאפ. חנדלה, ראיגאד.

זו אגדה. יהודים נשטפו לחופי קונקאן בשנת 175 לפני הספירה. הם רצו להודות לאלוהים על שהציל את חייהם. הדרך היהודית להודות לאלוהים היא על ידי הקרבת חיה. אז הם הקריבו פרה. אבל בהודו פרה נחשבת קדושה ואף אחד לא יכול להרוג פרות. אז ההינדים המקומיים הגיעו בהמון עצום עם נשק כדי להרוג את מעט היהודים הזרים. מספרים שבאותה תקופה ירד מלאך יהודים אליהו בעגלתו להציל את היהודים. גלגלי העגלה שלו נשרטו על סלע והותירו סימן עקבות ורגל הסוס השאירה סימן על הסלע. הסלע הזה עדיין נמצא באותו מקום. יהודים מגיעים לסלע הזה כדי לחלוק כבוד. אולי יש סיפורים אחרים על הסלע הזה, אבל זה מתאים הכי טוב להיסטוריה של יהודי שניוואר-טלי בהודו

'Bid to promote, preserve heritage': Jewish Route inaugurated in city

NAYONIKA BOSE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 23

IN A bid to promote and preserve Jewish heritage in Mumbai, German minister of state for culture and media, Claudia Roth, along with delegates of the Consulate General of Israel inaugurated the "Jewish Route" at Colaba's Chabad House on Wednesday.

By the end of October, the Israeli Consulate and the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) will launch curated tours as a part of the Jewish Route, covering 26 Jewish heritage structures in Mumbai, Pune, and Alibaug. Of the 26 structures, 12 are in Mumbai and include synagogues, libraries, Jewish cemeteries, and schools.

Kobbi Shoshani, consul general of Israel to Midwest India, said that the project aims to promote tourism for people from Israel to India as well as preserve heritage of the Jewish community. "We will start a direct flight

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heritage of the Jewish community. "We will start a direct flight from Mumbai to Tel Aviv and vice-versa from October-end. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring Jewish tourists here. We have worked with the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation to develop private and group tours for Jewish sites across the city," Shoshani told the media on Wednesday.

Shoshani also said that the Israeli Consulate seeks to develop similar routes across other regions of India, such as Cochin,

West Bengal, New Delhi, and a synagogue in Ahmedabad. "Jews have been living in India, especially in Mumbai, for the past 2,000 years, without a fear of persecution. When I came here in 1992, to see the Jewish heritage in Mumbai for the first time, it opened my heart. Indians, Israelis, and Jews from all over the world must come to Mumbai to experience the same," he added.

Chabad House, where the Wednesday event was held, is

also slated to be part of the Jewish Route. Located in the heart of Colaba, the house — also known as Nariman House — is one of the locations which was targeted during the 26/11 attacks. Six of its occupants, including Rabbi Gavriel and his wife, were killed. Following restoration, the structure opened to the public again in 2014, and now, serves as a Jewish outreach centre as well as a memorial for the victims of the 26/11 attacks.

During the course of the

event, Roth and the Israeli delegates laid a wreath on the memorial to commemorate the victims of 26/11 attacks. "Like many attacks in the recent past, the attack in Mumbai also shows that an attack on even a small community is an attack on the entire society. It is very ideal to have this route, to show what means to be a Jewish in India. As a German, I would like to remember the 5,000 Jews who escaped the Shoah (holocaust); moved to India," said Roth.

Celebrating the Jewish route in Mumbai

THE Consulate General of Israel is promoting the Jewish Route, a project under which they have selected 22 Jewish sites in and around the city of Mumbai like Magen Hassidim Synagogue in Byculla, Sha'ar HaRahamim synagogue near Masjid Bunder and David Sassoon Tomb in Pune. Not



only are they documenting them, but are also making these heritage sites a part of sightseeing for travellers and tourists coming to India. "The basis for the path was the impressive book [Author of Bombay: Exploring the Jewish Urban Heritage] by Professor Saul Sapir, a Jewish who was born in Mumbai and

knew every stone and alley in the city. He has done the most impressive research on the community," said Kobbi Shoshani, Consul General of Israel to Mid-West India in Mumbai, adding that the Jewish community has lived in India for over 2,000 years and have integrated with the public here, while also maintaining their Jewish lifestyle.

By



Shulmith Kolet from Beersheba

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כשהייתי בת חמש, אימא שלי תמיד אמרה לי שאושר הוא המפתח לחיים. כשהלכתי לבית הספר, הם שאלו אותי מה אני רוצה להיות כשאיה גדולה. אני כתבתי "מאושרת". הם אמרו לי שאני לא מבינה את המשימה, ואני אמרתי להם שהם לא מבינים את החיים. מאחלת לכם שנה טובה ומאושרת.

When I was five years old, my Mom always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down "HAPPY", They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life. Wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

जेव्हा मी पाच वर्षांचा होते, तेव्हा माझी आई मला नेहमी सांगायची की आनंद ही जीवनाची गुरुकिल्ली आहे. मी शाळेत गेल्यावर त्यांनी मला विचारले की मला मोठे झाल्यावर काय व्हायचे आहे. मी "आनंदी" लिहिले, त्यांनी मला सांगितले की मला असाइनमेंट समजले नाही आणि मी त्यांना सांगितले की त्यांना जीवन समजले नाही. तुम्हाला नवीन वर्षांच्या खूप खूप शुभेच्छा. **MUST READ**

MEMORIES OF PATHANS OR PASHTUNS OF AFGHANISTAN FROM BOMBAY (MUMBAI) IN THE 1940s.

Though we used to live at Chinwalla Building, Opposite Najjam Baug in Dongri, I used to spend a lot of time before going to school at St. Josephs at Sakina Manzil in Umerkhadi. All the residents of the small building were Bene Israelis: my aunt Dhatavkar, the neighbor Mazgaonkar and on the top floor were Divekar and Penkar.

By the side 'gulli' near the flour mill, Ejja Dada would have a 'cot' made from rope. He was the unquestioned king of Umerkhadi and Dongri and assisted our community in every possible way. He cot would be just below the house of Johnson Radio.

From time to time, the Pathans, also known as Pashtuns would come and pay respect to Ejja dada. They were money lenders and would never lend money to Bene Israelis. We were not aware of the reasons but only knew that they would light oil lamps on Friday evening and would not be seen on the road on Saturdays.

They were handsome, tall and well-built men in Afghani attire and no one would dare to cheat them or confront them, not even the Bombay Police though the CID had a special unit to deal with them. They started disappearing in the early 1950s from Dongri and possibly other streets of Bombay. Now thousands of them will be arriving in the US seeking asylums. If you read the following information about them, you too would wish that they would return to their fold, to where they originally belonged.

Pathans, or Pashtuns, are the only people in the world whose probable descent from the lost tribes of Israel finds mention in a number of texts from the 10th century to the present day, written by Jewish, Christian and Muslim scholars alike, both religious as well as secularists,"

John Perry

Pathan and Pashtun are synonymous. Pathan is a title given to Muslim rulers, and now is a common surname which is commonly used by the Pashtun people¹. Pashtun, Pushtun, and Pashtoon are also used to refer to the same ethnic group². The Pashtun people are a mountain people living in the eastern regions of Afghanistan and northwestern Pakistan³.

[Pashtunistan is a historical region located on the Iranian Plateau, inhabited by the indigenous Pashtun people of southern Afghanistan and northwestern Pakistan in South-Central Asia](#)

Khan is a title given to pathans for their bravery.

Shaniwar Teli adds: There is a research in progress to investigate if Pathan/Pashtuns/Khan are of Jewish Origin. It could be that Shah Rukh Khan actually is Jewish and so was Dilip Kumar (Yousef/Yusif/ Yosi Khan)

Simchat Torah - Embracing Unity and the Torah Worldwide

Elijah Jacom



On Simchat Torah, we dance with the Torah scroll, read its final pages, and immediately commence anew, celebrating the contributions of our members in special aliyot to the Torah. We invite our children for a once-a-year aliyah, emphasizing that each of us plays a vital role in the Torah's narrative and has something meaningful to offer. The day is a vibrant celebration of our commitment to learning and community.

This Simchat Torah, within the WUPJ, we stand in solidarity with our community in Israel. They will bring Torah scrolls to the public space without mechitzot [partitions] for hakafot shniyot [dancing with the Torah the evening after Simchat Torah] as they reaffirm the values of a Jewish and democratic State of Israel.

We also stand with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, with those seeking refuge, and we pray the Torah serves as a source of strength during these challenging times.

Furthermore, we extend our unwavering support to all of our global communities world, which keep the light of the Torah shining strong, as we collectively strive to embody the wisdom from Mishlei (Proverbs): “(Torah) is a tree of life to all who hold fast to it, and its supporters are happy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace.”



Carmel Berkson

Born 1924 (age 98–99) Nationality: Indian (she gave up USA citizenship to live in India) , Occupation: Sculptor Religion: Jewish, Awards Padma Shri (2010)

During 1970-80 you would often meet Carmel in a BI synagogue or cemetery always with her professional camera around her neck. She used to regularly visit the JRU youth group meeting on Saturday evenings. Some times when she did not attend, we asked her where was she last week? She would say she was in Panval or Alibag or Pen and other Bene-Israel villages taking pictures. She said she was taking very specific pictures and could not afford to waste her camera reels. The locals used to call her “Carmel Camera Wali American Bai” [Carmel Berkson - Wikipedia](#)



During 1981 the Nahum Goldmann Museum of Jewish Diaspora held an exhibition on “The Jews of the Konkan” where her photographs and slide shows were displayed. At that occasion a book too by the same name was released that carried many of her pictures and excellent text on Bene-Israel by Shellim Samuel.

Berkson is noted for both, her documentation and commentary on Indian art as well as her own work as a sculptor. She was conferred the [Padma Shri](#) by the [Government of India](#) in 2010.



Book: Carmel Berkson

God Inside Out: Śiva's Game of Dice

Don Handelman, David Shulman, Carmel Berkson (Photographer)

This book offers a new exploration of the mythology of the Hindu god Siva, who spends his time playing dice with his wife, to whom he habitually loses. The result of the game is our world, which turns the god inside-out and changes his internal composition. Hindus maintain that Siva is perpetually absorbed in this game, which is recreated in innumerable stories, poems, paintings, and sculptural carvings. This notion of the god at play, arguee Handelman and Shulman, is one of the most central and expressive veins in the metaphysics elaborated through the centuries, in many idioms and modes, around the god. The book comprises three interlocking essays; the first presents the dice-game proper, in the light of the texts and visual depictions the authors have collected. The second and third chapters take up two mythic "sequels" to the game. Based on their analysis of these sequels, the authors argue that notions of "asceticism" so frequently associated with Siva, with Yoga, and with Hindu religion are, in fact, foreign to Hinduism's inherent logic as reflected in Siva's game of dice. They suggest an alternative reading of this set of practices and ideas, providing startling new insights into Hindu mythology and the major poetic texts from the classical Sanskrit tradition.

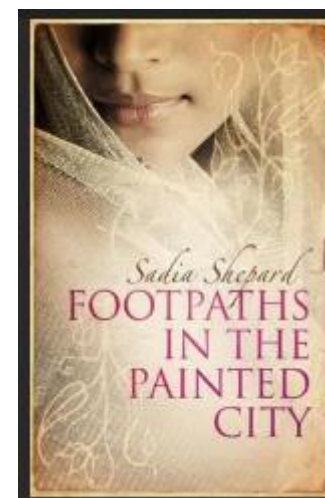
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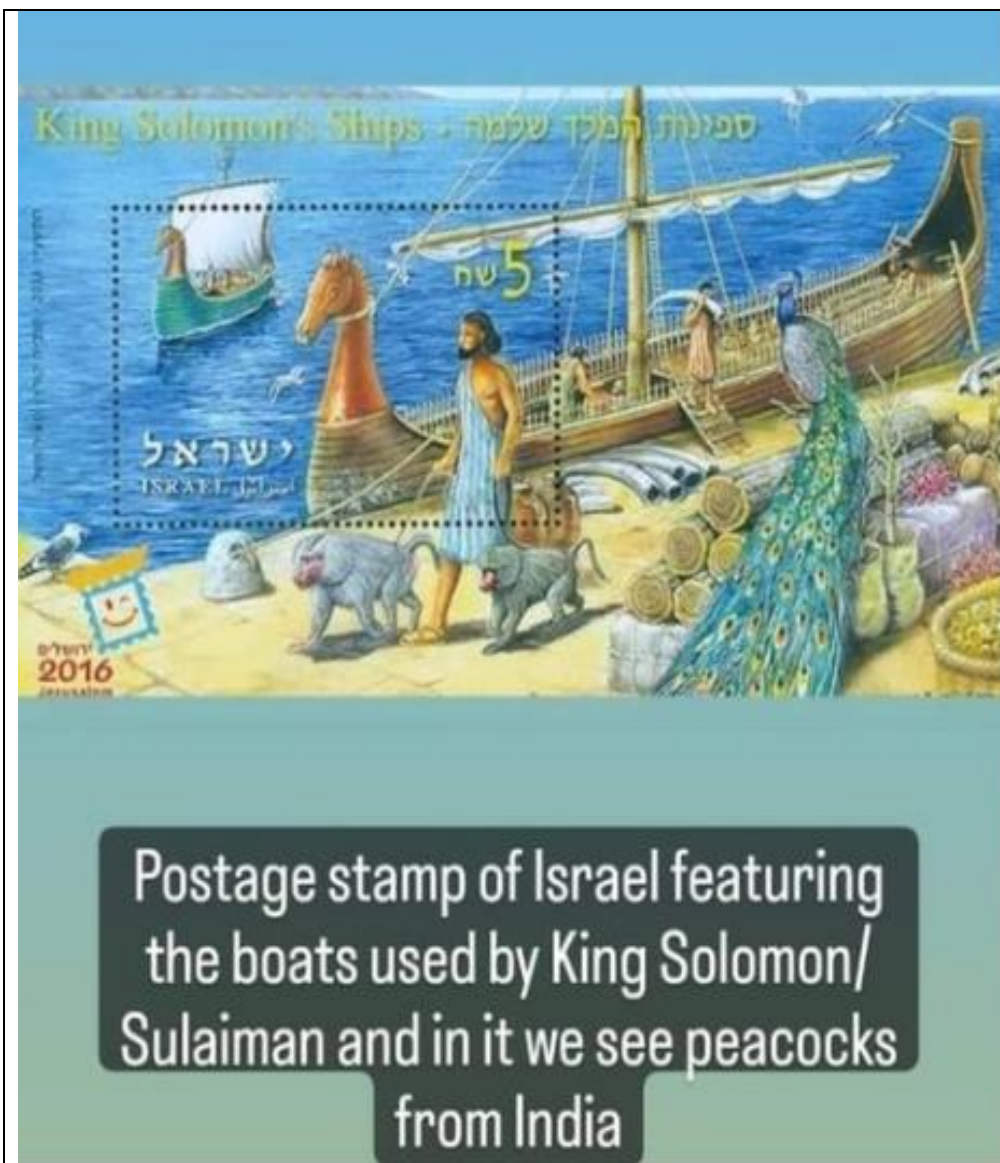
Muslim Mother

Sadia Shepard grew up in a joyful, chaotic home. Her father, a white American Protestant, and her mother, a Pakistani Muslim, cherished their different backgrounds, and created a household full of stories and storytellers. But at the age of thirteen, Sadia learned that there was one story she had never been told. Her maternal grandmother had not born been a Muslim: she had begun her life as Rachel Jacobs, and belonged to the Bene Israel, a tiny Indian-Jewish community who believe they are descended from one of the Lost Tribes of Israel, shipwrecked on India's Konkan coast two thousand years ago. Driven by her desire to fill in the missing pieces of her family's fractured history, Sadia headed to India...

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Synagogue in Dubai

About 250,000 Israelis have already visited the Emirates since the Abraham Accords were signed in the summer of 2020

<https://youtu.be/yAtMjdUynLo>

How An Indian Maharaja Helped Save The Lives Of Thousands Of Polish People from Holocaust During World War II (still not part of Yad Vashem)

[How An Indian Maharaja Helped Save The Lives Of Thousands Of Polish People During World War II \(indiatimes.com\)](https://www.indiatimes.com/How-An-Indian-Maharaja-Helped-Save-The-Lives-Of-Thousands-Of-Polish-People-During-World-War-II/)

It's amazing how a ruler who lived so far away from Poland earned the respect and honour of in Poland and is still remembered today. Here's the story of the Maharaja of Jamnagar in Gujarat, who owed to save some 1,000 Polish children when many countries refused to give them shelter during World War II.

"Little Poland in India"

During the years preceding World War II, a huge number of Poles were taken away to work at the Soviet-run labour camps by the Red Army in remote parts of North-Eastern USSR and Siberia. When Germany's attack on the USSR in 1941 changed the political landscape considerably, and a year later, some Polish refugees were allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

The journey stretched across many lands and transit points and after being refused by many European and Asian countries for shelter, finally, they reached India and came to the port of Bombay, where the British Governor also refused to let them enter.

Maharaja Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji Jadeja of Nawanagar, who had heard of the plight of the refugees, sought to help them and pressured the British government to allow the refugees to disembark. Frustrated by the lack of empathy and the unwillingness of the government to act, the Maharaja ordered the ship to dock at Rosi port in his province. Thus began the story



Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji Jadeja
Maharaja Jam Saheb of Nawanagar
1933-1948

See the movie 'Little Poland of India' https://youtu.be/rIPq-8RZxxM?si=rk_3iOcSgA9YusQM

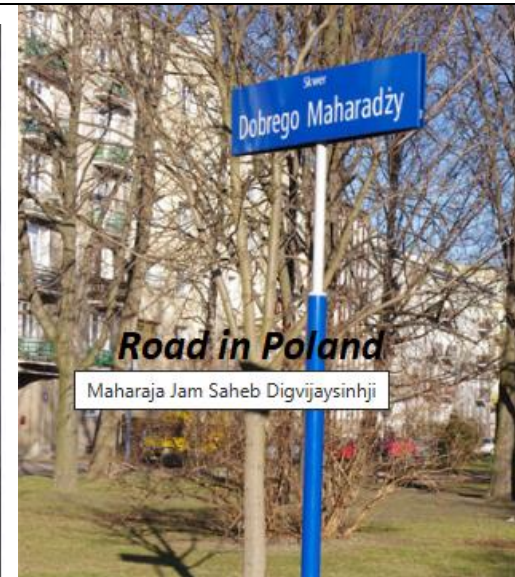


of Little Poland in India.

After arriving in Gujarat in 1941, the Maharaja arranged for their stay at camps in Balachadi, a village in Jamnagar, where apart from food and shelter, a concerted effort was made to further their education and keep their Polish culture and traditions alive.

Indeed, according to Polish sources, the Maharaja told the children, “You may not have your parents, but I am your father now.” The children, in turn, called him “our Bapu” (“father”).

These refugees stayed in Jamnagar for nine years, till World War II lasted. They were well-taken care of by Jam Saheb who personally visited the camps. After World War II and the recognition of Poland's government by Great Britain, the refugees were asked to return to Poland. However, many chose to be repatriated to the UK, the US, Australia and other Commonwealth nations while just a few returned to Poland.



Poland has shown its gratitude to the Maharaja in various forms. Warsaw has a “Good Maharaja Square” named after the Maharaja. Poland also named a school after the Maharaja, which was passionate about children’s education.

A documentary titled "Little Poland in India" was made in collaboration with both Indian and Polish governments to honour the efforts of Maharaja Jam Saheb who led the movement in India to rehabilitate Polish refugees.

The Maharaja’s help is all the more noteworthy considering that while the world was at war, India was fighting its own battle, a non-violent battle for self-determination and independence from British colonialism, even as a severe famine and drought-ravaged India at the time.

The special bond between Poland and Balachadi town, 25km from Jamnagar, will be relieved by half a dozen World War II survivors.

This was an incredible story from modern contemporary history that created a special bond between Poland and Balachadi town.



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Letter to Yad Vashem

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Aug. 29, 2023

Subject: Indian Maharaja who saved Polish Jews

Dear Sirs,

The subject itself makes the matter of this letter clear.

"India believes in the idea of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (World in one family) that is why many religions coexist and people live in unity and always stand by each other. This is why today the name of many roads and schools in the capital of Warsaw in Poland are named after Maharaja Jam Saheb Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji.

It's amazing how a ruler who lived so far away from Poland earned the respect and honour of the country and is still remembered today. Here's the story of the Maharaja of Jamnagar in Gujarat, who owed to save some 1,000 Polish children when many countries refused to give them shelter during World War II."

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Who we are:

Shaniwar-Teli (oilmen who did not work on Saturdays keeping shabbath) was the name given to Jews who landed in India in 175 BCE, by the local Indians. They were Levy's and knew how to extract oil from olives. So in India they started extracting oil and it became their profession. This profession in local language is called as Teli (Mr. Modi also comes from Teli profession). As these people did not work on Saturdays their community got the name of "Shaniwar Teli". It was this name that made the British in 15th century suspect that the community can be Jewish. They invited a Rabbi from UK who asked the community many questions (including what fish to eat and not to eat). It amazed the Rabbi that even after 1500 years, this community were doing what their ancestors had taught them. They remembers nothing and did not know why they were doing it, but they did it. The Rabbi declared this community was Jewish. Later they took up the name Bene-Israel.

We run a voluntary small "News Letter" by the name of Shaniwar- Teli where we discuss only Bene-Israel community matters. There are about 3000 readers. It is a e-newsletter for private circulation only.

We are writing to you on behalf of the whole community as a request to do the needful.

We look forward to a positive response,

Sincerely,

Dr. Shulmith Charikar
Editor

Leo Daniels
Publisher

Reply from Letter to Yad Vashem

Reply from Yad Vashem ref. no. CAS-464160 CRM:0563226

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In future correspondence, please use reference number CAS-464160

Subject: Indian Maharaja who saved Polish Jews

Dear Shulmith Charikar & Leo Daniels

Thank you for your letter.

To the best of our knowledge, this story does not belong to Yad Vashem. Indeed, in the spring of 1942, several thousand Polish children, as well as other refugees, arrived in India from the Soviet Union.

It is possible that some of the children were Jewish, but, as a whole, it is not a Jewish story nor it is a story of Righteous Among the Nations, even if it is obvious that Indians who cared for the children were indeed kind-hearted people.

Sincerely,
Arthur Kliava
The Righteous Among the Nations Department

Yad Vashem

Please do not reply to this e - mail. In order to submit a response, [click here](#) .

Less than 0.01% population of India but we Bene-Israel still live in its veins



OLD BOMBAY

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Masjid Bunder Station

The name 'masjid' literally means mosque, while 'bunder' is a Persian word for the port. Surprisingly Masjid Bunder is named after a Jewish synagogue known as Gate of Mercy Synagogue / Juni Mashid / Shaar Haraahamim. The area is a small community of Bene Israel Jews and a lane named Israel Mohalla symbolises the same.

Masjid Bandar railway station, also known as the "Crawford Market" railway station, is a historic train station located in Mumbai, India. It has an interesting story behind its construction.

Due to the docks, Masjid is a prominent area recognized as the hub of the larger shipping and maritime companies of India. The first office of the Reliance Commercial Corporation was set up at the Narsinathan Street in Masjid Bunder.



Other Bene-Israel landmarks in Mumbai and Raigad

1. Maharashtra Government has displayed a board at the entrance of Masjid Railway Station stating the above fact.
2. The name of the street in which the Gate of Mercy Synagogue is situated is known as **Samuel Street**.
3. **Israel Mohalla** (area) is about five minutes walk from Gate of Mercy Synagogue. The Shaare Rason Synagogue (Navi Masjid) is situated near the Israeli Mohalla .
4. There is another street named after the brother of Samuel Divekar, i.e. **Essaji street**, which is just near the Gate of Mercy Synagogue.
5. **Dr. E. Moses Road** is the road which passes by our cemetery at Worli.
6. In panel **"Israel Talav (Pond)"**
7. **Israel Aali** (Street). It is near our Synagogue in Alibag.
8. **Israel Aali** (इस्रायली आळी) near Pen Synagogue.
9. **Synagogue Chauk** Thane



Ezra Moses
Ex President of Thane
Synagogue who made this
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אשר אוסקר וצוותו
על העבודה הנהדרת
הזו.

Very important day is
coming! Kehimkar book
is translated into
Hebrew after 100+
years. Very important
to be there to give
respect to Mr.
Kehimkar and the group
of Ben Zvi Asher Oscar
and his team for this
great work.

खूप महत्वाचा दिवस येत
आहे! केहिमकर या पुस्तकाचे
100+ वर्षांनंतर हिब्रूमध्ये
भाषांतर झाले आहे. या
महान कार्यासाठी श्री.
केहीमकर आणि बेन ड्वी
आशर ऑस्करचा ग्रुप आणि
त्यांच्या टीमला आदर
देण्यासाठी तिथे उपस्थित
राहणे खूप महत्वाचे आहे

This should have been done
50 years ago. Though late,
still It is a big step forward to
preserve the history of the
Bene-Israel for the Hebrew
speaking children in Israel.

Two families have financed
this translation and
publication.

The Jewish Agency's Response



After publication of Shaniwar-Teli e-Newsletter of 1 July, 2023 where Mr. Abraham Fansapurkar had bitterly complained about immigrants waiting in India, were not getting responses from Oren and Shirly. Then we also met Oren & Shirly who explained that they were doing their best.

Following that we got more complains and we wrote to the Jewish Agency to get an official reply. Below is the reply we got. **But still they are not answering the main question from the potential immigrants. Why Oren and Shirly are not replying to them for weeks?** We have asked them again this question.

शनिवार-तेली ई-न्यूजलेटर प्रकाशित झाल्यानंतर अब्राहम फणसापूरकर यांनी भारतात थांबलेल्या स्थलांतरितांना ओरेन आणि शिर्लीकडून प्रतिसाद मिळत नसल्याची तीव्र तक्रार केली होती. मग आम्ही ओरेन आणि शिर्ली यांनाही भेटलो ज्यांनी स्पष्ट केले की ते त्यांचे सर्वोत्तम प्रयत्न करीत आहेत.

त्यानंतर आमच्याकडे अधिक तक्रारी आल्या आणि आम्ही अधिकृत उत्तर मिळविण्यासाठी ज्यू एजन्सीला पत्र लिहिले. खाली आम्हाला मिळालेले उत्तर आहे. परंतु तरीही ते संभाव्य स्थलांतरितांच्या मुख्य प्रश्नाचे उत्तर देत नाहीत. ओरेन आणि शिर्ली आठवडे त्यांना उत्तर का देत नाहीत? असा प्रश्न आम्ही त्यांना पुन्हा विचारला आहे.

לאחר פרסום הניוזלטר האלקטרוני של שניוואר-טלי, שבו התלונן מר אברהם פנספורקר במרירות על מהגרים הממתינים בהודו, לא קיבלו תגובות מאורן ושירלי. אחר כך פגשנו גם את אורן ושירלי שהסבירו שהם עושים כמיטב יכולתם.

בעקבות זאת קיבלנו עוד תלונות וכתבנו לסוכנות היהודית כדי לקבל תשובה רשמית. להלן התשובה שקיבלנו. אבל עדיין הם לא עונים על השאלה העיקרית של העולים הפוטנציאליים. למה אורן ושירלי לא עונים להם כבר שבועות? שאלנו אותם שוב את השאלה הזאת.

Dated : July 25, 2023

אורן ושירלי הם מתנדבים (שעלו מהודו) הפועלים מישראל ומזה ארבע שנים מסייעים, בעת הצורך, בהתנדבות, לגלובלסנטר של הסוכנות היהודית בקידום בקשות של מועמדי עלייה מהודו.

אורן ושירלי מונחים מקצועית על ידי הסוכנות היהודית ובמסגרת פעילותם רכשו ניסיון רב בכל הקשור לריכוז מסמכים הדרושים, עפ"י הנחיות רשות האוכלוסין וההגירה, לקידום הבקשות ומבחינת הסוכנות היהודית הם עושים מלאכתם נאמנה ובאופן מקצועי.

לא נמצא כל בסיס לטענות המועלות נגד אורן ושירלי, לרבות טענה בדבר הטרדה מינית לכאורה.

אורן ושירלי הגיבו, לבקשתנו, לפניותיך, דחו אותן מכל וכל ואף צירפו הוקרות תודה של מועמדים אשר עלו לישראל בסיועם.

אורן ושירלי שומרים על כל זכויותיהם בקשר לטענות המועלות כנגדם.

אשר לבקשתך לקבל מידע על תיקי עולים – לא ברורה לנו מטרת הבקשה ובכל מקרה מדובר במידע אישי שלא ניתן להעבירו אלא בהתאם ליפוי כח ממועמד עלייה כזה או אחר. לסיום – הסוכנות היהודית איננה נדרשת לשירותיך כמתנדב בהודו.

חגית הללי | Hagit Halali

דוברת | Spokesperson

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ-ישראל

The Jewish Agency for Israel

Google Translation English (Jewish Agency Reply)

Oren and Shirley are volunteers (who immigrated from India) operating from Israel and for the past four years have been assisting, when necessary, voluntarily, the Jewish Agency's Global Center in promoting applications from Aliyah candidates from India.

Oren and Shirley are professionally guided by the Jewish Agency and as part of their activities have acquired extensive experience in all matters related to gathering documents required, according to the guidelines of the Population and Immigration Authority, to promote applications, and as far as the Jewish Agency is concerned, they do their work faithfully and professionally.

Oren and Shirley responded to our request and your inquiries, categorically rejecting them and even attaching gratitude to candidates who immigrated to Israel with their assistance.

Oren and Shirley reserve all their rights in connection with the allegations made against them

Regarding your request for information on immigrant files – the purpose of the request is unclear to us, and in any case it is personal information that cannot be transferred except in accordance with a power of attorney from one or another immigrant candidate. Finally, the Jewish Agency is not required for your services as a volunteer in India.

Hagit Hillali |
Spokesperson | Spokespersona
The Jewish Agency for Israel

Google Translation – Marathi – Not checked (यहूदी एजेंसी जवाब)

ओरेन आणि शर्ली हे स्वयंसेवक आहेत (जे भारतातून स्थलांतरित झाले आहेत) इस्रायलमधून कार्यरत आहेत आणि गेल्या चार वर्षांपासून ते भारतातील आलिया उमेदवारांच्या अर्जांना प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी ज्यू एजन्सीच्या ग्लोबल सेंटरला आवश्यक असल्यास स्वेच्छेने मदत करीत आहेत.

ओरेन आणि शर्ली यांना ज्यू एजन्सीद्वारे व्यावसायिकमार्गदर्शित केले जाते आणि त्यांच्या क्रियाकलापांचा एक भाग म्हणून लोकसंख्या आणि इमिग्रेशन प्राधिकरणाच्या मार्गदर्शक तत्वांनुसार, अनुप्रयोगांना प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी आवश्यक कागदपत्रे गोळा करण्याशी संबंधित सर्व बाबींमध्ये व्यापक अनुभव मिळविला आहे आणि ज्यू एजन्सीच्या बाबतीत ते त्यांचे काम विश्वासूपणे आणि व्यावसायिकरित्या करतात.

ओरेन आणि शर्ली यांनी आमच्या विनंतीला आणि आपल्या चौकशीला प्रतिसाद दिला, त्यांना स्पष्टपणे नाकारले आणि त्यांच्या मदतीने इस्रायलमध्ये स्थलांतरित झालेल्या उमेदवारांचे आभार ही मानले.

ओरेन आणि शर्ली यांनी त्यांच्यावर केलेल्या आरोपांसंदर्भात त्यांचे सर्व हक्क राखून ठेवले आहेत.

स्थलांतरित फायलींवरील माहितीसाठी आपल्या विनंतीबद्दल - विनंतीचा हेतू आम्हाला अस्पष्ट आहे आणि कोणत्याही परिस्थितीत ही वैयक्तिक माहिती आहे जी एका किंवा दुसऱ्या स्थलांतरित उमेदवाराच्या पॉवर ऑफ अ‍ॅटर्नीशिवाय हस्तांतरित केली जाऊ शकत नाही. शेवटी, भारतात स्वयंसेवक म्हणून आपल्या सेवेसाठी ज्यू एजन्सीची आवश्यकता नाही.

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Nissim Moses's opinion on Jewish Agency

(Letter received from Nissim Moses after we published **Abraham Fansapurkar complain about Jewish Agency's not replying** to the waiting immigrants, then an **interview with Oren & Shirly** where they say they are doing the best, then a letter to Jewish Agency of all the complains received from India and finally official reply from **Jewish Agency supporting Oren and Shirly** as their good representative (published above)



How many Times Am I supposed to tell you that Jewish Agency is making you a Sucker? All the people who have gone down the Via Dolorosa of immigration from India to Israel and following the biased negative Bene Israel attitude of the Jewish Agency. You Publicize their letter, but Independent Reports from Community Representative/Leaders and Personal experiences you push aside, and try very hard to generate contrary biased information.

You do not seem to understand that the minute the employee even dares to deviate the guidelines of his/her Employers especially when they (The Employers) have a preconditioned Bias against Indian Jews from Maharashtra, then they could be sacked from their Jobs. Just Look at the Problems created for the Bene Israel in Israel. The Only Jews Who Never Suffered Anti-Semitism in their 2000 years sojourn in the Diaspora, is to be Tortured Mentally, in the Land of their Forefathers, The Supposedly Holy Land.

Here are a list of fields they have been Discriminated against not by the Nazis but by their own Fellow Jews from Europe who Control the Jewish Agency:

1. Immigration Process to Israel.

1.a- Processing of Documents of travel to Israel.

1.b-Procrastination of processing of Forms for Travel.

1.c. Issue of separate Document for obtaining approval for immigration Travel to Israel.

eg, Income tax, Police, Visa Office, Reserve Bank, now Rabbinical Certification of Jewish Heritage or of formal conversation to Judaism even after the Knesset has decided and both the Chief Rabbinate's Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jointly and separately have Issued Official Circulars declaring the Bene Israel as Pure Jews. This not the case with Ashkenazi Jews from, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, or anywhere else from Europe. How Come-??

When they have never seen even the outside of a Synagogue most probable in their lifetime, a certified and permitted to emigrate to Israel is issued with-in Blink of an Eye. Yet a BI who has had a Circumcision, a Bar Mitzvah, Learnt all the Prayers in School Has to go

through The Gauntlet created by the Jewish Agency For them-????

You Dear Leon are supposed to be the Champion of our People are You-?????. Read below what happened with me when I came.

Nissim Moses

Nissim Moses's Immigration story: 1960

I personally went through this Harassment by Jewish Agency.

Letter of Rejections:

In fact I received a Letter from the Jewish Agency Head in India at my time that Said I will not emigrate to Israel- Bullshit they Spun to me, The Harassment they put us through. It is only my fighting spirit and that of my Mother & my wife that sustained us through the emigration process Hell. The Untruths we were told.

Repeat call/Forms/Waiting:

We were ever so often during our immigration process sent letters to come to the Jewish Agency Office in Bombay at a certain specified time only to wait for nearly two hours in the lobby to receive a single form for income tax. On another day for the police, on a third day for the Reserve Bank and so on all requiring waiting for receiving the form instead of receiving all the forms in one single immigration file folder.

Rejected from Airport:

Then we were told to bring our Luggage on a Certain Friday morning to the Airfreight Office about two kilometers from the Jewish Agency Office the day before our scheduled date of Travel the next day on Saturday Evening, only to be Told that our names were not on the Travel List. I left my mother with our luggage at the Air Freight Office and in a Taxi, I went to the Jewish Agency Office. The Secretary Pretending to be very helpful walked with me to the Visa Office about 100 meters from The Jewish Agency Office. She asks me to wait outside, goes into the office. After about 1 minute she walks out and spins a yarn that our forms are not signed, and the officer is not in the office and on leave today. Conclusion You cannot go!

Bribes to Agency representatives:

These and such Stories we had heard from other immigrants too, earlier- especially from my wife's brother and sisters and her father who had to pay bribes to the Agency representatives. Stop this harassment process. (This particular secretary was also trying to pull the same stunt of milking us for money-bribe. This lady Father in Law had been helped by my Father as a Start here.)

I refused to succumb to this and pretended not to understand and asked to meet the Head of the Local Agency and was refused under

the pretext that he was very busy. A Mr. Norman. The earlier Representative and his secretary had been given 48 hours' notice by the Indian Government to Leave the Country for Fraud & Currency Violations.

On Arrival in Israel: Incorrect information

After our arrival in Israel we found out that we were over charged by a very significant amount for our Ulpan & Residence. We were given false information about travel time between Haifa and Kiryat Shimon and Kfar Atta. The Availability of housing and were spun a while lot of blatant lies by the Jewish Agency Representatives in Bombay.

Official Approvals:

Today they have added Rabbinical Certification and Published Declarations of the Bene Israel as pure Jews. This has been sorted out, both, by the Knesset and the Ashkenazi & Sephardi Chief Rabbis in the early 1960s. Further the BI male Child has been Circumcised, had a Bar Mitzvah, learnt the Hebrew Prayers, ceremonial processes etc.

Non-Indian Jewish Immigrant:

This check of the purity of the Jews is not performed, even today, on any new immigrant from Ukraine, Russia or any other European Country, who for that matter have not seen the outside of a synagogue in their lifetime. How Come this Bias & Discrimination of the Jewish Agency between Jew of one part of the world as to those from another part of the world.

And you Mr. Leon Daniel Want to accept the Yarn being spun to you in the recent response of the Jewish Agency. I personally do not buy any of their Yarn. My personal Experience and contribution to Israel that of my Family I have already given I detail. Here are a few.

My contributions in Israel:

But you know what I have done for Israel, The awards I have won in every field. I worked both in the Defense industries, The Ministry of Environment, At the Educational Level in Teaching New Students, In the Development of Indian Jewish Heritage, History and Genealogy.

My participation and injury in the Yom Kippur War on the Banks of the Suez Canal. My contribution in Establishing Strong Defense Sales Relations with India. Where there was a Tremendous Blossoming of Partnership and sales when all their geniuses had failed miserably prior to that. It literally saved IAI, saved the Jobs of several thousands of IAI employees who were on the verge of retrenchment causing a "Mitun" (Recession) in Israel. Nissim Moses

Harrasment of Bene-Israel Jewish Immigrants You Are Not Jewish



INDIAN BENE-ISRAEL WAITING IMMIGRANTS

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The Jerusalem Post

Majority of recent Ethiopian immigrants to Israel are Christians

Story by By ZVIKA KLEIN • 2h



Some Russian Israelis are Jewish, while others are not. [According to](#)¹, Russian Israelis are post-Soviet Russian citizens who immigrate to Israel and their descendants. As of 2022, Russian-speakers number around 1,300,000 people, or 15% of the Israeli population. Some of the immigrants are not considered Jewish according to Halacha, which defines a Jew if **their mother is Jewish or they formally converted to Judaism**. [However, according to the Law of Return, anybody with at least one Jewish grandparent is eligible to become an Israeli citizen](#)¹. It is assumed that 80% Russian Jews are not Jewish.

Russian Jews in Israel are immigrants and descendants of the immigrants of the Russian Jewish communities, who now reside within the State of Israel. [They were around 900,000 in 2007](#)². [This refers to all post-Soviet Jewish diaspora groups, not only Russian Jews, but also Mountain Jews, Crimean Karaites, Krymchaks, Bukharan Jews, and Georgian Jews](#)². The largest number of Russian Jews now live in Israel. [Israel is home to a core Russian-Jewish population of 900,000, and an enlarged population of 1,200,000 \(including halakhically non-Jewish members of Jewish household](#)

[Are Russian Israelis Jewish? - Search \(bing.com\)](#)



מסע'לה מסע בין דורי של קהילות יהדות הודו בישראל ובעולם/The Masgla movement



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Another denied aliyah who waited almost 4 years for no logical reason, has been finally approved right now. Thanks to the intervention of Masaghlā, an intergenerational journey of Indian Jewish communities in Israel and around the world. If it weren't for the refuseniks who rely on Masaghlā, we wouldn't have been able to help.

Immigration laws to Israel must change!

Help us help them any welcome donation.

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It is possible to have a one-time option and it is also possible permanently and without the seizure of a credit limit. Every shekel you make gives us another opportunity to help immigrants from India, to continue working on the research institute and on and on.

कोणतेही तार्किक कारण नसताना तब्बल ४ वर्षे वाट पाहणाऱ्या अलियाला अखेर आता मंजुरी मिळाली आहे. मसाघला यांच्या हस्तक्षेपामुळे इस्रायल आणि जगभरातील भारतीय ज्यू समुदायांचा आंतरजातीय प्रवास. मसाघलावर अवलंबून असणारे नकारार्थी नसते तर आम्ही मदत करू शकलो नसतो.

इस्रायलमधील इमिग्रेशन चे कायदे बदलले पाहिजेत!

कोणत्याही स्वागत देणगीसाठी आम्हाला मदत करा.

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एकरकमी पर्याय असणे शक्य आहे आणि ते कायमस्वरूपी आणि क्रेडिट लिमिट न करतादेखील शक्य आहे. तुम्ही बनवलेल्या प्रत्येक शेकेलमुळे आम्हाला भारतातून आलेल्या स्थलांतरितांना मदत करण्याची, संशोधन संस्थेत काम करत राहण्याची आणखी एक संधी मिळते.

עוד מסורבת עלייה שחיכתה כמעט 4 שנים ללא שום סיבה הגיונית, אושרה סופית ממש עכשיו. בזכות התערבות מסע'לה מסע בין דורי של קהילות יהדות הודו בישראל ובעולם. אלמלא המסורבים שסומכים על עמותת מסע'לה לא היינו יכולים לסייע. חוקי ההגירה לישראל חייבים להשתנות!

עזרו לנו לעזור להם כל תרומה מבורכת.

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אפשר חד פעמי ואפשר גם באופן קבוע וללא תפיסת מסגרת אשראי. כל שקל שלכם נותן לנו במסע'לה עוד אפשרות לסייע לעולים מהודו, להמשיך לעבוד על מכון המחקר ועוד ועוד.

With Mr. Shalom Danino of Likud



An Important Meeting

On 28th of July Masala group invited the heads of all the Bene-Israel different groups for a meeting in Tel-Aviv public meeting office. During this meeting all the groups represented their activity.

Masala confirmed that this meeting has been called for all the groups to work together. Many groups independently work on same project and meet the same officials at different times for the same purpose. So the official too gets confused as to whom to work with.

To avoid this situation all the groups should know who is working on what project. So if a project is offered to a group, and it is already a running project, then it will be forwarded to them.

This is an important effort. There will be a next meeting in few months.



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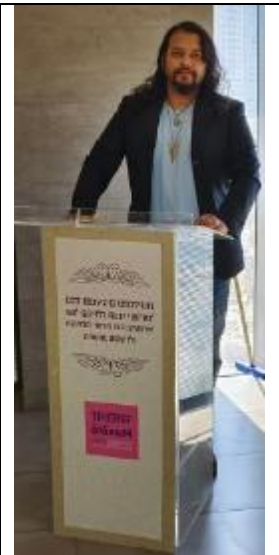
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ב-28 ביולי הזמינה קבוצת מסאלה את ראשי כל הקבוצות השונות של בני ישראל לפגישה במשרדי הציבור בתל אביב. במפגש זה ייצגו כל הקבוצות את פעילותן.

מסאלה אישר כי הפגישה הזו נקראה לכל הקבוצות לעבוד יחד. קבוצות רבות עובדות באופן עצמאי על אותו פרויקט ונפגשות עם אותם פקידים בזמנים שונים לאותה מטרה. אז גם הפקיד מוחרם עם מי לעבוד. כדי למנוע מצב זה, כל הקבוצות צריכות לדעת מי עובד על איזה פרויקט. אז אם פרויקט מוצע לקבוצה, וזה כבר פרויקט פועל, אז זה יועבר אליהם.

זהו מאמץ חשוב. הישיבה הבאה תתקיים בעוד כמה חודשים

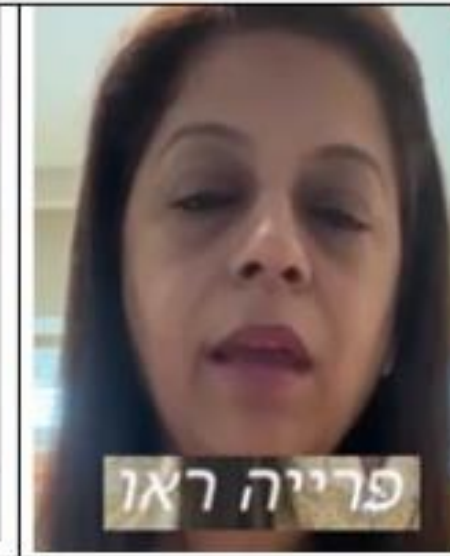
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२८ जुलै रोजी मसाला समूहाने सर्व बेने-इस्रायल विविध गटांच्या प्रमुखांना तेल-अवीव सार्वजनिक सभेच्या कार्यालयात बैठकीसाठी आमंत्रित केले. या बैठकीत सर्व गटांनी आपापल्या उपक्रमाचे प्रतिनिधित्व केले. सर्व गटांनी एकत्र येऊन काम करावे, यासाठी ही बैठक बोलविण्यात आल्याची माहिती मसाला यांनी दिली. बरेच गट स्वतंत्रपणे एकाच प्रकल्पावर काम करतात आणि एकाच हेतूसाठी वेगवेगळ्या वेळी समान अधिकार्यांना भेटतात. त्यामुळे कोणाबरोबर काम करायचे, याबाबत अधिकारीही संभ्रमात पडतात. ही परिस्थिती टाळण्यासाठी कोण कोणत्या प्रकल्पावर काम करत आहे, हे सर्व गटांना माहित असायला हवे. त्यामुळे एखाद्या गुपला एखादा प्रोजेक्ट ऑफर केला गेला असेल आणि तो आधीपासूनच चालू प्रोजेक्ट असेल तर तो त्यांच्याकडे पाठवला जाईल. हा एक महत्वाचा प्रयत्न आहे. पुढील बैठक काही महिन्यांत होणार आहे.



Listen to the Jewish Agency harassment stories of Sharon Rina & Priya, in English of Jewish Bene-Israel
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1482187105940295>

80% Russian Israeli's are not Jewish. 80% of Ethiopian new immigrants are Christians and they are questioning our Bene-Israel members if they are Jewish?

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Please support the Masala group lead by Golan Sharika who is fighting for these and other cases. His group has bought immigrants here that Oren and Shirly had failed to help.

या आणि इतर खटल्यांसाठी लढणाऱ्या गोलन शरीकर यांच्या नेतृत्वाखालील मसाला गटाला पाठिंबा द्या. ओरेन आणि शली मदत करण्यात अपयशी ठरलेल्या स्थलांतरितांना त्यांच्या गटाने येथे विकत घेतले आहे.

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Glad To Note that Independent Jewish State is Established

Swatantryaveer Savarkar's Statement on 19th December 1947

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"I am glad to note that the overwhelming majority of the leading nations in the world should have recognised the claim of the Jewish People to establish an Independent Jewish state, in Palestine and should have promised

armed assistance to get it realised. After centuries of sufferings, sacrifices and struggle the Jews will soon recover their national Home in Palestine which has undoubtedly been their Fatherland and Holy land. Well may they compare this event to that glorious day in their history when Moses led them out of The Egyptian bondage and wilderness and the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey came well within sight.

Judging from the Indian Press in general our public seems to be misinformed by a sinister pro-Moslem propaganda regarding this Palestine issue. It must be emphasized therefore that speaking historically, the whole of Palestine has been, from at least two thousand years before the birth of the Moslem Prophet the National Home of the Jewish people. A long line of their great prophets and kings, of Abraham and Moses, of David and Solomon, has endeared that country to them as their Fatherland and Holy

country to them as their Fatherland and Holy land. The Arabian Moslems invaded Palestine only a few decades before they invaded our Sindh and just as their fanatical fury exterminated the ancient Egyptians or Persians, they attempted to wipe out with fire and sword the Jewish people too. But they failed in this unholy ambition. The Fatherland or the Holy land of the Arabian Moslems lies in Arabia and not in Palestine.

In justice, therefore, the whole of Palestine ought to have been restored to the Jews. But taking into consideration the conflict of self-interests of the powerful nations in the UNO, their support to the resuscitation of the Jewish State in a part of Palestine at any rate wherein they still happen to be in majority and which includes some of their prominent Holy Places constitutes an event of historical justice and importance.

It is consequently to be regretted that the delegation which represented our Hindusthani Government in the UNO should have voted against the creation of the Jewish State. The speeches of Shrimati Vijayalakshmi in particular were justly ridiculed when she declaimed melodramatically that the Indian Government refused to stab the unity and integrity of the Palestine State in the back by carving out a separate Jewish State,—forgetting for the while

that the very Indian Government had stabbed the unity and integrity of their own nation only the other day and gloated over it as an event for public jubilation! Pandit Nehru made his case more untenable by stating that the creation of the Jewish State was opposed by his Government to secure the goodwill of the group of the petty Moslem States in Asia.

But what about the loss of the goodwill of the Jews in India and outside and of the powerful nations which voted in support of the Jewish State? As a policy it is as absurd as to sacrifice the goodwill of an army of giants to secure the goodwill of a handful of pigmies. Moreover, can Hindudom at any rate forget that these petty Moslem States and even the Chinese Moslems who are conspiring to create a Chinese Pakistan have been egging on the Moslem League to carve a Pakistan out of our Motherland.

The international policy of Hindudom at any rate must always aim to break up the power of the Moslem Blocks from Africa to the Malayan Peninsula. The creation of a strong and independent Jewish state must serve to checkmate the aggressive tendencies of Moslem fanaticism in general. The Jewish people bear no political ill-will towards Hindudom. The Jewish minority in Hindusthan too had given us no cause to suspect them as we have been compelled to suspect the Moslem minority.

Whatever the attitude of the present Congressite Government be the Hindu Sanghathanists at any rate cherish goodwill towards and extend their moral support to the establishment of the independent Jewish State in Palestine on moral as well as political grounds.

How to work in Israel?

It was my first job in Israel. Coming from Voltas, I liked to finish all my jobs for the day on each day and leave the desk clean. There was a list of things I should do daily and I made it a point to finish everything, even if I was late to leave some times. I ran the full after sales service department of the Voltas air-condition and refrigeration.

When I started my job in Israel, I also had a list of what I should do daily. Within few weeks I got so involved with the work that I found myself downing in work, most of them not even in my list. When I protested about it I was told here in Israel you have to also do everything by yourself. At Voltas if I wanted to get a few photocopies, I told the peon and he would get it. Here in Israel I had to go to the coping room and get my copy done. Same for any file. I had to make my own coffee instead of the management tea received in your cabin exactly at 11 AM. These were simple things but lot of work around my work had also to be done by me. And at the end of the day I was still left with the work that actually I had to do.



In a while I started feeling guilty, thinking even to the extent that I should submit my resignation.

Then, I knew an Israeli friend (7 generations in Israel) whom I had met during my army service. He was one of the commanders of our unit. I asked for a meeting with him and we sat over coffee. I told him all about my situation and how my time-management has no meaning left. Then he said something to me that changed my life.

He said you are not in India now. Forget about what British taught you. Here it is nice to make a time management but the actual work done is based on **“Priority Management”**. Like a fire extinguisher, you handle the current fire. Tomorrow is another day.

And it works! The work pressure here is so much that you cannot work on routine time management but on priority management.

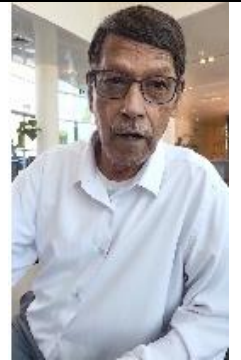
Leo Daniels

Bene-Israel Books



Avihay Bastakar with his wife Leora and children; Abraham, Iska-Amuna, David-Isaac, Tova and Tamar-Shoshna (not in the picture) has published a unique book of songs with musical notes of Bene-Israel Prayer songs.

Mr. Rahamin Bhastaker (who is father of Avihay) speaks of his humble beginning of his life in a village in India to his journey to Israel and now at age 72, with his large family of 5 children and 12 grandchildren he is still in great demand due to the very special professional trade he is expert at. Follow the link to see the interview. [\(20+\) Facebook](#)



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Post-Peer Malida:

Mr. Bhastakar remembers his parents performing Post Peer Malida in the village. It was a tradition started by the Bhastakar to thank God by performing a Malida when one of the family children was saved by a Muslim Holy man. Peer is a general name in Islam for any man of God.

Mattan Charikar Mattan is the young boy who won the first prize in the Hebrew Essay competition that ORT India and Shaniwar Teli had arranged. Bracha is his mother who is a singer of soft Hebrew songs. She does public shows and her music is available on YouTube. Please invite her for your functions.	Beautiful Soft Hebrew Songs by Bracha Stern on YouTube Video שירים עבריים רכים ויפים של ברכה שטרן בסרטון יוטיוב Красивые мягкие песни на иврите Брахы Штерн на видео на YouTube De belles chansons hébraïques douces par Bracha Stern sur YouTube Video
מתן צ'ריקר מתן הוא הנער הצעיר שזכה בפרס הראשון בתחרות החיבור העברי שארגנו אורט הודו ושניוואר טלי. ברכה היא אמו שהיא זמרת של שירים עבריים רכים. היא עושה הופעות ציבוריות והמוזיקה שלה זמינה ביוטיוב. אנא הזמינו אותה לאירועים שלכם.	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090907077099 Songs (Few) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOlp42n-iMw https://youtu.be/PNMx5-sDLaQ https://youtu.be/8g_vsmiHu0o https://youtu.be/nOlp42n-iMw 050-7770173

Memorial for Mr. H.S Kehimkar – thoughts from community members

1. Making a memorial at Mr. H.S Kehimkar's grave in Mazgao
2. Making a statue of Mr. H.S Kehimkar's in the school that he had built.
3. Possible change of the school name to H.S Kehimkar school.
4. Naming a Circle and Road in Kehimkar's name in Mumbai and Raigad



YES? / NO?

Dear Editor & Publisher , Shaniwartelis Newsletter,

Dear Sir/Madam,

The idea of Constructing a Memorial Monument for Mr. H.S Kehimkar is strongly supported by me.

It should be built at, what was then known as the Israelite School, and later changed to the Sir Eli Kadoorie School; to preserve the Memory of the Monumental Icon of the Bene Israel Community.

Mr. Kehimkar was an Educationist, Historian, the one to publicize our Warriors, Doctors, Nurses, Dramatists; to Pioneer Women's Education; to obtain Financial Aid From The Anglo Jewish Association in London, to lay the Foundations of Preserving our connection through the Family Tree to our Ancestors, Purchase Property around the Israelite School and build one of the Earlier Synagogues-Named The Etz Ha Haeem Synagogue in Umerkhadi, Bombay,; To Publicize the Existence of the Bene Israel Community in Reputed Journals in The U.K.

I, Nissim Moses -Historian Indian Jewish Heritage and Bene Israel Genealogy Research and his grandson, who has two of his daughters as his

great grandchildren, who has two of his daughters as his Paternal and Maternal Grandmothers hereby pledge to **donate \$ 1,000** to the construction of the Memorial Monument to this Icon of our Community.

Regarding changing the name of the school. I am in agreement with it but I would like to suggest; that the Trustees of the school to please preview and check the agreements, contracts and commitments made in the Earlier name change From The Israelite School to the Sir Eli Kadoorie School.

Nissim Moses

Historian Indian Jewish Heritage and Bene Israel Genealogy Research

Noah Penkar

I strongly support creating memorial, not just in India but also in Israel. Groups like Golan Sharikar should take up this project in India and IJF in India.

John Perry It is certainly a high time that we recognize the contribution of the late H.S. Kehimkar and maybe all the major Bene Israeli organizations should discuss how our community could pay respect to this great historian. In this age of internet, a meeting of our leaders from all over the world could easily be called online since the project will need a broad support. I look forward to hearing from our leadership. John Perry Daniel Daniels Bhonkar Following is my opinion on Bene-Israel Memorial. Why do we need any memorial? Every synagogue and every cemetery is a memorial. Our effort should be to build walls around cemeteries instead of memorials. People are building gates without building walls? What is the logic here? If there were walls around our properties, the condition would not have been like Panvel cemetery and other cemeteries in Raigad area.	Elijah Jacob I have already conveyed my thoughts to you on this matter. I am in favor of an appropriate memorial for the late Mr. Kehimkar but the Elly Kadoorie school management has to decide whether this is feasible given the fact that the Kadoorie foundation may have a say in this matter. Elijah (Leo) Daniels It is important to create this monument for this most important man in our Bene-Israel history. As the school belongs 66% to Baghdadi's and all school children are non-Jewish, there is no point in building the memorial in school of strangers. It could be in tor in Navgao cemetery. Further his grave in Mazgao cemetery needs to be repaired and renovated. Also a stone placard should be placed with the same matter on him that will be on his memorial. There should be a circle and road names after him in cities of Israel where Bene-Israel's are living.	Johnathan Solomon I support suggestion of Elijah Jacob . The Memorial can be enhanced by information about the life and work of respected H S Kehimkar. Solomon Erulakar I am ok with the Memorial option that is currently being looked into. Will be great if it is set up at the school or at the current site in Navgaon where I guess many people visit. I am also ok with a bit of our resources donated to other Bene Israel groups who are supporting our Bene Israel community globally. Herzl Bhonkar I also support the project of Kehimkar's Memorial. As Great H. S. Kehimkar is with us for almost 200 years without any monument we all know him. If we are building a memorial which is lasting for 40/50 years then it is of no use. And in India there are very few Bene Israeli people remains and these people are also trying to immigrate to Israel. So in coming years there will be least BI people remains here India. So my suggestion is that H. S. Kehimkar's memorial should be in Bene Israel hub like Ashdod.
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Raphael Cherry

I support this project but not sure if it is appropriate to have it displayed in a cemetery. It would be ideal to have it at Sir Elly Kadoorie School in Mazgaon.

Moshe Digodkar

I support the idea of building a memorial for this leader of ours, HSK. It does not matter where it is built, but it has to be built.

Ideal place may be is school but if they refuse due to their association with the Kadoori Trust, then it can be built in Magen Hassidim pavilion or in Thane Synagogue pavilion. But please make sure it is made of solid stone that will stand the wild climate of India for centuries.

If the school is really the property of the Baghdadi and the school have majority of children non-Jewish then it is better to build this memorial in a place where Bene-Israel visit. Not to leave him alone in Baghdadi and non-Jewish children who won't even know who he is.

Yaffa Medakar

I support the project. Given his role in initiating Education for Girls of the Bene Israel community, it's fitting to establish the monument at the Sir Elli Kadoorie school.

Joshua Joseph

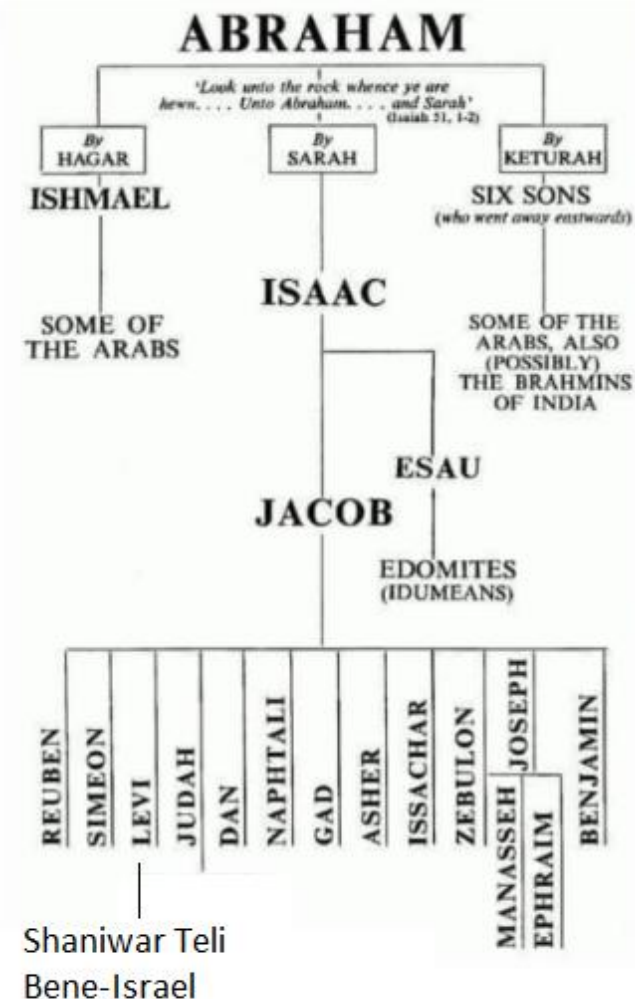
I kind of agree with the migration of our Jewish people out of India there won't be many left to appreciate the monument. But if you still want to do something in Mumbai, maybe at one of the synagogues where our BI people visit.

Even our schools are taken over by non-Jews and wonder how many BI are getting a Jewish education?

Mr. Kehimkar would be better remembered in Israel where the big BI hub is. Like Ashdod. So street named after him or even making him an honorary member of some of the synagogue's in Israel with his plaque on the wall with a short history?

Romiel Moses Solomon

I don't think building monuments means anything. George Washington statues are being desecrated in the US today... Sorry but I don't support this case



What did Mr. Kehimkar write about Tisha B'Ab in his book in 1880?

THE HISTORY OF THE BENE ISRAEL OF INDIA BY

HAEEM SAMUEL KEHIMKAR

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Ab. This month was always thirty days. It falls partly in July and partly in August. On the ninth of this month, a fast is held by all the Jews and Israelites living on the face of the earth, in memory of the destruction of the First and Second Temples by Nebuchadnezzar and Titus, amidst dreadful scenes of fire and death. With the last of these two events our nationality ceased, and since then the Hebrews have been wandering in every quarter of the globe. On this day the Synagogues of the Bene-Israel and Jews alike present a very sad appearance. The scrolls of the law are stripped of their ornaments, and the Ark of its curtain. In fact, where usually a flood of light prevails, only a few sad flickering glimmers of it appear. The congregation sits on the ground, and the service is chanted in a low and mournful voice, special elegies descriptive of the sufferings of our ancestors are sung, and the book of Lamentations and that of Job are read, for the former contains the lamentations of Jeremiah, while the latter teaches how to practice resignation to the will of God. The Bene-Israel abstain from flesh from the first to the ninth of the month. The meals they take before the fast are served on plantain leaves, and the fast is broken by taking pulse with rice and bread. Many of the Bene-Israel are careful not to make new clothes either for themselves or for their children, or to perform any auspicious ceremony such as marriage, the fulfillment of a vow, etc. in this month.

A Warrior & an Artist

Isaac & Shula Awasker came to Israel in early 1960's. The immigration clerk wrote their name as Oscar, as she heard it. Why not, said Isaac, nice name. Today Isaac is 82 and he proudly says he fought in three wars for Israel, the 6 days war, the Yom Kippur war and the first Lebanon war and all were the wars that Israel won. Isaac happens to be my mother's younger brother.

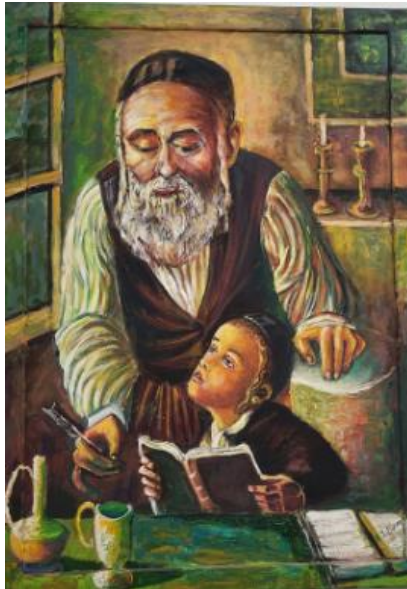
Isaac Oscar (82)

*He fought 3 wars
6 days. Yom Kippur
and first Lebanon War*



Live and Happy
*My mother's Ruth's younger
brother.*

Shula is a happy go lucky girl who always takes all situations in life with a practical point of view. All life she had being paintings and her home is full of her paintings and decorations she has created.





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Changing Negative Habits

BY: AVITAL KANDLEKAR

Changing negative habits is a challenging yet transformative journey. It begins with acknowledging the specific habit that needs alteration. Setting clear, SMART goals are vital to provide direction and measure progress. Understanding the triggers behind the habit helps in prevention and management. Replacing the negative habit with a positive one creates a healthier routine. Accountability through sharing goals with a trusted friend or family member fosters support and motivation. Tracking your progress and practicing mindfulness enhances self-awareness and reinforces change. Remember, patience and occasional rewards are essential as habits transform gradually, leading to a better, more positive lifestyle.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is a profound and often challenging human experience. At times, it can be difficult to forgive due to a range of emotions and factors. First, the hurt caused by someone's actions or words can be deep, leaving scars that are not easily healed. Second, pride and ego can get in the way, making it hard to let go of the desire for revenge or justice. Third, fear of being hurt again can lead to a reluctance to forgive.

True forgiveness, however, is essential for our own well-being. It doesn't mean condoning the wrongdoer's actions but rather releasing the hold their actions have on our emotions and thoughts. To achieve true forgiveness, it's important to empathize with the other person, understanding their perspective and human flaws. It can also help to seek closure through communication or self-reflection.

Grudges are often borne out of an inability to forgive. To let go of them, we must recognize that holding onto anger and resentment harms us more than it affects the wrongdoer. Practicing empathy, focusing on self-healing, and seeking support through therapy or counseling can aid in the process of letting go and finding the peace that forgiveness can bring. Ultimately, forgiveness liberates us from the shackles of bitterness and allows us to move forward with greater emotional freedom and inner peace.



Israel Kabristan | History of Vadodara - Baroda



Bene Israel Cemetery, Thane

Question: I know I haven't lived a perfect life, but how can I know if God has forgiven me? I've tried to repent and ask Him for forgiveness, but I'd hate to get to the end and discover I was still guilty.

Answer: There is no measurement device to confirm if God has forgiven you or not. God's has promise to forgive us when we truly repent and put our faith and trust in God. Did you repent truly? "If we truly confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness". Trust him; if you are faithful, he is too. If you are not, he is not too. Depends on you.

No Jewish Marriage Partners- ***“COMPATIBILITY TEST FOR COUPLES”***

Rezina Daniels – Match Maker

Not without my
Jewish bride

Midday India

In the month of June 2023 coincidentally two newspapers one in India and one in Israel discussed the same topic related to Jewish marriages. No Jewish matches!

70% of secular Jews in the US,
50% in Europe, married to non-Jews

Jerusalem Post Israel

If you think Israel does not have this same problem as there are so many Jews here, then you are wrong. Let us not talk about the ultra-orthodox and orthodox where the Rabbi's get their students married at the age of 18 to 20. Their education is such that both take it as their duty to bring children and grow them as Jewish. Their world is a closed and they seem to be happy in their world. Sex is no more than a duty.

But when we come to less orthodox and secular Jews, the marriage rate is low and divorce rate twice high. It is not just the issue of finding a good match by age, education, height, weight and other qualities you can match as a match worker. But then it depends on the two to work out their compatibility.



My serious suggestion is to take advantage of the advancement and make use of ***FREE COMPATIBILITY TEST FOR COUPLES.***

[COMPATIBILITY TEST FOR COUPLES: The Top 11 Most Effective Tests in 2023 \(the-soulmate.com\)](https://the-soulmate.com/compatibility-test-for-couples)

Several factors contribute to relationship happiness, including how compatible you and your partner are. A good relationship test for couples can tell you if you and your partner are compatible and to what extent. They can also be quite instructive and entertaining. The outcomes can help you start important relationship conversations and have a good time together. If you want to learn more, take a look at the list of the top compatibility test in 2023 for couples to do together in the link provided above.

Compatibility being important, in my opinion, many more Jewish couples in Israel will match irrespective of country of origin or colour of their skin or a language they speak. Just recently I witnessed a marriage between a Hindu Engineer boy from Mumbai and a Chemist from Brazil in Dubai who met and took a compatibility test and found each other 98% compatible to each other. Take advantage.

कीर्ती आणि मूल्य

आजच व्हॉटसअप वरती एक पोस्ट वाचनात आली. इस्राएल चा चोवीस वर्षीय युवा गिर्यारोहक नदाव बन येहुदा ह्याने जगातील सर्वोच्च शिखर एव्हरेस्ट अर्थात सागरमाथा सर करायला फक्त तीनशे मीटर बाकी राहिले असताना देखील शिखर सर करण्याचा प्रयत्न सोडून दिला आणि तरीही आज जगात ही बातमी वाचलेल्या सर्वांच्या कौतुकाचा विषय तो बनून राहिला असेल हे निःसंशय.

कारण नदाव ने दुसऱ्या एका गिर्यारोहकाचे प्राण वाचवण्यासाठी स्वतःच्या वैयक्तिक विक्रम, कीर्ती, उपलब्धि ह्या गोष्टींना दुय्यम स्थान देत मूल्य आणि मूल्य संस्कार ह्याना श्रेष्ठ मानत "योग्य" गोष्ट केली

त्याच्याच शब्दात सांगायचे तर "एव्हरेस्ट वरील माझ्या चढाई च्या मार्गात मला दोन मृतदेह दिसले की जे गिर्यारोहक नुकतेच मृत झाले असावेत. मी ज्या दोराच्या आधारेने चढत होतो त्यालाच ते लटकलेले होते. अंगातील त्राण संपल्यामुळे आहे तिथेच स्वतःला anchor करून ते तिथे थांबले आणि कदाचित कोमात जाऊन मृत झाले. त्यांना पार करून सर्व पुढे जात होते. आणि नंतर मला तो दिसला - तुर्कस्तानचा आयदिन इरमाक. आम्ही खाली कॅम्प मध्ये भेटलो होतो आणि आता तो हेल्मेट नाही, ऑक्सिजन मास्क नाही, ग्लोव्हज नाहीत अशा परिस्थितीत शेवट होण्याची वाट पहात होता. इतर काही गिर्यारोहक त्याकडे दुर्लक्ष करून पुढे गेले. मात्र मी दुर्लक्ष करू शकलो नाही, आणि मी वैयक्तिक विक्रम आणि दुसऱ्या एका मनुष्याचे प्राण ह्यात दुसऱ्या गोष्टीची निवड केली."

नदावने हा निर्णय घेतला खरा; पण तो अमलात आणणे हे तितकेच कठीण काम होते. बेशुद्ध पडलेल्या आयदिन ला उचलून खाली आणणे कर्मकठीण होते कारण त्याचे आणि स्वतःचे दोघांचे ओझे सांभाळत उतरायचे होते. आयदिन बेशुद्ध असल्यामुळे जास्त भारी वजनाचा भासत होता. अधून मधून त्याला शुद्ध

यायची पण त्यात तो वेदना असह्य होऊन ओरडायचा. अशा परिस्थितीत खाली येताना नदाव चा स्वतः चा ऑक्सिजन मास्क फाटला. ग्लोव्हज काढावे लागले. त्यामुळे त्याला स्वतः ला बोटाना हिमदंश झाला. वाटेत त्याला अजून एक मलेशियन गिर्यारोहक भेटला की जो सुद्धा मरण्याच्या मार्गावर होता. वर जाणाऱ्या काही climbers कडून नदाव ने त्या दोन अत्यवस्थ climbers साठी ऑक्सिजन सिलिंडर मिळवली आणि नऊ तासांच्या भगीरथ यत्नानंतर त्या दोघांना घेऊन कॅम्प पर्यंत पोचण्यात तो यशस्वी झाला. तेथून हेलिकॉप्टरने त्यांना काठमांडू येथे नेऊन इस्पितळात दाखल केले आणि उपचार सुरू झाले. दोन जीव वाचवण्यात नदाव यशस्वी झाला.

जीवनात काही असे परीक्षेचे क्षण येतात जिथे तुम्ही कशा प्रकारचे मनुष्य आहात, तुमची मूल्य व्यवस्था कशी आहे आणि त्या मूल्यांसाठी तुम्ही किती मोठा त्याग करू शकता वा किंमत देऊ शकता हे स्वतः शीच नक्की करावं लागतं. अशा परीक्षेच्या क्षणी नदाव ने, एव्हरेस्ट सर्वकरणारा सर्वात कमी वयाचा इस्रायली गिर्यारोहक ह्या सन्मान व कीर्तीचा त्याग करत मानवतेच्या सर्वोच्च मूल्याला प्राथमिकता दिली आणि जगासाठी एक धडा दिला. गिर्यारोहणाच्या धाडसी खेळातील अत्युच्च मूल्य ओळखून त्याप्रमाणे वागत एक अनोखे धैर्य दाखवले.

एकीकडे मानसन्मान, वैयक्तिक महत्वाकांक्षेची पूर्तता, सर्वोच्च शिखर सर करण्याची वैयक्तिक स्वप्नपूर्ती हे सारे आणि दुसरीकडे दुसऱ्या मनुष्याचा जीव वाचवण्याचा अशक्यप्राय प्रयत्न ज्यात वरील मानसन्मान, कीर्ती, स्वप्नपूर्ती, महत्वाकांक्षा पूर्ती ह्या गोष्टींच्या त्यागावरोबरच एक अजून भयंकर शक्यता होती आणि ती म्हणजे स्वतः चा जीव गमावण्याची. पण नदाव नियतीने पुढे वाढून ठेवलेल्या अती कठीण परीक्षेत उत्तीर्ण झाला आणि with flying colors he passed.



आज भले नदावला सागरमाथा सर करता आला असेल. भविष्यात तो हे लक्ष्य गाठेल किंवा नाही गाठू शकणार. मात्र तो कायम स्वतः ला ताठ मानेने आरशात बघू शकेल, त्याच्या कुटुंबीयांना, मित्रांना डोळ्याला डोळा भिडवून भेटू शकेल आणि दुसऱ्याचा जीव वाचवण्याचे जे अलौकिक समाधान आहे ते कायम त्याच्या उराशी असेल.

आज सागरमाथा सर न करता सुद्धा, नदाव बन येहुदा सर्व जगातील लोकांच्या मनात सर्वोच्च शिखरावर विराजमान झाला असेल ह्यात शंका नाही

प्रेम- आईचं आणि बापाच

जन्माला आलेल्या प्रत्येक मुलाला आईचं आणि बापाचं दोघांचं प्रेम लाभायलाच हवं. दोघांच्याही प्रेमात खूप फरक असतो. मुलाला जे हवं असतं ते मुलाने मागण्यापूर्वी आईला समजलेलं असतं. बापाला पुष्कळदा ते सांगितल्यावर समजतं. बापाच्या ह्या मनोरचनेमुळे मुलाला हट्ट करून एखादी गोष्ट वसूल केल्याचा आनंद मिळतो. आईचं प्रेम आंधळं, भाबडं म्हणूनच की काय, मुलाचं काही चुकलं तर तो तिला स्वतःचा पराभव वाटतो. स्वतःचं नुकसान झालं असं ती मानते. बापाचं प्रेम डोळस म्हणूनच मुलाच्या हातून होणाऱ्या चुकांचे फटके मुलालाच जास्त बसणार म्हणून तो कासावीस होतो. अंगावर वार झाले तर आईचं प्रेम फुंकर घालतं, पण बाप होणारे वार वरच्यावर अडवू शकतो. म्हणूनच, आईच्या प्रेमाला पारखं होण्याची पाळी आली तर गाभान्यातली समई विझल्यासारखं वाटतं आणि बापाचं प्रेम लाभलं नाही तर त्याच देवळाचा कळस कुणीतरी नेल्यासारखी अवस्था होते. म्हणून म्हटलं, मुलाला दोघांही हवीत. कडाक्याची थंडी पडली की शाल घेऊन भागत नाही आणि नुसतं ब्लॅकॅट अंगावर असलं तरी पोरेकेपणाची भावना तशीच राहते. म्हणून आईच्या शालीचं अस्तर बापाने वरून घातलेल्या ब्लॅकॅटच्या आत हवं.

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चतुर्थीच्या आदल्या संध्याकाळी, मूर्तीच्या कारखान्याच्या फळीवर, याक्षणापर्यंत कोणीच खरेदी न केलेली, पण सुरेख घडवलेली गणेशमूर्ती मला सॉलिड केविलवाणी वाटते. सहलीला मित्रांसोबत जायचं म्हणून महिनाभर घर डोक्यावर घेऊन नाचलेल्या एखाद्या अती उत्साही मुलाला न घेताच सहलीची बस सुटून निघून जाते आणि ते पोरगं केविलवाणा चेहऱ्याने, एकटंच पुन्हा घरी निघावं तसं काहीसं....

ऐनवेळी मूर्ती कमी पडू नये आणि इमर्जन्सी डॅमेज रिप्लेसमेंट म्हणून मूर्तीकार अशा काही एक्स्ट्रा मूर्ती बनवतातच. अशा एक्स्ट्रांचं विधिलिखित काय असावं ना? सोबतच्या सवंगड्यांसोबत घडायचं, नटायचं, रंगायचं पण सरतेशेवटी कारखान्याबाहेर पाउल काही पडेच ना...

गेले महिनाभर तो केशरी पितांबरवाला लंबोदर, तो मोरावर स्वार असलेला जांभळं उपरणवाला, एक तो पलीकडच्या फळीवरचा शिष्ट चेहऱ्याचा, आणि अजून एक साईबाबांच्या गेटअपमधला, एक शंकरपार्वतीच्या मांडीवरचा यांच्याशी छान गट्टी जमलेली. दोन दिवस आधीपासून एकेक जण प्रत्येकाला टाटा बाय बाय करत निघतात. शेवटी निघाला तो इवलुसा गजवदन.... निघण्यापूर्वी याला म्हणाला, तुझं रे काय? कोणी येतसं नाहीये? रात्रीचे अकरा वाजले.... तो छद्मी हसला, कदाचित उद्या येतील... मग गजवदनला न्यायला आलेल्या मंडळींनी अगरबत्ती लावली. त्या चंदनगंधात अलविदा म्हणून शेवटचा दोस्त निघून गेला. “उद्या अकरापर्यंत वाट बघ केशव. ही मूर्ती गेली नाही तर नीट पॅक करून वरच्या फळीवर ठेवून दे. साडेअकराला कारखाना बंद कर...दोन हरतालिका पण आहेत एक्स्ट्रा ते पण बघ काय ते” असं म्हणून मालक निघून गेले...

कालपर्यंतची गजबज लगबग आज शांत झाली...व्हरांझ्यातला पिवळा मंद दिवा एकटा जळू लागला...निरव शांततेत हा नटलेला गणराया एकाकीपणे झुरु लागला...

-सचिन मधुकर परांजपे (पालघर)

Young Tandoori in Tel-Aviv

“Young India” proudly replied Reena Pushkaran, when I told her new restaurant in Tel-Aviv did not give a traditional Indian restaurant feel. She said they spend millions of shekel in planning the place after studying the kind of crowd that will visit this restaurant.

It is a place full of young tourists, overseas works from Asia and business visitors. They prefer to sit on the bar and normally single or two. Keeping this in mind we planned it like a modern Indian restaurant with a bar.

Menu in Tel-Aviv is different. We serve Pani-Puri on the bar and it is very much in demand. We had started a South-Indian breakfast buffet every morning but it did not go well so we had to drop it.



Kunal, son of Reena manages the Tel-Aviv restaurant. He is a very polite gentleman and an excellent host. He is there to promptly solve any problem a customer has, if at all.

Reena adds that families will prefer to continue to come to Herzlia while youngsters would choose to go to Tel-Aviv.

Last month we had been to Tandoori in Tel-Aviv and in Herzlia. One thing we can definitely say is that food and service was excellent in both the restaurants. Very tasty and served from heart. Visit their website at: [Tandoori - Indian Restaurants](http://Tandoori-IndianRestaurants.com)

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Bandra Cemetery

Herzel Simon / Abraham Yehuda /David Ashton



PROGRESS AT THE BANDRA JEWISH CEMETERY

19/09/ 2023 We have had the base of the outer portion of the wall patched up and plastered. Once the rains stop, BMC will place the benches and plant pots along the outer wall so as to block any kind of vagrancy like throwing of garbage. The issue with the rats at the cemetery has been brought under control. A long term contract with a pest control company has been signed and 2 visits a month are being made by their pest control operator.



We have repaired the wall once again (for the third time) as rats had burrowed holes into them until we managed to get rid of them. The space is now rodent-free. We now have 24 hour day surveillance with 2 security guards patrolling the locality - garbage throwing has been stopped in its entirety. The guards prevent anyone from chucking garbage along the wall and the main gate of the cemetery. The CCTV cameras that were installed 3 months ago have also helped tremendously, with literally online footage being sent to BMC officials in case of vagrancy. Footage is checked regularly by a team we have set up and all acts of vagrancy are directly reported to BMC. Fines have been imposed and warnings have been issued to residents of the locality.

A new garbage collection set up is in place to encourage residents to follow the rules. The prevention of rampant throwing of garbage along the outer wall and main gate and the extermination of the rat population has been painstaking and tedious, but thanks to cooperation from BMC and local ALM groups, we have succeeded in our mission. We also receive a lot of cooperation from the neighboring buildings along the road. We have procured 4 benches (each a 3-seater) that will be placed within the premises so that mourners and visitors would have a place to sit and contemplate in comfort. 5 solar lights will shortly be placed on the premises so that the whole area will have sufficient lighting at nightfall.

A major operation was the clearing away of a large amount of debris and stones that were there for decades. More than 6 large truckloads have been cleared and the grounds are now ready for cultivation of fresh grass, flowering plants and trees. This has been a heavy-duty operation. Malees have already levelled the grounds and sowing will start immediately upon a break from the monsoons. Existing grass shrubs have been uprooted. Fresh seeds have been procured for the purpose and will be sown immediately upon a break in the monsoons. There is now sufficient water supply after we had installed a large water tank within the premises. Immediately after the monsoons, the outer wall will be whitewashed and the main gate and signboard will be cleaned up and freshly painted. Both gates are currently kept locked. The keys are with Lily, our resident caretaker, and us. This has prevented trespassing.

Going forward -We expect to have the outer wall and gate / signpost painted / repainted by October 15 (depending on the period of the monsoons).

From October 15 to October 31, we call upon family members of the departed / buried there to have the lettering on tombstones touched up and carry out patchwork on respective graves that have been damaged due to continuous neglect.

Further, family members of the departed must volunteer to keep graves free of dust and dirt on a regular, sustained basis. There is sufficient water, garden tools and washing material on the premises to ensure that this be done. Your cooperation is solicited. Should the lettering on the graves and minor civil work not be done by the family members by October 31, we will take upon ourselves these tasks and have them completed by November 15. Please note that we two brothers have volunteered our time on this project for over 10 months, but this has to be a sustained team effort by the community. Malees will be kept on duty on a regular basis post the monsoons so the grounds are sufficiently moistened / watered and the flora is preserved to the best extent possible. Those wanting to donate flowering plants are requested to do so.

The premises must reflect homage and respect to the departed!

Lastly, we want to express our thanks to Mr. Solomon Sopher & family, Advocate Herzel Simon, Zimra Israel, Ruth Solomon and Aaron Solomon for their exceptional and sustained support of our efforts and for standing by us throughout the year. Thanks also go out to Rishona (Roshni) Yehuda for guiding us through the planning of the landscaping work (on pro bono basis) and for supervising the work being done despite her other commitments.

We had set out to work on this project on November 15, 2022 and we are determined to see a spruced up, graded Bandra Jewish Cemetery on November 15, 2023.

B'Ezraat HaShem!

Abraham Yehuda & David Ashton

Questions from the community for which we did not receive any reply so far.

It is seen from the photographs of Bandra, Jewish Cemetery that, lots of open space is available for burial. Whether this Cemetery is open for burial purpose?

No answer received,

Did you know that Cochini Synagogue bulits a Sukkah for Safer Torah too?



Frame building



Frame Decoration



After Decoration



Safer Torah in the Sukkah



Sukka in the lights

Roads In Israel named after Bene-Israel community members this Month

Ruben Talkar from Reshon

With God's help, a street will soon be named after the wise Prof. Joseph Ezekiel Rajforkar ZL, in the city of

Rishon-LeZion☆

In the evening of holidays before the new year enters, I received a letter with good news, the letter was signed by Mr. Yossi Hammi in the position of deputy mayor of Rishon-Lezion, and which the message was signed by Mr. Yossi Hammi in the position of deputy mayor of Rishon-Lezion, and in which the message was pleasing tha...

Joseph Ezekiel Rajpurkar



Born	1834 Bombay, British India
Died	1905 (aged 70–71) Bombay, British India



Rabbi and the Mohel of the Jewish community in Israel



תמונות באדיבות עיריית יבנה

Knowing our Brothers “Bene-Menashe” from Manipur

Yitzchak Thangjom



Isaac's interview published at MargAsia, a prestigious Indian quarterly 🖨️📄

In Search of the Promised Land

[Yitzhak Thangjom, Project Director, Degel Menashe, an interview with Lev Aran]

Question 1: Itamar Ben Avi is considered the “first Hebrew child “ in Israeli culture because he is the first child to be raised speaking modern Hebrew. Legend has it that you are the first Jewish boy in northeast India, is that true?

Ans: While I couldn't possibly say I was the very first but I can certainly say I was amongst the first generation that grew up with Judaism in the peripheral region of northeastern India. Judaism had just been 'discovered'. It was in the early 70s that we came to realize that there were Jews, who, like us, lived by the words of the Bible and followed it. My father and mother had heard about it by 1975. As soon as that happened, my mother, much like Tziporra in the Bible, immediately had my father and myself circumcised. It was the 20th century, so it was done at a hospital by a doctor who was a friend of my father. My father had served in the elite federal civil service in the Indian government. The first embryonic Judaic community was established in Churachandpur, a town south of Imphal, the capital of Manipur, where we lived. We often had visitors from there who brought us news of developments. There was a general spiritual thirst in everyone including my parents.

Question 2: How does a community that does not know the Jewish people, and is on the periphery of the periphery of India, become a Jewish community?

Ans: The Bnei Menashe belongs to larger ethnic group called the Kuki-Chin-Mizo. Although they belong to the same ethnic group, they are separated into three political entities in India, in the two states of Mizoram and Manipur where they are called Mizos and Kukis respectively and in Burma(Myanmar) where they are called Chins. The area came under the dominion of the growing British Empire more than a hundred years ago in the late 1800s. The missionaries soon followed, they came armed with the Bible and education. They had much success and soon the whole area was Christianized with the exception of the Princely state of Manipur, just to the north. Manipur was ruled by a Hindu king who objected to proselytizing by the missionaries. But after a failed insurrection by the Kukis in 1917-19 against the British rule, missionaries came in droves. Education was one very attractive incentive it offered. It

offered varied venues for employment. (My grandfather was one such person: he ran away from home to get an education. He was told that he had to become a Christian to access education which he did. He went on to become the first matriculate and graduated to become the first medical doctor from the community and the area. He served the British Indian government with distinction. For his service during World War II, he received the highest civilian award in British India, the Kaiser-i-Hind.

As Christianity made inroads and people became more and more educated, the Bible was translated, read, studied and scrutinized. In the community, there was an overwhelming objective to worship the One True God, which still holds true to this day. Then there was a desire, a movement to live as close as possible to the words of the Bible. Christianity was, thus, found wanting because it did not stay faithful to the words of the Bible (The Old Testament). The community was still ignorant of the existence of the Jewish people. In the mid to late 50s, a man named Challa declared the people as the children of Israel. No doubt he was inspired by the Bible! He had a 'vision' in which he saw a bridge that stretched from a town in Mizoram, Lengpui to Jerusalem. There was such longing for Zion, that he led a group of men on a foot march to reach Israel. However, they were arrested by the police in Silchar- Assam. Another insurrection was in the making: a rebel group, Mizo National Front was seeking Independence from India after being devastated by a famine called 'mautam' and subsequent allegations of inadequate response by the Indian government. In the meantime, as we approached the 1970s, the quest to live faithfully by the words of the Bible led to a discovery that there were Jews around the world who, like us, lived by the words of the Bible. This led a man, T. Daniel, from Manipur who went to Calcutta and then to Bombay to meet with Baghdadi Jews in 1972 and 1974. He learnt Hebrew and came back to found the first congregation to pray and follow rabbinical Judaism in 1974. Our family joined them the following year, in 1975.

Question 3: There is controversy as to whether the Bnei Menashe community is really descendants of the lost tribe of Menashe. What is your opinion on the subject? Is there anything in your family tradition that can shed light on this issue?

Ans: Controversies will always be there. What really matters, I believe, is faith. It is the singularly most important thing that really matters. There are people who question the veracity of the Bible, do we have to believe what they say?

By the time I was growing up, most of the old tradition had been lost or done away with. The missionaries were very successful. It took only a generation for us to discard it all. However, there were old people with memories, people who had journeyed through the years, lived through the changes that have brought us where we are now. Hillel Halkin, a very old friend and a noted writer, and I, with the help of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico, have been executing an Oral History Project on the Bnei Menashe. We have been collecting testimonies of old folks who have memories of the old ways and the old days. Since 2017, we have collected many testimonies from them.

During these sessions, lasting many hours of conversations, we have made a wealth of discoveries, like the practice of levirate

marriage or the system of refuge for a murderer, for example. But then again, they cannot be considered veritable proofs on their own, unless they provide support for the hypothesis. In the end, Hillel and I decided that there were three things that stood out:

1. The figure Manasia/Manmasi: We call ourselves the children of Manasia/Manmasi, who was an eponymous ancestor to whom we call out to in times of mortal danger such as a storm or an earth quake. In the old days, when such things happened, the people called out:

We are well, we are well

The children of Manmasi are well!

According to the Bible, Menashe was the son of Joseph and, as stated in the book of Chronicles, the grandfather of Gilead (Hebrew Gil'ad) and the great-grandfather of Ulam. In the old Kuki-Mizo religion there was a chant, traditionally recited by the family of someone who had just died, in which the deceased's illustrious ancestors were called upon to aid the passage of his soul to the afterworld. The list of these ancestors was a long one. Although most of the names on it were typically Tibeto- Burmese, those it began with were Manmasi, Gelet, and Ulam!

This chant is verifiably old and pre-Christian. The odds against the close similarity of its names to the Bible's being coincidental are astronomical. The conclusion that the ancestral figure of Manasia or Manmasi is the same as biblical character of Menashe is all but unavoidable.

2. The Song of Crossing the Big Water: The Hmar, a Kuki-Mizo tribe, had a song, known as "the great hymn," that was traditionally sung on the occasion of a winter festival that ceased to be observed with the advent of Christianity. Part of this song went is given below:

While we prepared for the
famous big winter feast,
I tell O! of the parting of the
lurking big water.

My enemies from the time of Terah, O!



Like clouds in the daytime, like a fire that goes by night. O how great and determined was their cruelty in coming to fight! All the mortals were swallowed by the lurking big water as though devoured by beasts. All of you, take the birds, Take the water that gushes

out on the big rock.

What reader of the Bible can fail to be struck by the parallels between this song and the Bible's account of the Israelites' crossing the Red Sea?

3. The Day of Abstention from Yeast: Another no longer existent holiday once observed among pre-Christian Kuki tribes in Manipur was called cholngolninikho, "the day of abstention from yeast." Though the Kuki-Mizos are not a bread-eating people (the staple food of their diet is rice), they did use yeast routinely for the preparation of a popular rice beer. Once a year, however, on a night of the full moon in springtime, there was a sacred day on which a special bread was prepared from rice flour and eaten at a communal village meal – and it had to be made without yeast! Everyone, young and old, was required to partake of it. The biblical Passover comes immediately to mind.

I am not sure that translating our heritage into Western languages can convince everybody that we are truly the authentic descendants of lost Menashe tribe, but in the light of these facts that I have presented, I will leave it to you and readers to decide for yourself.

Question 4: You decided to form a new NGO for the community. What led to this decision? What problems do you want to solve?

Ans: Degel Menashe NGO grew out of an Oral History Project, which was generously supported by Ms. Sabra Minkus and the Jewish Federation of New Mexico. Degel Menashe was formed in Nov 2017 with the stated aim of promoting education and culture, preserving its history. It was established with an emphasis on the policy of inclusiveness, which, unfortunately, was woefully lacking, even to this day. We want to prepare the younger generation for the Israeli job market, to integrate them into the Israeli society at large.

Identity forms a very important part of every person and we are no different. I have seen that many of our youngsters are in a hurry to become "Israelis", and, as a result, lose their way. Degel Menashe wants to implant a sense of pride by imparting elements of history, culture and so on. This will give our younger generation an insight into and an understanding of who they are and thus give them the confidence which, I feel, is a significant ingredient for success in their pursuit of Israel. Currently, we lack competent leadership. We would like focus on providing the community with an effective leadership.

The Israeli labour market is not always accessible to us. You can take my wife Jessica and me as an example. We came to Israel in 2008- my wife, my three year old daughter and I. Jessica's last job was as a Chief Financial Assistant of Medecins Sans Frontieres' NGO

(Doctors Without Borders) at their headquarters at New Delhi and I had a job as a consultant for Network Services which provided consultancy for various companies in India. We lived in Kiryat Arba (West Bank) for 6 months and could not find any job to fit our qualifications and experiences. We ended up cleaning houses to survive. In our desperation, we headed to The Galilee where an old friend found me a job at a plastic and paper factory at a minimum salary. Jessica still had not found anything, so she stayed at home to raise our daughter who was just starting to go to kindergarten. We had no friends and it got lonely at times. It was hard to run a household on one income, that too, on a minimum salary. After years, I found a suitable job in near TelAviv and she found one with a Hi-Tech company.

Question 5: You mention the issue of leadership from within the community, and it reminds me that 20 years ago, the Israeli interior minister decided to stop the Bnei Menashe immigration. He claimed that there was an Indian policy to stop immigration to Israel. And your connections have revealed the true story. Are you ready to tell what actually happened?

Ans: Mr. Poraz halted our immigration in 2000 saying that there were objections from the Indian government. We come from a family with a very good network thanks to my father and several relatives who serve in the Indian government. I was asked by Michael Freund who was then the director of Amishav, a predecessor of Shavei Israel NGO, to help out. I was sitting shiv'a (mourning period in Judaism) for my father who had just passed away. I told him I'd get to work immediately after it. I reached out to my network and was able to get an appointment with the Indian Ambassador, Mr. Ranjan Mathai. When I told him about the problem he was incredulous. He told me that if there had been anything of that sort he'd be one of the first to know. He promised to look into the matter and would go to the Israeli government himself to clear the matter. After sometime, when the Aliya for the Bnei Menashe had resumed, I knew that Ambassador Matthai had delivered on his promise. The statement that the Indian government had a policy to stop immigration to Israel is categorically false as can be seen in the continuation of our aliya in the last 20 years. To this day, I sometimes wonder why this had happened at all. Was there someone behind it? It is a mystery to me.

Question 6: How many immigrants from the Bnei Menashe community live in Israel today? In your estimation, how many potential immigrants are still living in India?

Ans: We can estimate that till date about 3,000 have arrived from 1990 to 2021. If we take into account the high birth rate and

individuals who came to Israel on their own, it could be anywhere between 4000 to 5000. Recently, due to the crisis brought about by the Covid19 pandemic, Degel Menashe, along with our partners, reached out to our brethren in India and distributed over 47 tons of relief materials to over 800 families. There are hundreds of other families we have not been able to reach. So, it would be safe to assume that the population will be more than 5,000 souls in India.

Question 7: We already have some perspective on the absorption of Bnei Menashe. There are members of this small community who have been living in Israel for two decades. As a prominent community leader, do you think Bnei Menashe's absorption is a failure or a success story?

Ans: I won't go as far as to call myself a leader of the community. We, Degel Menashe, are here because there have been gaps and inhibiting factors that have adversely impacted our successful integration and growth as individuals as well as a group. Because of reasons pertaining to the complications facing us for a successful aliya (immigration), most of us are under an imposed obligation to remain that way.

Ironically, it is both a success and a failure at the same time. It is a success because till date there have been no cases of people returning to India. It is a failure because the community has not been integrated well into the society and the workforce. We do not have a leadership.

This is the raison d'être for Degel Menashe's existence. We have only began our leadership work only a year ago. We hope to make a difference. It's time we took these matters into our own hands.



A treacherous and cowardly attack on Israel by Hamas on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur war. The casualties are high and the

Elkhanan Mawia, our board member proudly answers the call of duty to defend Israel. He is one of the many Bnei Menashe who are and have gone to serve. We pray for him and for all the IDF. (Oct. 2023)

numbers of abducted worrisome. Many Bnei Menashe boys have been called up for duty. Israel is at war and we shall remain resolute for victory. I call on each and everyone of you to stand and pray for Israel.

-Yitzchak Thangjom , Degel Menashe's Executive Director

תנהגות התייר הישראלי בן ישראל בהודו

Israeli Bene-Israel Tourists who visit synagogues and cemeteries in India; please don't make remarks on the maintenance or condition of the place. Do you work and leave.

Every Bene-Israel place in India is under some BI Trust (Body). If you have anything to say, find out proper authority and talk to them.

Loose remarks are not welcome as our Indian brothers feel insulted.

Remember that the cemeteries and synagogues in India are hundreds of years old. Not like in Israel, 70 years old. In Israel, the Rabbinate takes care of the cemeteries from taxpayers' money. It is not so in India. People have to pay from their pocket.

If you have the power of money like Sion Charikar, who cleaned and repaired the whole Worli cemetery along with David Talegaokar of the Cemetery Trustee, spending lacs of rupees of Sion and some from the Trust, then do it yourself. Don't make nasty remarks.

We request all Israel tourists to enjoy your trip to India without insulting our brothers in India.

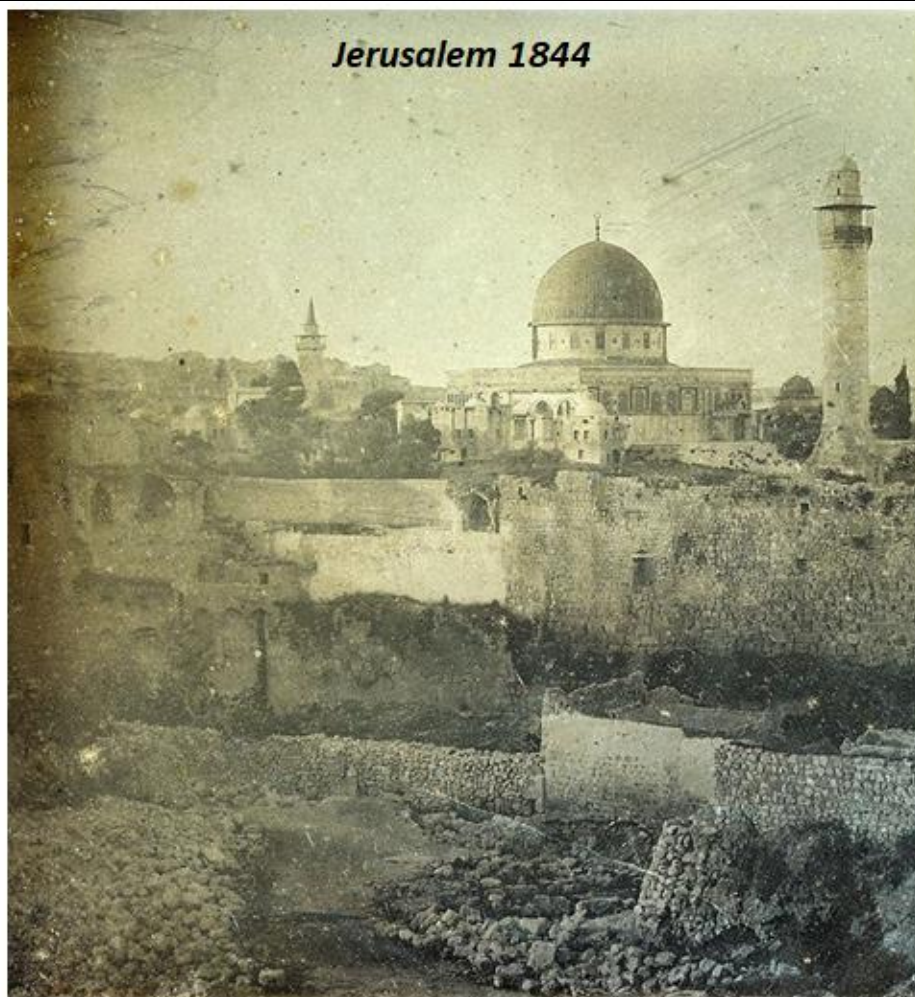
Regarding Panvel matter, they are in court, and a decision will come.

If anyone wants to make it a heritage place of BI then the best way is to wait until a decision is made by the judge and then talk to the approved managing committee how you all can progress together. Making court cases with 6 lawyers will not help anything. Be calm. Let the judgment come.



कालच्या चर्चेतून एक संदेश स्पष्ट होतो. इस्रायली बेने-इस्रायल पर्यटक जे भारतातील सिनेगॉज आणि स्मशानभूमींना भेट देतात; कृपया ठिकाणाची देखभाल किंवा स्थिती यावर टिप्पणी करू नका. तुम्ही काम करा आणि निघून जा. भारतातील प्रत्येक बेने-इस्रायल ठिकाण काही BI ट्रस्ट (बॉडी) अंतर्गत आहे. तुम्हाला काही सांगायचे असल्यास, योग्य अधिकारी शोध आणि त्यांच्याशी बोला. आपल्या भारतीय बांधवांचा अपमान वाटत असल्याने सैल टिप्पणीचे स्वागत नाही. लक्षात ठेवा की भारतातील स्मशानभूमी आणि सभास्थान शेकडो वर्षे जुने आहेत. इस्रायल सारखे नाही, 70 वर्षांचे. इस्रायलमध्ये, रबिनट करदात्यांच्या पैशातून स्मशानभूमीची काळजी घेतात. भारतात तसे नाही. लोकांना त्यांच्या खिशातून पैसे द्यावे लागतात. स्मशानभूमीचे ट्रस्टी डेव्हिड तलेगावकर यांच्यासह संपूर्ण वरळी स्मशानभूमीची साफसफाई आणि डागडुजी करणारे, शीवचे लाखो रुपये आणि काही ट्रस्टचे काही खर्च करून सायन चरीकर यांच्यासारखे पैशाचे बळ असेल तर ते तुम्हीच करा. ओंगळ टिप्पणी करू नका. आम्ही सर्व इस्रायल पर्यटकांना विनंती करतो की भारतातील आमच्या बांधवांचा अपमान न करता तुम्ही भारताच्या सहलीचा आनंद घ्यावा. पनवेल प्रकरणाबाबत ते न्यायालयात आहेत, त्यावर निर्णय येईल. जर कोणाला ते BI चे हेरिटेज ठिकाण बनवायचे असेल तर सर्वोत्तम मार्ग म्हणजे न्यायाधीशांद्वारे निर्णय होईपर्यंत प्रतीक्षा करणे आणि नंतर मान्यताप्राप्त व्यवस्थापकीय समितीशी चर्चा करणे म्हणजे तुम्ही सर्वजण मिळून प्रगती कशी करू शकता. 6 वकिलांसह कोर्ट केसेस करून काहीही फायदा होणार नाही. शांत रहा. निवाडा येऊ द्या.

מהדיונים של אתמול, מסר אחד ברור. תיירים ישראלים מבני ישראל המבקרים בבתי כנסת ובתי קברות בהודו; נא לא להעיר הערות על התחזוקה או מצבו של המקום. האם אתה עובד ועוזב. כל מקום של בן-ישראל בהודו נמצא תחת איזה BI Trust (Body). אם יש לך מה לומר, גלה סמכות ראויה ודובר איתם. הערות רופפות אינן מתקבלות בברכה מכיוון שהאחים ההודים שלנו מרגישים עלבון. זכרו שבתי הקברות ובתי הכנסת בהודו הם בני מאות שנים. לא כמו בישראל, בן 70. בישראל מטפלת הרבנות בבתי הקברות מכספי משלמי המיסים. זה לא כך בהודו. אנשים צריכים לשלם מכיסם. אם יש לך כוח של כסף כמו שיון צ'ריקאר, שניקה ותיקן את כל בית הקברות של וורלי יחד עם דיוויד טלגאוקר מהנאמן של בית הקברות, בזבז אלפי רופי של שיוון וכמה מהקרן, אז עשה זאת בעצמך. אל תעיר הערות מגעילות. אנו מבקשים מכל התיירים בישראל ליהנות מהטיול שלכם בהודו מבלי להעליב את אחינו בהודו. לגבי עניין פאנבל, הם בבית המשפט, ותבוא החלטה. אם מישהו רוצה להפוך את זה למקום מורשת של BI, הדרך הטובה ביותר היא לחכות עד לקבלת החלטה על ידי השופט ואז לדבר עם הוועדה המנהלת המאושרת איך כולכם יכולים להתקדם ביחד. עריכת תיקי משפט עם 6 עורכי דין לא יעזור כלום. תרגע. תן לפסק הדין לבוא.



Jerusalem 1844



These earliest pictures of Jerusalem were taken in 1844 by French photographer and draughtsman Joseph-Philibert Girault de Prangey (1804 – 1892), who was active in the Middle East.

Remarkably, his photographs were only discovered in the 1920s in a storeroom of his estate and then only became known eighty years later.

Remember during 1850 Bene-Israel ancestors sent money through visiting Rabbi to build the Tomb of Rachel.

This is still written on the walls of Rachel Tomb.

The above picture are curtesy of Mr. Nissim Moses

Neomi, why are you so suspicious of Ramrajkar? He only gives me lessons in English. Today he taught me that the word 'Wife' was invented by taking first two and last two letters of 'Wildlife'



Chordekar I tell you, God made a big mistake. He created Eve from bones of Adam and the whole peaceful world changed. Instead if he would have given a smart phone to Adam, it would be such a different world now!!



Pezarkar I got a brand new Ford IKON for my wife!

Sankar Wow!!! That's an unbelievable exchange offer!!



I don't know where I buried Awaskar! I have made a Grave Mistake!



You may be Talkar's daughter but all you find is mistakes in anything I say for last twenty years!!

Twenty-One years Koletkar!





The day of Yom Kippur in Israel starts with almost 60% for Jewish Israelite's visiting the graves of the dear ones and definitely lighting candles.

On Yom Kippur, we light several memorial candles

- (1) Candles in honor of the holiday
- (2) Candles in honor of our deceased parents
- (3) Candles in the synagogue
- (4) Candles to use in havdala

Only one Yahrzeit candle is generally lit per household, but individual family members can each light their candle as well.

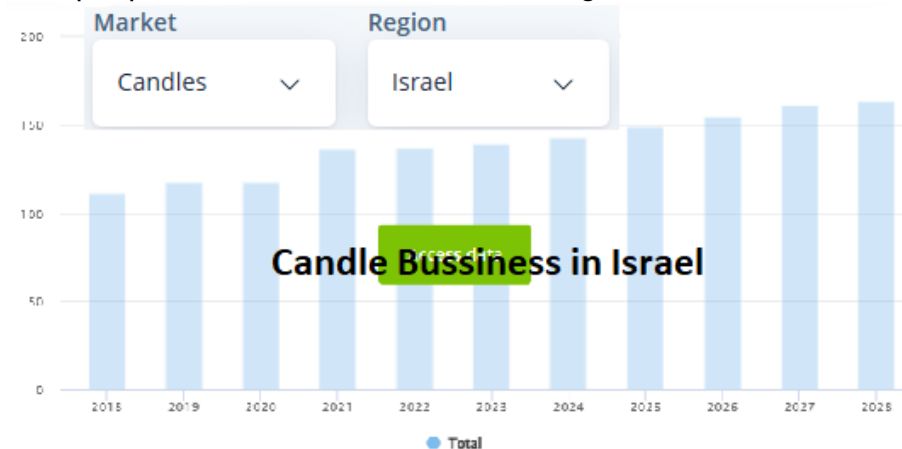
Shabbat Candles

Hanukkah Candles

Candles lit at graves of Rabbi's

This huge business of candles is mainly handled by Religious groups except the new scented candles where Russians have taken a lead.

Estimated revenue in the Candles market in Israel amounts to US\$ 46.62M in 2023. The market is expected to grow annually by 3.15% (CAGR 2023-2028). In global comparison, most revenue is generated in the United States (US\$2,155.00m in 2023). In relation to total population figures, per person revenues of US\$5.15 are generated in 2023.





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פסח שמח!

המרכז למורשת יהדות קוצ'ין והמרכז למורשת יהדות הודו
מברכים אותך ואת בני משפחתך בחג חירות שמח!
פסח שמח ומאושר בחיק המשפחה עם ברכה לאחדות בעם.

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Indian TED night
מפגש צעירים עם שורשים הודיים

חז"מ סוכות
יום ראשון ה- 1.10.23
בשעה 18:30

איפה?
בית משפחת כהנוקר
רח' המרית 15, גבעת עדן
זיכרון יעקב

מה בתכנית?
18:30 - התכנסות
19:15 - 5 הרצאות בסגנון TED (4 דקות להרצאה)
19:45 - מינגלינג עם כיבוד הודי
20:30 - משיחים עם 5 הרצאות נוספות בסגנון TED (4 דקות להרצאה)
21:00 - משיחים במינגלינג
21:30 - רוקדים בסגנון בוליווד עם נוח נגאוקר
22:00 - יאללה ביי עד לפעם הבאה (:

איך נרשמים?
כמות המקומות באירוע מוגבלת, ולכן יש להירשם בקישור הבא:
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The Center for Jewish Heritage - Cochin

For those who missed it, yesterday was our Indian Ted event!

More than 50 people from the 4 communities of Expatriates came and it was an amazing evening, with lots of good connections made. There were interesting lectures, tasty food, and for dessert (except cakes..) - A stunning dance workshop with Noah, who can't help but absorb his amazing energy and his love for what he is doing.

Thank you very much to everyone who lectured, participated, danced and a huge special thanks to Rafi and Norit Bhonker, our amazing hosts.

The Center for Jewish Heritage Cochin, the Center for Indian Jewish Heritage, and Rina Pushkarna who provided us with good food from her restaurant Tandoori also contributed to the event. Hope to see you all at the next event!

Hanukkah is coming... And you know what that means... Our annual Trivia event is coming up! More details to come.



למי שפספס, אתמול היה אירוע הטד ההודי שלנו! הגיעו יותר מ-50 אנשים מ-4 הקהילות של יוצאי הודו והיה ערב מדהים, שנוצרו בו הרבה קשרים טובים היו הרצאות מעניינות, אוכל טעים, ולקינוח (חוץ מעוגות...) - סדנת ריקוד מהממת עם נוח, שאי אפשר שלא להישאב לאנרגיה המדהימה שלו והאהבה שלו למה שהוא עושה.

תודה רבה לכל מי שהרצה, השתתף, רקד ותודה מיוחדת וענקית לרפי ונורית בהונקר, המארחים המדהימים שלנו.

לאירוע תרמו גם המרכז למורשת יהדות קוצ'ין, המרכז למורשת יהודי הודו, וגם רינה פושקארנה שדאגה לנו לאוכל טוב מהמסעדה שלה טנדורי.

מקווה לראות את כולכם באירוע הבא! חנוכה מתקרב... ואתם יודעים מה זה אומר....אירוע הטרוויה השנתי שלנו גם מתקרב! פרטים נוספים בהמשך.





Jewish Agency for Israel Immigration to Israel from India / Bene-Israel

Following the release of the Shaniwar Teli issue # 15 on 1.7.2023 we received a request from Oren and Shirley for a personal meeting. During this meeting they gave us their Jewish Agency cards showing them as official representative of them for India. They said some 350 new immigrants have come to Israel under their guidance. Their work is continuing as per the guidance they receive from the Jewish Agency.

Their official visits to India were reduced by the Jewish Agency during the Covid threat. At the same time Shirley visited Indian to attend a family wedding. It was her personal visit so she could not arrange to meet any one on official basis. This is what was wrongly intemperate as official visiting India but not meeting the waiting immigrants. They confirmed they are doing the best along with the Jewish Agency to bring them to Israel ASAP.

Further about the family that were promised Canada House in Ashdod and allotted to some other family; the problem is that the family does not decide. They have been offered many different places but they keep saying we can wait, we are in any hurry. So the place is given to others. The family seems not sure of their immigrating.

Like John Perry who had told us that no one helped him when he immigrated, that is why he formed IOBI. Similarly Oren said I do my best to help as I was not helped. I was sent to Ashkelon without me know that missiles were falling there and you had to run each time to the ground floor to the shelter, and while running down, to knock every door on each floor asking them to come down. Now he knows Israel so we guide our people well where should they go and what best ulpan to choose. Shirley takes interviews on zoom to expedite matters. They are ensuring the community they are offering our community all the help they can get from Jewish Agency.

The next date when they will be visiting India will be.....



FINDING OUR BENE ISRAEL ROOTS
WITH HISTORIAN MR. NISSIM MOSES.

JULY 9, 2023
05:30 PM JERUSALEM

LIVE WEBINAR

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For the new year on Mr. Robin Jhirad's initiative IOBI published a digital list of Jewish holidays for the year 2023-24 in Hebrew and English. Most of the community has received it through various WhatsApp groups

2023/24 — 5784

Date	Day	Fast / Festival
15 September 2023	Friday	Rosh Hashanah Eve, 5784
16 September 2023	Saturday	Rosh Hashanah Day 1
17 September 2023	Sunday	Rosh Hashanah Day 2
18 September 2023	Monday	Fest of Goshulim
19 September 2023	Tuesday	Yom Kippur Eve
20 September 2023	Wednesday	Yom Kippur
21 September 2023	Thursday	Succoth Eve
22 September 2023	Friday	Succoth
23 September 2023	Saturday	Hoshanah Rabba
24 September 2023	Sunday	Simchat Torah
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The committee members of the International Organization of Bene Israel (IOBI) wishes you a very Happy New Year 5784

CALENDAR 2023-2024

IOBI's photo Calendar Conceptualized and designed by Mr Robin Jhirad

IOBI Festival

350 Shekels Per Person

Experience the Magic in Yam HaMelach, Israel

- Thursday, Nov. 30th, 2023
- Luxurious Hot Springs
- Indoor Pools
- Limited Seats Available
- Delicious Buffet Lunch
- Hebert Samuel Hotel, Yam Ha Melach
- Show of Singers from India

Please join us for this extraordinary Day of Fun

For More information:
Joyce Shirkolkar: 054-7312821
Shiba Simon: 053-4207311

A day trip has been planned on 30th Nov. 2023 to Yam Ha Melaka Hebert Samuel Hotel. Only 150 seats available. Buses are arranged.

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Hot Springs /Indoor Pool s
Buffet Lunch
Singers from India
350 NIS

IOBI issued their Kol Bene Israel issue in September. You can read it at the link [IOBI Ezine High Holidays 2023 \(iobeneisrael.org\)](http://iobeneisrael.org)

Good News: Yaffa & John has promise us to add Shulmith and me to the IOBI groub chat. We are waiting to see when this happened.

HIGH HOLIDAYS . 2023 . TISHREI 5784

KOL BENE ISRAEL

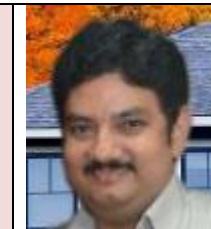
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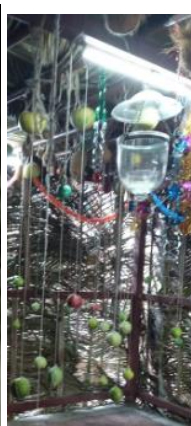
Magen Hassidim Synagogue

Ronen Bhonkar



The above pic is for new year , Taslich prayers in Magen Hassidim Synagogue pavilion. Below Sukka with low tied fruits for children.





Sept. 7, 2023 Simhath Torah

It can be seen how much love and affection the managing committee had put in decorating the synagogue and the Sukka.

Though people attended but their minds and hearts were in Israel where the war had started.

Please help us end child malnutrition for more infants today!

<https://gabrielprojectmumbai.blogspot.com/2023/07/please-help-us-end-child-malnutrition.html>

With the success of the Infant Malnutrition Intervention (Bal Balwaan Mission), Gabriel Project Mumbai has been approached by child health services and tribal community leaders to **expand its nutrition program to additional infants diagnosed with Severe and Moderate Acute Malnutrition** in the rural tribal communities.

Please help us in this amazing endeavor to change the health-trajectory of hundreds of children at the start of their lives!



This Mother's Day, celebrating the mothers fighting for their children's futures.

Jayshree approached GPM three months ago, and we immediately began treating her child through our Bal Balwaan/Healthy Child Infant Malnourishment Program, providing the baby with supplements and nutrients – while also making sure that Jayshree herself had nutritious food to eat.

But we realized that we needed to do more. Mothers must also eat, and Jayshree wanted to be strong enough to be able to provide food for herself and her family. Jayshree enrolled in one of our livelihood programs so that she can now earn enough money to make sure that both she and her baby will have what to eat. Please donate to help:

<https://gabrielprojectmumbai.blogspot.com/2023/05/this-mothers-day-celebrating-mothers.html>



Raigad & RJ

Herzl Bhonkar



During last three months many things have transpired in Raigad, some sad and some duty.

Heavy Loss:

In Raigad two young brothers Elaan (25) & Israel Benjamin (22) Waskar were lost to the monsoon storm which shook the whole community. God help the family to bear this loss. Amen.

Synagogue – Alibaug

As the festivals are coming the Alibaug Synagogue was repaired & renovated from inside and repainted from outside.

Minyan:

RJA continues its tradition to travel to various synagogues in Raigad and conduct the Friday prayers.

Ambepur: (No update received by Shaniwar Teli after asking RJA and waiting)

Freshly painted Magen Aboth Synagogue



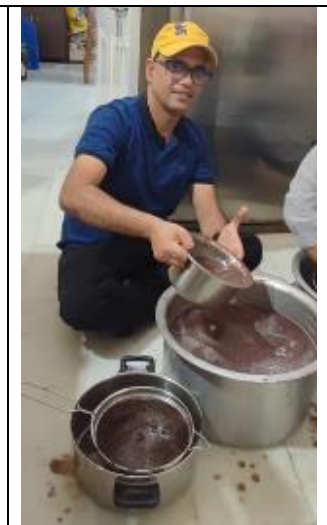
A rock bearing mystical imprints near Alibaug binds Jews & Hindus



For the first time an Indian newspaper "Bharat Times" reporter Sharmilla Ganedan wrote about the Elijah's Rock in Khandala, Raigad.



Kiddush preparation for Yom Kippur in Alibaug



Sir Elly Kadoorie School

David Talagaokar



On 5th July we celebrated the beginning of 150th anniversary of the establishment of Sir Elly Kadoorie School. The Trustees have decided to hold celebrations **the entire year.**

To begin with we had a Malida ceremony on Sunday, the 2nd July, 2023 in the evening in our school hall. The prayers were conducted by Mr. Ariel Nowgawkar and in spite of heavy rains we had about 100 men, women and children present. What is to be noted is that we had representatives from Thane, New Mumbai, Panvel and Raigad (Alibag, Rev Danda, Korle Borle, etc.) present.

Mr. Ezriel Penkar informed the gathering that extensive repairs were carried out to the school building last year as the B.M.C. had issued notices to the school that parts of the school building were in a dilapidated condition and not fit for running of the school. It was then that Ezriel Penkar and I executed in writing an undertaking that the dilapidated parts of the school building would be repaired.

Without any donations from any source the repairs were carried out. No appeals were made for donations to the community members but it was the efforts of the Trustees that the repairs could be carried out.

Ms. Lebana Penkar also spoke on the occasion. Amongst the prominent members present were the Trustees Mr. David Birwadkar and Samuel Wasker and Mr. Jonathan Solomon, Solicitor and Mr. Levy Reubens, Solicitor.

The entire expenses for the ceremony came from the individual Trustees and not from the school funds.



On 5th July, 2023, the teachers, staff and students of Sir Elly Kadoorie organized celebrations in the school on the occasion of the anniversary of the establishment of the school, when the students were given certificates of honour for having performed exceeding well in studies and also during the annual sports. Sweets were distributed to each of the students in the school.



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF INDIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL. Reg.No,58-012-410-5 ' 580124105 ' ארגון ארצי של יוצאי הודו בישראל עמותה רשומה מס'



Noah Massil had registered this NGO in 1987 and closed in 2015. Mr. Enoch Joseph (President) & Mr. Aharon Sugavker (Chairman) have re-opened the same NGO. The name had been changed in English to “National Organization of Indian Jews” in Israel.



Good news to our brother's immigrants from Pakistan!!
India entry visa issue resolved.

Following the meeting of the representatives of the National Organization of Immigrants, with the Foreign Minister Mr. Eli Cohen regarding the entry visa to India for Pakistani immigrant Jews living in the country, a meeting was set with the Indian Consul Mr. Dinesh Udenia where we discussed the difficulty and refusals of the embassy to grant entry visas to India for native Pakistanis. The consul on his side promised to do his best to solve such an important issue and even included a meeting with the Director of the Visa Department at the embassy who on his side explained in detail how to fill out the application and promised to help as much as he could to ease the issue. However, the application will go through according to the usual procedure.

In addition, the consul requested that if there were any unusual cases that would receive a refusal of their visa application, they should be directed to the representatives of the National Organization of Immigrants to resolve the issue in front of the embassy.

The National Organization of Immigrants to India hereby thanks the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Eli Cohen,
To the Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister in Beer Yaakov Mr. Shimi Tal,
To Mr. Michael Ronen, the head of the India and South Asia Division,
And a special thanks to the advisor of the Foreign Minister, Advocate Ohad Avidar, who closely followed the entire process of handling our request and until receiving a final answer.

At your disposal always

The National Organization of Expatriates Indians.

קשת עולי הודו - אשדוד / Rainbow Immigrants from India (NGO)

The goal of the group is to unite the immigrants from India throughout their generations and to work for the advancement and consolidation of the community through courses in education, sports, enrichment, trips, social events and more.

भारतातून आलेल्या स्थलांतरितांना त्यांच्या पिढ्यानपिढ्या एकत्र आणणे आणि शिक्षण, क्रीडा, समृद्धी, सहली, सामाजिक कार्यक्रम आणि बरेच काही अभ्यासक्रमांद्वारे समुदायाच्या उन्नती आणि एकत्रीकरणासाठी कार्य करणे हे या गटाचे उद्दीष्ट आहे

מטרת הקבוצה לאחד את יוצאי הודו לדורותיהם ולפעול למען קידום גיבוש הקהילה על ידי קורסים להשכלה, ספורט, העשרה, טיולים, אירועים חברתיים ועוד

आम्ही कोण आहोत: केशेत अशदोद असोसिएशन आपले सामाजिक योगदान:

"भारतीय स्थलांतरितांचे इंद्रधनुष्य अशदोद": अशदोदमधील भारतीय समुदायासाठी मनापासून स्वयंसेवक

व्हॅली ऑफ कल्चरमध्ये अशदोद शहराच्या मध्यभागी सकारात्मक सामाजिक ठसा उमटवणारी एक संघटना स्थापन करण्यात आली अशदोद केशेत असोसिएशन ऑफ इंडियन इमिग्रेंट्स सुमारे ६ वर्षांपासून कार्यरत आहे.

"इंद्रधनुष्य ऑफ इंडियन इमिग्रेंट्स" संघटनेची स्थापना अनेक सदस्यांनी केली आणि श्रीमती सिमचा सॉलोमन यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली "इंद्रधनुष्य" संघटनेची स्थापना केली तेव्हा अशदोद या अभूतपूर्व शहरात हायम धाडसी सूर्योदय करत आहे. अशदोदमधील भारतीय समुदायाच्या सदस्यांनी केलेल्या अनेक विनंत्यांमुळे ही गरज निर्माण झाली.

ही संघटना सामाजिक उपक्रमांचा उत्सव प्रदान करते आणि भारतीय समुदायाच्या दैनंदिन जीवनाचा विस्तार आणि शहरातील सर्व समुदायांवर प्रभाव पाडण्यास कारणीभूत ठरते. इंग्रजी, योग, पिलेट्स आणि मेहरती भाषा शिकण्यासाठी स्वयंस्फूर्तीने वर्ग देण्यावर लक्ष केंद्रित केलेल्या केंद्रित उपक्रमाशी असलेली ही भागीदारी भारतीय

Who we are: Keshet Ashdod Association Your social contribution:

"Rainbow of Indian Immigrants Ashdod": Volunteers from the heart for the Indian community in Ashdod

In the Valley of Culture, an association was established that leaves a positive social mark in the heart of the city of Ashdod
The Ashdod Keshet Association of Indian Immigrants has been operating for about 6 years. Haim continues with a daring sunrise in the groundbreaking city of Ashdod, when the "Rainbow of Indian Immigrants" association was founded by several members and headed by Mrs. Simcha Salomon. The need arose because of a number of requests from members of the Indian community in Ashdod.

The association offers a celebration of social activity and causes the daily life of the Indian community to expand and influence all communities in the city. This association with focused activity, focused on volunteering to give classes in English, yoga, Pilates and learning the Mahrati language, has become a positive force at the center of Indian community life

מי אנחנו: עמותת קשת אשדוד התרומה החברתית שלכם:

עמותת "קשת עולי הודו אשדוד": מתנדבים מכל הלב למען הקהילה ההודית באשדוד

בעמק התרבות, הוקמה עמותה שמשאירה חותם חברתי חיובי בלב העיר אשדוד
עמותת קשת עולי הודו אשדוד, פועלת כ-6 שנים.

חיים ממשיכים בזריחה נועזת בעיר הפורצת דרך באשדוד, כשעמותת "קשת עולי הודו" נוסדה ע"י מספר חברים כאשר העומדת בראשה הגב' שמחה סלומון. הצורך עלה בגלל מספר בקשות מבני הקהילה ההודית באשדוד.

העמותה מציעה חגיגת פעילות חברתית וגורמת לחיי היום יום של קהילת ההודים להתרחב ולהשפיע על כלל הקהילות בעיר. עמותה זו עם פעילות ממוקדת, המתמקדת בהתנדבות לתת שיעורי אנגלית, יוגה, פילאטיס ולימוד השפה מהרטי, הפכה לכוח חיובי במרכז חיי הקהילה ההודית.

בשורות עממיות חיוביות שמתעטפות במעיינות התרבות המגוונות, בני הקהילה ההודית באשדוד מוזמנים להתקרב אל העמותה הקהילתית, אשר מציעה עבורם תמיכה וקשרים חברתיים חזקים יותר מאי פעם. כל פעילות במסגרת העמותה מתנהלת על ידי צוות מתנדבים מכל הקהילה, שבאמצעות הקצאת זמנם ומאמציהם, עזרו לתלמידים בשיעורי אנגלית, יוגה ועוד. העמותה גם מארגנת אירועים חברתיים, הפותחים את הלב והרוח לפעילות ולשותפות, ומקנים השראה ואחדות בקרב כלל הקהילות בעיר.

העמותה פועלת ללא כוונת רווח ושהמטרה המרכזית היא לקדם את

सामुदायिक जीवनाच्या केंद्रस्थानी एक सकारात्मक शक्ती बनली आहे संस्कृतीच्या वैविध्यपूर्ण झऱ्यांमध्ये गुंडाळलेल्या सकारात्मक लोकप्रिय बातम्यांसह, अशदोदमधील भारतीय समुदायाच्या सदस्यांना सामुदायिक संघटनेच्या जवळ जाण्यासाठी आमंत्रित केले जाते, जे त्यांना पूर्वीपेक्षा मजबूत समर्थन आणि सामाजिक संबंध प्रदान करते. संघटनेच्या चौकटीतील प्रत्येक उपक्रम समाजातील स्वयंसेवकांची एक टीम आयोजित करते, ज्यांनी आपला वेळ आणि प्रयत्न खर्च करून विद्यार्थ्यांना इंग्रजीचे धडे, योग आणि बरेच काही करण्यास मदत केली. ही संघटना सामाजिक कार्यक्रमांमध्ये आयोजित करते जे क्रियाकलाप आणि भागीदारीसाठी हृदय आणि भावना उघडतात आणि शहरातील सर्व समुदायांना प्रेरणा देतात आणि एकत्र आणतात. ही संस्था एक सेवाभावी संस्था म्हणून कार्यरत असून शहरातील भारतीय समुदायाला विविध क्षेत्रात प्रोत्साहन देणे हे मुख्य उद्दिष्ट आहे. "आमचा असा विश्वास आहे की नवीन आणि सुधारित कौशल्ये प्रदान करणार्या कोणत्याही क्रियाकलाप कार्यक्रमाचा संपूर्ण समुदायाला फायदा होतो." सध्याच्या उपक्रमाच्या यशानंतर भविष्यातील योजनांमुळे समाजाचे राहणीमान आणखी सुधारू शकते. संघटनेला शहरातील बहुतेक रहिवाशांचा पाठिंबा मिळाला आणि सामाजिक आणि इतर शैक्षणिक संस्थांकडून अतिरिक्त समर्थन मिळविण्यात यश आले. स्वयंसेवकांची ताकद आणि समाजाला हातभार लावण्याची त्यांची इच्छा यामुळे ते भक्कम वाचन आणि पारदर्शक कामगिरीच्या माध्यमातून कार्यक्रम विकसित करू शकले. भविष्यात, आम्ही आमच्या उपक्रमांचा विस्तार करण्याचा आणि हर्टी आणि पिलेट्सकडून योग, इंग्रजी आणि भाषेचे	With positive popular tidings wrapped in the diverse springs of culture, members of the Indian community in Ashdod are invited to get closer to the community association, which offers them stronger support and social ties than ever before. Every activity within the framework of the association is conducted by a team of volunteers from all over the community, who, by allocating their time and efforts, helped the students with English lessons, yoga and more. The association also organizes social events that open the heart and spirit to activity and partnership, and inspire and unite all communities in the city. The association operates as a non-profit organization and the main goal is to promote the Indian community in the city in a variety of fields. "We believe that any activity program that provides new and improved skills benefits the entire community." Future plans, following the success of the current activity, can further improve the living conditions of the community." The association received the support of most of the city's residents, and managed to obtain additional support from social and other educational organizations. With the strength of the volunteers and their desire to contribute to the community, they were able to develop programs through strong reading and transparent performance. "In the future, we intend to expand our activities and open yoga, English, and language lessons from Herti and Pilates to the general public, as well as add instructional classes, and expand to other	הקהילה היהודית בעיר במגוון תחומים. "אנחנו מאמינים שכל תוכנית פעילות אשר מעניקה כישורים חדשים ומשופרים, תורמת לקהילה כולה". תכניות עתידיות בעקבות הצלחת הפעילות הנוכחית, יכולות לשפר עוד ועוד את תנאי החיים של בני הקהילה." העמותה קיבלה את תמיכת רוב מתושבי העיר, והצליחה להשיג תמיכה נוספת מארגונים חברתיים וארגוני חינוך נוספים. בכוחם של המתנדבים וברצונם לתרום לקהילה, הצליחו לפתח תוכניות באמצעות קריאה חזקה וביצועים שקופים. "בעתיד, אנחנו מתכוונים להרחיב את פעולותינו ולפתוח גם לקהל כללי את שיעורי היוגה, אנגלית, ולימוד השפה מהרטי והפילאטיס, כמו כן גם להוסיף שיעורי הנחייה, ולהתרחב לתחומים נוספים. בימים אלה לפני הבחירות המוניציפליות אנו ארגון "קשת עולי הודו אשדוד" רוצים להוקיר תודה לעו"ד אלי נכט שמכהן כיום כסגן ראש העיר אשדוד. על פועלו היוצא דופן בכל השנתיים וחצי האחרונות. על התמיכה, ייעוץ, ועזרה בכל דרך אפשרית מאחורי הקלעים כדי שנוכל לממש את כל התוכניות למען הקהילה היהודית באשדוד. ועל כך מר אלי נכט, אנחנו רוצים להודיע לך שאנו תומכים בך ואנחנו כאן לצידך לאורך כל הדרך, עד אשר תיבחר לראש עיריית אשדוד. ונדאג לגייס את רוב הקהילה היהודית באשדוד. בהזמנות זו אנו מודים מאוד לכל העוסקים במלאכה מאחורי הקלעים, גב' שמחה סלומון גב' אווה תלגאונקאר מר' שמואל תלגאונקאר מר' ערן מליאנקר מר' דורון בורגאוקר
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धडे सर्वसामान्यांसाठी खुले करण्याचा तसेच शैक्षणिक वर्ग जोडण्याचा आणि इतर क्षेत्रांमध्ये विस्तार करण्याचा आमचा मानस आहे.
महापालिका निवडणुकीच्या काही दिवस आधी आम्ही सध्या अशदोदचे उपमहापौर म्हणून कार्यरत असलेले अॅड.एली नाच यांचे आभार मानू इच्छितो. गेल्या अडीच वर्षांतील त्यांच्या विलक्षण कार्याबद्दल.

आशदोदमधील भारतीय समुदायासाठी च्या सर्व योजना साकार करता याव्यात यासाठी पडद्यामागे सर्वतोपरी पाठिंबा, सल्ला आणि मदतीसाठी.
आणि यासाठी मिस्टर एली नाच, आम्ही तुम्हाला कळवू इच्छितो की आम्ही तुम्हाला पाठिंबा देतो आणि जोपर्यंत तुम्ही अशदोदचे महापौर म्हणून निवडून येत नाही तोपर्यंत आम्ही तुमच्या पाठीशी आहोत. आणि आम्ही अशदोदमध्ये बहुतेक भारतीय समुदायाची भरती करण्याची खात्री करू. या आमंत्रणात पडद्यामागच्या कामात गुंतलेल्या सर्वांचे आम्ही खूप आभारी आहोत,
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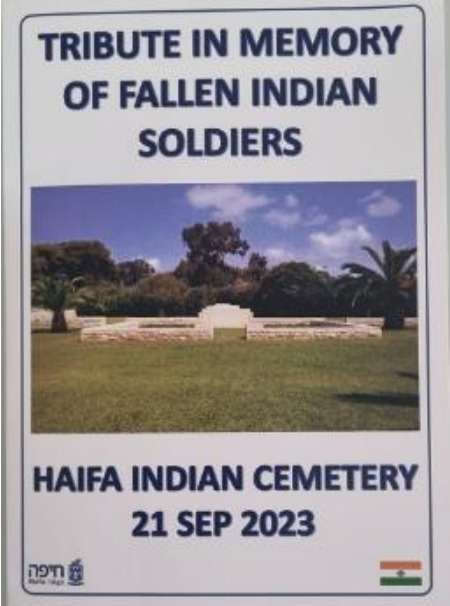
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For the support, advice, and help in every possible way behind the scenes so that we can realize all the plans for the Indian community in Ashdod.
And for this, Mr. Eli Nacht, we want to inform you that we support you and we are here by your side all the way, until you are elected mayor of Ashdod.
And we will make sure to recruit most of the Indian community in Ashdod.
In this invitation we are very grateful to all those involved in the work behind the scenes,
Ms. Simcha Salomon
Ms. Eva Talgaonkar
Mr. Shmuel Talgaonkar
Mr. Eran Melianker
Mr. Doron Burgauker



The Group Strongly recommends Mr. Eli Nacht as the next Mayor of Ashdod.

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 TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FALLEN INDIAN SOLDIERS HAIFA INDIAN CEMETERY 21 SEP 2023	The group had planned for a day visit to Ramle Market on Aug. 30, 2023 that was very successful.	 <i>Trip to Ramle Market</i>
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Morning ↓



Rainbow Ashdod Group in Haifa ceremony on Sept. 21, 2023

Evening ↓



Rainbow group in the meeting on the Ashdod beach on Sept. 21, 2023

A very Unusual Meeting called by Nagev Doron

"BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR ROOTS"
Prayer for the preservation of the heritage sites in India



The Jewish community of India in Israel unites and gathers together for prayer in white clothing as was the custom of our ancestors from the days of the First Temple

21.09.2023
Thursday
Oranim Beach Ashdod
ISRAEL

schedule:

- 01 05:00 pm- Gathering
- 02 05:30 pm- Slihot prayer accompanied by an Indian bard and Indian instruments
- 03 Arvit prayer and hatikon haklali
- 04 Taking a historical photo "view from above" - we are all in white

for more details : 050-7339997

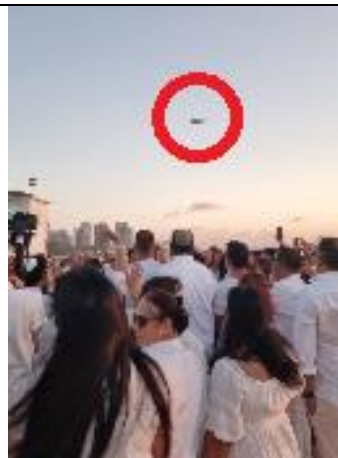
A very unusual meeting was called by Nagev Doron on 21 Sept. 2023 at 5 PM at the beach in Ashdod for praying to preserve our heritage in India. The same morning Indian Embassy had the fallen soldier's ceremony where many of our BI groups attended. In spite of this, a huge crowd gathered for Nagev.



Nagev Doron



Posing for balloon camera



Aharon Sogaokar

People came from Ramat Ha Golan (deep north) Jerusalem Haifa and buses from Ramle.



Simcha Shalom

Australia

Solomon Erulkar



Shana Tova

We have reached an important time of the year for our Jewish Communities. Will start by Wishing everyone a Happy New Year 5784 and Well Over the Fast. It's has been a great year for us as a few from our Bene Israel Community here in Melbourne have travelled to catch up with family in Israel.

This is also a good opportunity to thank the Shaniwar Teli Team for the effort that has been put in behind the scenes to make our Bene Israel Group grow.

Here in Australia there are a few plans to promote our Bene Israel culture through Art. Members of our community are planning to organise another Art Exhibition in one of our local Melbourne Synagogues. The plan is to display Artwork of Synagogues from India for a few weeks and promote our Jewish Heritage among the wider community.

A few more plans are being worked on and I will keep you all updated on the progress.

AJDC – JCC Limud

What is Limmud

Limmud celebrates diverse Jewish thinking as an active and evolving conversation.

Limmud happens today in over 90 communities in 44 countries worldwide, demonstrating the broad interest in the topics explored, as well as the wide spectrum of people taking part in the exploration.

Limmud is for thinkers curious about new ideas and fresh perspectives. It is how people connect Jewishly with their inner selves, their local community, and to people around the world.

Message from Chair of Limmud - India

Dear Community members!
Shalom!

As we gather once again to celebrate the richness of Jewish learning and culture, I am filled with excitement and gratitude. Limmud is a time when we come together as a community to listen, learn, and share our insights.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, presenters and all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event possible. Your passion and dedication are what make it such a remarkable experience.

Wishing you all an inspiring and enlightening Limmud!

Very best!
Nissim Joshua Pingle
Limmud Chair - India

Limmud is a global programme of Jewish learning. AJDC initiated it in India in 2012 at the JCC.

We have been having this event annually except during the Covid years. We revived it again this year. Talks on all aspects including religion, health, culture, and arts as well.

Jews from the Mumbai and Thane community attend.





ORT-INDIA

Mr. J. Jhirad, Dean, ORT wrote to us the following: I have resigned and completed my notice period at ORT. Mr. Jhirad has cooperated with us since the beginning of this project. He is a very hardworking sincere and reliable person. He has also been one of our “Living Legend”. We wish Mr. Jhirad a wonderful future and salute him.



The New Generation/הדור החדש - יוצאי הודו

Ari-el Lavi

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Our association brought the birth to consciousness and the Hebrew schedule. We do the earthly birth. Our goal is to preserve the tradition and culture of the Israelites from India. May we remember and never forget where we came from. It is very important to pass on to the generations after us what our parents left.

आमच्या सहवासामुळे चैतन्याचा आणि हिब्रू वेळापत्रकाचा जन्म झाला. आपण ऐहिक जन्म घेतो. भारतातून इस्राएली लोकांची परंपरा आणि संस्कृती जतन करणे हे आमचे ध्येय आहे. आपण कोठून आलो हे आपण लक्षात ठेवू आणि कधीही विसरू नये. आपल्या आई-वडिलांनी जे सोडलं ते आपल्यानंतरच्या पिढ्यांपर्यंत पोहोचवणं खूप गरजेचं आहे.

העמותה שלנו הביאה את המלידה לתודעה וללול"ז העיברי .

אנחנו עושים את המלידה הארצית. המטרה שלנו לשמר את המסורת והתרבות של בני ישראל מהודו. שנזכור ולא נשכח מאיפה באנו . חשוב מאוד להנחיל לדורות אחרינו מה שהשאירו ההורים שלנו.

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21.9.23 חוף אשדוד
מיקום מדויק יעודם בקרוב

050-7339997

קוד לבטח: 733
אנחנו קוראים לכל בני הקהילה, לכל הקהילות, כי אנחנו עומדים במרכז המורשת והתרבות, ונשמרים להעביר אותה לדור הבא. אנחנו מודים לכם על כל תרומה, תמיכה או סיוע. אנחנו מודים לכם על כל תרומה, תמיכה או סיוע. אנחנו מודים לכם על כל תרומה, תמיכה או סיוע.

פסטיבל מספרי סיפורים
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מנהל אמנותי יוסי אלפי - תיאטרון גבעתיים

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מה הקשר בין הדור הקלאסי לישראל העכשווית? מה בין דת הינדואית לאלוהי הגבאי? סמסארה היא מסע בזמן אל ההיסטוריה של בני ישראל בהודו, לעומק גורמים ומיתוסים עתיקים שנוצרו והועברו כלל מה מדור לדור.

אנדרה והעיתונות עם מסר רוחני מפתיע.

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Narendra Modi
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Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour.

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Terror attack on Israel on 50 years of Yom Kippur war.
7th Sept, 2023

JRU SUKKOTH RETREAT

Elijah Jacob



JRU Centenary Celebrations Donation Collection Status

Name	Rs.
Elijah & Annie Jacob	10,001
Johnny Jhirad	5,000
Leo Daniels	8,200
Ella Joseph Ilooz	8,200
Nathan Elijah	4,660

JRU and JRU YG members are requested to donate for this occasion and plan to attend it in Oct. 2025.

Name of the Account – Jewish Religious Union

Name of the Bank – State Bank of India

Branch – Wadala, Mumbai – 400037

Account Number – 33929776177

IFSC Code – SBIN0001102

MICR Code – 400002085

A three nights / four day Sukkot retreat was organized for JRU members at the hill top Manas Resort at Igatpuri from 28th September till 1st October 2023.

The 26 participants including the young and old had an enriching experience building a sukkah, decorating it and conducting Shabbat prayers in it.

The blessings over the arba minim were also recited and their significance explained to the members. In addition, educational sessions on Goals and Goals Setting, Leadership and Community Development were undertaken by lay leaders Elijah Jacob and Johnny Jhirad, both of whom were ex JRU Youth group members.

In addition, housie, quizzes and karaoke singing brought in a lot of fun, cheer and camaraderie among the members. Pool time and indoor sports were enjoyed by the members during free time.

The retreat truly was an enriching experience for all with the right elements of fun and education thrown in during the retreat. This was partly subsidized by the WZO and World Union of Progressive Judaism, Israel.



JRU Sukkot retreat at Igatpuri.



Sukkah, we sit under God's shadow-after fighting the neighbors

You would think what a wonderful thing to build a sukkah. But it is one of the most Jewish reasons for fights. Sukkah should be built under the sky. So where to build it? It needs electricity and that should come only from your home. You cannot use the building electricity or water. So it has to be below your home. If you have a parking place below your home, you may be lucky, but even if you use your parking place, where do you park your car? Further the car standing next to you should not get disturbed. There should be enough places to open all the four doors. If they complain, the municipal office will ask you to remove the sukkah.

Most of the old building doesn't have open parking in the compound of the building. Here the problem is worse. People wait on Kippur morning for you to leave to go to the graveyard and block the parking place by putting the four corners. Though by religious law you can do that only after You Kippur, but then no one will move their cars. Sometimes many families will build a sukkah from the same building and then there is hardly place to park. People are told to keep their cool during Sukkoth. The religious families with many children live in small homes but they will insist on a balcony for build a sukkah.

The holy book of Mysticism, the Zohar, says that when entering a Sukkah, we sit under God's shadow. In Hebrew, the word "Sukkah" has a numerical value of 91, and the two names of God that describe God's attribute of mercy are also equal to 91. The Holy Baal Shem Tov says when a person spends time in a Sukkah, he is refined and draws a Godly light, similar to when immersed in a Mikvah, a ritual bath.



Small Religious homes in buildings with a balcony to build sukkah



Bene-Israel World in Calgary, Canada

Janet Penkar



Calgary is a city of 1.35 million people, located in the southern part of the province of Alberta, just east of the Rocky Mountains, in Western Canada. Calgary has corporate headquarters for most Canadian oil & gas Exploration & production companies.

We are a handful of Bene Israeli families in Calgary we do not have a large Bene Israeli congregation nor a synagogue/prayer hall here. Though we are Sephardi, we pray in Ashkenazi Synagogues.

For some Shabbat & High holidays, we attend prayers in any of the 4 Synagogues in Calgary. They are Chabad (orthodox), Bet Tzedek (conservative) & Temple B'nai Tikva (reform) House of Jacob (orthodox). In addition there are 2 prayer halls i.e. Chabad, another location (orthodox) and the other is Kehilat Shalom (formed by the local congregation).

For Selihot, we participate online on zoom from India and Israel. We dearly miss the beautiful Bene Israeli melodies of services during the high holy day services. We listen to CDs of these melodies to remind us of our precious & cherished memories & our rich cultural heritage.

We get together for our festivals in each other's houses. We enjoy wearing Indian costumes like sarees with jewellery and gajras.



We prepare ghasa cha halwa for Rosh hashanah, 5 or 7 vegetables & rice kheer for khiri cha Roza day, saat padri and nankati for Kippur, pan rolls with coconut filling for Sukkot, sandan and alberas fish curry for Simchat Torah, bhajiyas for Hannukah, malida with many fruits and also a few new fruits (for shekiyani blessings) for Tu be shavat, puranpoli for Purim, rice chappties & home-made matza for 8 days of Passover, kadva vaal and chapati (puri) for Tisha be Av and for Selihot we eat jalebi with malai and pav (homemade) sandwich. As much as we cook the Bene Israeli traditional dishes here, we miss very much the authentic & rich culinary heritage of Bene Israelis particularly during the Jewish holidays.

Recently we celebrated the 94th birthday of a senior most member of our Bene Israeli families in Calgary. We were honored to be as a family. She was an active member of our community in Mumbai. She is a mother, grandmother and a great grandmother.

We have 3 Jewish cemeteries in Calgary. My maternal grandmother is laid to rest in one of them and in the other my maternal uncle is laid to rest in one of the other cemeteries. The ceremonies were/are conducted as per the Bene Israeli style and traditions in addition to the Ashkenazi prayers.

We have mingled with the Ashkenazi community but have not forgotten our Bene Israeli culture and traditions, we are practicing them with honor and pride.

Thank you from Shaniwar-Teli Janet Penkar

Calgary Jewish Federation holds all the festivals year after year. Some of the event pictures sent by Janet Michael Penkar. Thankyou Janet.

It was 2 deg C for Erev Sukkot and there were heaters placed in the sukkah. Here, where I live, they have Sukkah a plain one without decorations like how we have in India and Israel with fruits etc. Here they have all posters with prayers etc.

They serve lots of wine, vodka and whiskey was given to everybody. Lots of hot food including hot and yummy pea soup, chicken soup, beagles, challah, Salads, pastas, rice. Since it was Friday, and Chabad is orthodox, I did not take pictures.

Most people wear black here. I think I was the only one in colored blouse.



Friday Evening

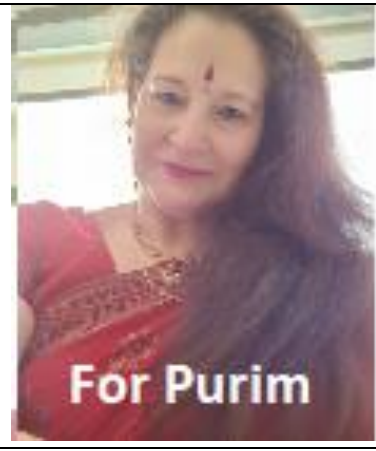
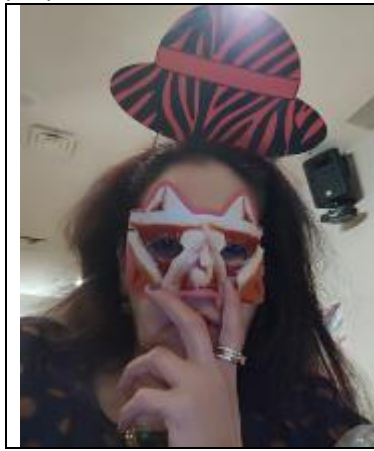


Image in BI home



JCC Sukkah

Here is a taste of all the various celebrations at Chabad and JCC during various festivals from Tuba Suvat to Hanukkah. We try to prepare Indian dishes when we can.



For Purim



Temple B'nai Tikva



Simchat Torah



האיחוד הארצי הקהילתי למען קהילת יוצאי הודו בישראל

The national community union for the Indian Jews community in Israel (NCU)



This group NCU is led by Mr. Soagakar along with Mr. Yehuda Sassoonker and Mrs. Sigalit Moshe (Nagavkar). They put a lot of effort in collecting funds for scholarships for sports in Israel. They arrange Indian programs by inviting artists from India. Moshe himself has his one orchestra.

בראש קבוצה זו עומד מר סוגאקר יחד עם מר יהודה ששונקר וגב' סיגלית משה (נגבקר). הם השקיעו מאמצים רבים באיסוף כספים למלגות לספורט בישראל. הם מארגנים תוכניות הודיות על ידי הזמנת אמנים מהודו. למשה עצמו יש תזמורת אחת.



Moshe with a Mayor candidate from Kiryat Gat who promised a BI community center.

A successful meeting with Foreign Minister Eli Cohen of the Likud in the Israeli Knesset, Kadimaha for success.

July 17, 2023.

In the meeting the topic of conditions of the cemeteries in India was discussed.



סארגם / להקת Sargam Band of Moshe Sogaokar



משה מלנקר מנהל. דוד
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Director, David
Pazerker, Octopad
Ronnie Stacker .
Saxophone. Moshe
Sogawker and Singer
Yoda Shaked

At Fallen Soldiers ceremony in Haifa on Sept. 21, 2023





היום נחתמה אמנת כוונות בין סיעת עתיד אשדוד בראשות עו"ד אלי נכט לבין נציגי הקהילה היהודית בעיר. שושביני אירוע, חתימת האמנה היו נציגות ההודים הארצית. יו"ר האיחוד הארצי של עולי הודו בישראל, מר משה סוגאוקר ודובר האיחוד, מר יהודה ששונקר. השניים דאגו כי כל קהילת עולי הודו באשדוד תביע תמיכה באלי נכט לראשות העיר ובסיעת "עתיד אשדוד" בראשותו למועצה. סגן ראש העיר עו"ד אלי נכט שריין ברשימתו את דורון בורגאוקר, מועמד של קהילת יוצאי הודו, שעתיד לכהן במועצת העיר הבאה. האמנה שנחתמה היום, בנוכחות גם אחד הארגונים ההודים המשמעותיים בעיר, "קשת עולי הודו", בראשות גב' שמחה סלומון באה להבטיח את האינטרסים של קהילת יוצאי הודו בעיר, ולראשונה מונה התחייבויות קונקרטיות שהקהילה עתידה להרוויח מהן. תנועת "עתיד אשדוד" התחייבה לפעול למען הקהילה בנושאים של תרבות, תקציבים לאירועים, פתיחת מלגות ייעודיות לצעירים עולי הודו, ואף הקמת "בית מורשת ותרבות עבור עולי הודו באשדוד". סגן ראש העיר עו"ד אלי נכט: "לראשונה לקהילה היהודית בעיר יש כתובת ברורה ויעדים ברורים אותם נשיג ביחד בקדנציה הבאה, בדיוק כפי שהצלחנו לעבוד ביחד ולהגיע להישגים בקדנציה הקודמת. כל זאת, רק בתנאי שהקהילה היהודית תשכיל להתאחד ולהיות יחד איתנו כח אחד ומאוחד למען בני הקהילה הנהדרת שלנו באשדוד". מועמד ברשימת עתיד אשדוד, מר דורון בורגאוקר: אני שמח על הזכות שניתנה לי לייצג את הקהילה שלי במועצת העיר ולהיות יוצא הקהילה הראשון מזה עשרות שנים שיצליח להביע את קולם במועצת העיר המכובדת.

האיחוד הארצי של יוצאי הודו בישראל: אנו שמחים להיות השושבין להבנות שהושגו בין סיעת 'עתיד אשדוד' בראשותו של עו"ד אלי נכט לבין ראשי קהילת יוצאי הודו באשדוד בהובלתו של מר דורון בורגאוקר. האיחוד הארצי סומך את ידיו על מועמדותו של מר בורגאוקר כנציג הקהילה באשדוד ועל שיתוף הפעולה בין הצדדים בידיעה שזה ישיג מטרות ואינטרסים של בני הקהילה באשדוד.

Shaar Hashamaim (Gate of Heaven) Synagogue, Thane

Mr. David Ghosalkar, Trustee of Shaar Hashamaim (Gate of Heaven) Synagogue hoisted today the Flag on 77th Independence day in presence of Bene- Israeli community and Police officers. Happy Independence Day to all. 15.8 2023.



Chaya Kozlovsky organized a Challa Making evening on 10th Sept. and we all paid in to join at the Gate of Heaven Synagogue Thane. Thanks to Leah Waskar for the update.



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Bene-Israel Golden Age Group



We, the Managing Committee members take immense pleasure to announce that our Golden Age Group's 27th Annual Malida, which was conducted on the 27th of August, 2023 was a grand success amongst 80 people of our Community. It was followed by a spiritual talk by Rabbi Joshua Kolet from Israel, followed by Selichot.

It was our privilege to welcome our Chief Guest Solicitor Levi Ruben along with his wife Lebana. Our second guest was Mrs. Rebecca Hillel.

Delicious Food was served voluntarily prepared by Mrs. Penninah Awaskar.

This event was successful only because you all who attended. Please join us for different events we plan to organize in the near future.

Thanks once again and Regards
Diana Haims



Nissim Moses's various Interviews for future reference

1. NISSIM MOSES HISTORIAN TELLS ABOUT BENE ISRAEL IN ... - YouTube

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Nissim Moses is a historian and president of the Indian Jewish Heritage Centre. The views expressed are personal

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4.Portrait of a Congregant: Nissim Moses - Kulanu

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Nissim Moses is a large presence, tall and avuncular. Fluent in Hindi, Hebrew, English and Marathi, he also speaks a little German and French. Maps of Israeli cities hang on the walls of his small office in New Delhi, and a lot of high-tech equipment sits on its desks and tables. A Bombay-born citizen of Israel, Moses moved temporarily to New ...

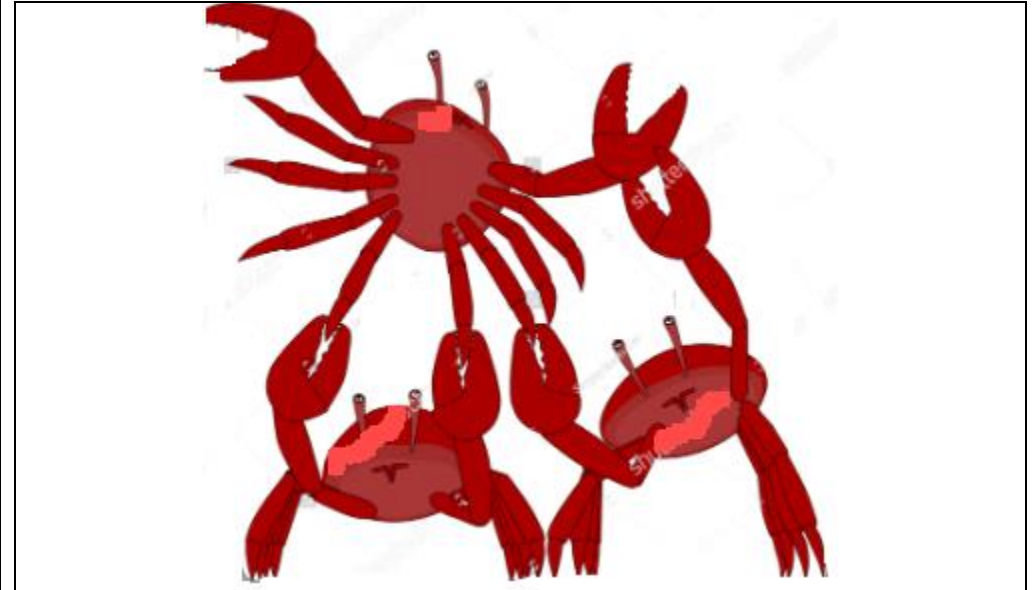
5. <https://youtu.be/ZR8DC7y2Uj0>

My Interview With G.B. Thimosene.AHRON19@GMAIL.COM,

Pending Matters

Following matters remain pending for the Bene-Israel community

1. Indian Jewish Federation (IJF) has donation money collected in 2018 for the repairs of the memorial. The amount in 2018 was 3+ lacs Rs. Present values could be 6+ lacs Rs. or more. This money should be returned to the community donors as the memorial repairs 2 to 3 Cr. Rs. and this is not possible for our community members to gather.
2. A memorial for Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar as father of our community should be built in a suitable Bene-Israel place.
3. The grave of Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar in Mazgao should be repaired and a proper information board placed in place.
4. The restoration of current monument /replacement with a new one and wall should be built in Navgao cemetery.
5. A hall for performing Malida at Elijah's Rock needs to be built for the devotees.
6. All the Bene-Israel points in the heritage route should be maintained in good condition.
7. Making sure that Masale group researched is watched carefully as they create fake history of Bene-Israel as per the community members.



We wish our community Good Luck that we achieve all the six points and more. We do not have a rich man like David Sassoon to spend money lavishly on making memorials and restoring synagogues and heritage places. So it only depends on our community how they work. We don't have any leader. Never had. A leader who thinks of our community is missing since Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar left us. He too was opposed and abused by his own people. It amazes me how Mr. Joshua Bhonkar managed to build the Memorial in Navgao with all the opposition.

Thank you to all who sent us the matter to make this issue possible

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Above is the regular newsletter that was ready to be sent out on 6th . , Oct. 2023

Below is the part after 7th Oct. 2023



After Simchat Torah 7.10.2023 when the war started

We waited with release of this issue on 1 Oct. 2023 to add the Simchat Torah pictures from around the world. Instead Simchat Torah morning brought shock wave & grief to all the Jews in the world. Hamas had attacked Israel with one of the worst damaging. Instead of Simchat Torah pictures, we now have these pictures. Moments that we hope they were not.

May the whole world see how an Israeli officer drinks an Arab girl how much compassion and humanity our soldier has Raz wolf Share



If anyone recognizes her. She was kidnapped in Gaza on the terrible Saturday.



My friend who is the grandmother of a kidnapped soldier in Gaza I want to publish the photo everywhere.





Jews supporting Palastine both in USA and Israel



Dead Body Collection



Hamas says their God changed the direction of the missile



Walking on Israel Flag in Istambul Market



Father's murder



Whole family murdered



Soldiers find children hidden by the parents



Milk Cans with picturese of Kinsapped People





Children burnt alive



Read every day this short psalm to thank God for his daily miracles.
 350 Hamas missiles changed directions and hit Gaza including their hospital. God's Miracles
 קרא כל יום את המזמור הקצר הזה כדי להודות לאלוהים על הניסים היומיומיים שלו.
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■ A psalm to accompany the thanksgiving-offering.

- 1 **MIZMÖR** l'sôdo, **מזמור לתודה,**
A psalm of thanksgiving,
 hori-u La-dönoy kol ho-oretz. **הריעו ליהוה כל הארץ.**
call out to HASHEM everyone on earth.
- 2 Ivdu es Adönoy b'simcho, **עבדו את יהוה בשמחה,**
*Serve HASHEM with gladness,**
 bö-u l'fonov birnono. **באו לפניו ברננה.**
come before Him with joyous song.
- 3 D'u ki Adönoy hu Elöhim, **דעו כי יהוה הוא אלהים,**
Know that HASHEM, He is God,
 hu osonu, v'lö anachnu, **הוא עשנו, ולו אנחנו,**
it is He Who made us and we are His,
 amö v'tzön mar-isö. **עמו וצאן מרעיתו.**
His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Bö-u sh'orov b'sôdo, **באו שעריו בתודה,**
 cha-tzayrösov bis-hilo, **חצרתיו בתהלה,**
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, His Courtyards with praise,
 hôdu lö bor'chu sh'mö. **הודו לו, ברכו שמו.**
give thanks to Him, bless His Name.
- 5 Ki töv Adönoy, l'öloim chasdö, **כי טוב יהוה, לעולם חסדו,**
For HASHEM is good, His kindness endures forever,
 v'ad dör vodör emunosö. **ועד דר ודר אמונתו.**
and from generation to generation is His faithfulness.

Issued by Shaniwar-Teli



Prayer for protection and salvation of the nation of Israel

Composed by Rav Ovadia Yosef during Operation Cast Iron

May it be Your will, Hashem our G-d and G-d of our forefathers, that You should be filled with mercy for us and for your entire nation Israel, and You should save us and deliver us from the hand of our enemies and those who hate us and from the hand of those who seek to harm us. Annul their counsel and destroy their thoughts, their hands should not be resourceful. As it is said, "Produce counsel and it will annulled, speak a word and it will not be fulfilled, for the Lord is with us." And it is said, "Hashem annulled the counsel of the nations and He dissolved the thoughts of the peoples." May it be Your will that their sword should strike their own heart and their bows should be broken.

Please Hashem, let Your mercy be on us and on Your entire nation Israel, please rise from the Throne of Judgement and be seated on the Throne of Mercy. Deal with us beyond the letter of the law, and annul from us all harsh and evil decrees. Decree on us good decrees of salvation and comfort for the sake of Your mercy. Tear the evil decree which has been passed on us and may our merits be read before You.

Rise to our help and redeem us for the sake of Your kindness. Please Hashem, watch over and protect Your servants, the flock of Your keeping, the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces. Save them from booby traps, may no evil befall them, may no trouble come close to their tents, and deliver them from all types of calamities and mishaps which are raging to come to the world. Please send complete healing to all the sick of Your nation Israel. Please hearken to our supplications, for You listen to the prayer of every mouth. Blessed is the One who hears prayer.

Hashem is my Rock and my Redeemer.

May Hashem grant strength to His nation, may Hashem bless His nation with peace.

Amen, amen.

תפילה לשמירה והצלת עם ישראל

תפילה נדירה לשמירת החגים עם ישראל
שחיבר מרן רבנו עובדיה יוסף זצוק"ל
במהלך סבצע עופרת יצוקה

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהינו אבותינו, שחמסלא ברחמים
עלינו ועל כל עםך ישראל, ותצילנו ותשיגנו מיד כל אויבנו
ושונאנו וסכנה כל סכנתו ורעתו, הפך עצתו וקולו למחשבותם.
ולא תעשנה דיוחם ותשנה יבטו לשאמר עני עצה ויחפר חביו
דבר ולא יקום כי עשנו אלה ונאמר, ה' חפץ ענת נים הנא
מחשבות עמים. יהי רצון שחרכם תבא בלבם ותשחיתם
תשברנה.

אנא ה' ירחמי לא נחסיק עלינו ועל כל עםך ישראל, עשיר לא
מבטא דבין, ושכ על סמא לרחמים ותבנס לנו לפנים
משורת חוק, ותבטל מעלינו כל צרות קשות ורעות, ותנצח
עלינו צרות טביות, ישועות וצדקות, לטען רחמים, ותקדש רצונו
דענו ויקרא לפניה וביחודנו.

קובצו עורקנו לנו ופרש לטען חסדך, אנא ה' שטר רבנו על
עבדך צאן מיעיתך חללי צבא חתונה לישראל, תצילם
מפח יקוש, לא תאנה ארבים, רעה, נגע לא יכרב בארציהם,
ותצילם מכל מיני פרעניות ותאנוות חסרת נשות לבא בעולם.
וישלה נא רשעה שלמה לכל חולי עםך ישראל, וישמע נא לקול
תחנונו, כי אתה שומע תפלה כל פת בדרך שומע תפלה.

ה' שרי וסאל, ה' עו רענו יתן
ה' יסרך את עמי בשלום

תשס"א



ישראל במתח בה'

ऑपरेशन आयर्न सावर्ड्स दरम्यान राव ओवादीया योसेफ यांनी रचलेली प्रार्थना

आमच्या पूर्वजांचा देव आम्हा सर्वांचा परमेश्वर, तू आमच्यासाठी आणि आपल्या संपूर्ण इस्राएल राष्ट्रासाठी दयेची वृष्टी करावी , आणि तू आमचे रक्षण करावे आणि आमच्या शत्रूंच्या आणि आमचा द्वेष करणारे यांच्या हातून आणि आमचे नुकसान करू इच्छिणारे यांच्या हातून आमची सुटका करावी, अशी तुझी इच्छा असावी . त्यांचा सल्ला रद्द करा आणि त्यांचे विचार नष्ट करा. त्यांचे हात साधनसंपन्न नसावेत. असे म्हंटले आहे की "सल्ला द्या आणि तो रद्द होईल, एक शब्द बोला आणि तो पूर्ण होणार नाही, कारण परमेश्वर आमच्याबरोबर आहे". आणि असे म्हंटले जाते, " देवाने शत्रू राष्ट्रांचा सल्ला रद्द केला आणि त्याने लोकांचे विचार विसर्जित केले". त्यांची तलवार त्यांच्याच हृदयावर आदळावी आणि त्यांचे धनुष्य तोडले जावे, ही तुमची इच्छा असावी.

कृपया देवा तुझी दया आमच्यावर आणि तुझ्या संपूर्ण इस्राएल राष्ट्रावर होऊ दे, कृपया न्यायाच्या सिंहासनावरून उठा आणि दयेच्या सिंहासनावर विराजमान व्हा. कायद्याच्या अक्षराच्या पलीकडे आमच्याशी व्यवहार करा आणि आमच्या वरील सर्व कठोर आणि वाईट आदेश रद्द करा. आपल्या कृपेसाठी आम्हाला मोक्ष आणि सात्वनाचे चांगले आदेश द्या.हे परमेश्वरा आमच्यावर आलेल्या दुष्ट आदेश फाडून टाकावे आणि आमचे गुण व हक्क तुमच्यासमोर वाचले जावेत.

आमच्या मदतीला या आणि आपल्या कृपेसाठी आमची सुटका करा. हे परमेश्वरा कृपया तुमच्या सेवकांवर , तुच्या पळणाऱ्या कळपावर, इस्राएल सौरक्षण दलाच्या सैनिकांवर लक्ष ठेवा आणि त्यांचे रक्षण करा. त्यांना शत्रू सापळ्यांपासून वाचवा. त्यांच्या तंबूजवळ कोणतीही बाधा येऊ नये आणि जगात येणाऱ्या सर्व प्रकारच्या आपत्ती आणि अपघातांपासून त्यांचे रक्षण करा .कृपया इस्राएल राष्ट्रातील सर्व आजाराने पीडित असलेल्या लोकांना चांगले आरोग्य द्या. हे परमेश्वरा आमची प्रार्थना ऐका कारण तू आपल्या भक्तांचे गार्हाणे ऐकतोस.

भक्तांचे गार्हाणे ऐकणारा परमेश्वर धन्य !!!

परमेश्वर माझी ढाल आणि माझा उद्धारक आहे !

परमेश्वर आपल्या राष्ट्राला शक्ती देवो !

परमेश्वर आपल्या राष्ट्राला शांती देवो !

आमेन , आमेन

Translated by Danny Daniels Bhonkar and written out by Elias Daniels Bhonkar . Thank you Danny & Elias

One of the few lucky one who was saved, a true story.

07.10.2023

20 minutes after this wonderful clip, Vinir and I went to the side, we started to see the missiles flying over our heads, "What is that?" I asked him, "Missiles" he answered.

Me and the anxiety attacks, which are very close to my heart of course, started acting together, an "I'm going to die" anxiety attack, from the missiles of course.

We started running to the car, and I fall on the floor from crying and Vinir picks me up and grabs my hand and tells me "everything is fine, let's fly away, we have to get home".

We got into the car and started driving, we drove really fast, the police said to turn right but this is not the road to Tel Aviv, so we turned back and turned to the other side, the mistake of our lives or we were saved, only God knows, in the direction of Tel Aviv they were waiting for us, blocking the road, three vans, about 8 terrorists (Who really remembers?), we drove into the terrorists, Yanir quickly realized that they were aiming guns at us and turned the car around as fast as he could, one bullet in the front windshield, passed right between me and Yanir and God knows how many more bullets, the whole car is sprayed, all the windows are broken, They just fired at us without hesitation, everything they had.



We drove to the other side, they were waiting for us there as well, we met a couple of friends who told us there were terrorists on the other side as well, we all got out of the car and ran, we laid down in some bush, the four of us.

Until it was quiet, not exactly quiet, just less bullets flying overhead, we checked what was happening and decided to return to the vehicles, all the other vehicles drove, if the four of us stay we are dead.

We drove until we saw a gas station, Yanir decided to head there, 18 people from the party were there, together with us, inside a gas station, fear God, I can't believe we survived this, waiting for the killers to enter the station, the policemen who would have left us alone, we were left with one security guard with gun.

3 hours we were in the dimension, dying of fear, calling everyone possible to save us.

The army arrived, "Run to the vehicles, as many people as possible in each vehicle, save yourselves, just drive", no, this is not a joke, just drive towards Nitivot and whatever happens will happen anyway, we succeeded, Moshav Takuma's security personnel waved at us from the fence, come, enter us, and led us to the most perfect family in the world, who took care of us, housed us, fed us, gave us a place to sleep, to feel safer after a very long day that we all had, thank you thank you that I'm here, thank you that Shinir is here, thank you that we were saved from this hell.

And sorry, sorry to all my friends that we couldn't save, sorry that you are lying somewhere, sorry that I had no way to help, sorry that I didn't stop to take you all, sorry.

This story is sad, I was saved but piles of my friends are lying in piles of corpses, may your memory be blessed, they abandoned us in the field, I'm sorry. Share so that everyone knows the horrors!!!

Death of another Bene-Israel soldier in Gaza



Our Bene Israel boy, it is with great sorrow and gloomy grief that we announce the death of Ben Dimona, Hallel Solomon, the Lord will restore his blood, who fell in the battle in Gaza.

We share in the grief of the parents Ronit and Mordechai and the sisters: Yasmin, Hila, Vared and Shaked.

Hillel studied at Alfasi and Amiasaf school, went up to the Zinman division and studied at KMG high school. Hillel aspired to be a warrior and to do significant service and enlisted in Givat.

Hillel was a devoted son and honoring his parents was always in front of his eyes, having good qualities with endless giving, modesty and humility. The whole city of Dimona is grieving his passing. Of blessed memory.

May God bless his soul!



A Bene-Israel Fighetr at age 90!

विनोद भोईर सामना न्यूज

इस्रायल समाज दफनभूमीत दुर्गंधीसह घाणीचे साम्राज्य

पाली, दि. १ (सा.वा.)

- इस्रायल समाजाच्या दफनभूमीची दुर्दशा झाली असून परिसरात घाणीचे साम्राज्य पसरले आहे. दफनभूमीलगत असलेल्या हॉटेलचे सांडपाणी या ठिकाणी साचल्याने परिसरात दुर्गंधी पसरली आहे. या समस्येबाबत जांभूळपाडा



ग्रामपंचायत, पोलिसांकडे वारंवार लेखी तक्रार करूनही कोणतीही कारवाई होत नसल्याने अखेर दफनभूमीच्या कर्मचाऱ्याने उपोषणाचा इशारा दिला आहे.

वऱ्हाड-जांभूळपाडा ग्रामपंचायत हद्दीतील आत्मोन्नती विद्यामंदिरसमोरील असलेल्या हॉटेलचे सांडपाणी राजरोसपणे दफनभूमी परिसरात सोडले जाते. याबाबत तक्रार करूनदेखील संबंधितांवर कारवाई होत नसल्याने दफनभूमीचे कामगार मोजेस वर्सुळकर यांनी उपोषणाचा इशारा दिला आहे. या दफनभूमीत त्यांच्या पूर्वजांसह नातेवाईकांचे स्मृतीरूपी थडगे तिथे असल्याने आमच्या भावना दुखावल्या जात असल्याचे वर्सुळकर यांनी यावेळी सांगितले.

Mr. Moses David Varsulkar, age 90, from Zambhulpada has threatned to start a “Hunger Strike” as the local Bene-Cemetery of our ancestors is been polluted by waste water flowing from a nearby commercial hotel in to the cemetery.

He has reported the matter to the authorities but no action has been taken. See the interview at: [Shivsatta Times | रायगडात आहेत इस्राईल समाजाचे लोक - YouTube](https://www.shivsatta.com/raayagadat-ahit-israel-samajache-lok/)



Sassoon has taken up this case of Mr. Moses David Varsulkar from Zambhulpada and we hope they will succeed in stopping this pollution and get proper compensation from the hotel and Graham Panchayat.



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विषय - जांभुळपाडा , पाली सुधागड , जि.रायगड येथील इस्त्रालय ज्युईश समाजाची दफनभुमीमध्ये जाणीवपूर्वक व त्रास देण्याच्या हेतूने हॉटेलचे घागेरडे सांडपाणी सोडत असल्याबाबत तक्रार.

महोदय,

मी, ससून सॅमसन इरमिया फानसापुरकर, ज्युईश यहूदी अल्प संख्य समाज प्रमुख, महाराष्ट्र राज्य आपणास तक्रार विवेदन करतो की,

ज्युईश यहूदी समाजाचा आमच्या ज्युईश यहूदी समाजाची दफनभुमी ज्वाल मसणवट म्हणतात, जी जांभुळपाडा, तालुका- सुधागड पाली, जिल्हा - रायगड, सर्व्हे नं.१६४ येथे आहे व तिची देखभाल श्री.मोजस दाविद वरसुलकर हे आपल्या स्वखर्चीने दफनभुमीची देखभाल करतात व त्यांनी आपल्या सेवानिवृत्तीनंतर त्यांना मिळालेला सर्व निवृत्तीचा पैसा अडका हा दफनभुमीच्या सुशोभिनीकरणाकरीता खर्च केलेला असून त्यातूनच ते दफनभुमीची देखभाल करत आहेत व त्यांचे आजमितीस वय ९० इतके आहे. तसेच त्यांनी याही वयात तेथे सर्व प्रकारच्या सुखसोयी उपलब्ध करून ठेवलेल्या आहेत.समोर शाळा असल्यामुळे मुलांना गैरसोय होऊ नये म्हणून शाळेच्या मुलांना

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निमुळक कारणाकरीता, आपणाकरीता तक्रार करणारे जाणू उपलब्धही करून दिलेले आहे.तसेच कायदा लागून २-३ घटकनेही आपल्या याक-यांचा पोटलपणाचा व्यवसाय चालविण्याकरीता निमुळक काहीही न घेता त्यांचा उपरनिर्देश चालविण्याकरीता बंदर दुकाने दिलेली आहे. सगरीत दफनभुमी ही जवळ जवळ २०० वर्गफुटीची ठुली आहे. आपणाला असा अवे अडथळा आहे आहे की, काही महिन्या पासून आपलीमधी शिंदेसाहेब कॅरिटीव जाणू जी आपल्या दफन भुमीला लागून आहे तेथे आपल्याकडे काम करत असलेला समुल अरुद डोंगर डोंगर पाता त्याच्या कुटुंबियाच्या उपरनिर्देशाकरीता आमच्याच खर्चीने एक हॉटेल सोडून दिले व त्याने ते स्वता: व चालविता दुस-या व्यवसाय चालवत आपली कोणतीही परवानगी न घेता चालविण्यात दिले आहे व त्याचे सोडून जमन हा इतर डोंगर डोंगरक वता:च घेत आहे. परंतु त्या हॉटेलचा मालक याने सगरीत काही महिन्यापासून त्या हॉटेलमधील सांडकणी व घालू काढत जलानुसुनून आमच्या दफन भुमीमध्ये सोडलेला असल्याने दफन भुमी सांडकणी जमा होऊन सोडून दफन भुमीमध्ये वाळवत झाल्याने रोगराई पसरलेली आहे व दफन भुमीमध्ये आतामधी प्रवेश करतानाही कारच त्रास होत आहे.

महोदय, तरी याबाबत रितात लेखी तक्रार ही जमली बराडे,जांभुळपाडा ग्रामपंचायत,जांभुळपाडा पो.ठाणे व पाली पोलीस ठाने यांच्याकडे बाराबारा करून सुध्दा अदाचा कोणतीही कारवाई त्यांच्यावर करण्यात आलेली नाही.याबाबतची कातनी महाराष्ट्रातील सर्व शासनशासने ठाऊक आकरत घालून आलेली आहे. तसेच दलत धनेलवरही सदर कातच्या छळकलेच्या आहेत.तरीही अदाचा कोणतीही कारवाई करण्यात आलेली नाही.यामुळे आमच्या समाजाच्या भावना अत्यंत दुखावलेल्या आहेत.याचे कारण आहे आहे की, आमचे सर्व पुर्वज त्या भागात राहून त्यांनी इतलेक यात्रा केलेली आहे व त्यांना त्या जागेत दफन करण्यात आहे व ती जागा आमच्या खांदेची आहे.तुपया या विषयी आपण त्वरीत गमिर्चाने तक्रार घालून कारवाईचे आदेश द्यावेत ही नम्र विनंती.

आपला विरवातू,

(ससून सॅमसन इरमिया फानसापुरकर)
ज्युईश यहूदी अल्प संख्य समाज प्रमुख
महाराष्ट्र राज्य

प्रत बहाना -

- १) मा.पोलीस महाराष्ट्राला,पोलीस महाराष्ट्रालाचे कार्यालय, रिगल सिनेमाजवळ, मुंबई.
- २) मा.वरिष्ठ पो.निरीक्षक साठे,पाली पो.ठाणे,जि.रायगड
- ३) मा.वरिष्ठ पो.निरीक्षक साठे, जांभुळपाडा पो.ठाणे,ता.पाली, जि.रायगड

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प्रति,
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उप मुख्यमंत्री,
महाराष्ट्र शासन,
मंत्रालय, मुंबई - ४०००३२.

दिनांक - ०३/११/२०२३

विषय - जांभुळपाडा , पाली सुधागड , जि.रायगड येथील इस्त्रालय ज्युईश समाजाची दफनभुमीमध्ये जाणीवपूर्वक व त्रास देण्याच्या हेतूने हॉटेलचे घागेरडे सांडपाणी सोडत असल्याबाबत तक्रार.

महोदय,

मी, ससून सॅमसन इरमिया फानसापुरकर, ज्युईश यहूदी अल्प संख्य समाज प्रमुख, महाराष्ट्र राज्य आपणास तक्रार विवेदन करतो की,

ज्युईश यहूदी समाजाचा आमच्या ज्युईश यहूदी समाजाची दफनभुमी ज्वाल मसणवट म्हणतात, जी जांभुळपाडा, तालुका- सुधागड पाली, जिल्हा - रायगड, सर्व्हे नं.१६४ येथे आहे व तिची देखभाल श्री.मोजस दाविद वरसुलकर हे आपल्या स्वखर्चीने दफनभुमीची देखभाल करतात व त्यांनी आपल्या सेवानिवृत्तीनंतर त्यांना मिळालेला सर्व निवृत्तीचा पैसा अडका हा दफनभुमीच्या सुशोभिनीकरणाकरीता खर्च केलेला असून त्यातूनच ते दफनभुमीची देखभाल करत आहेत व त्यांचे आजमितीस वय ९० इतके आहे. तसेच त्यांनी याही वयात तेथे सर्व प्रकारच्या सुखसोयी उपलब्ध करून ठेवलेल्या आहेत.समोर शाळा असल्यामुळे मुलांना गैरसोय होऊ नये म्हणून शाळेच्या मुलांना

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Understanding the Panvel Court Case

Moses Korekar



1 Exh. 95 Presented on : 27/10/2006 Registered on : 01/11/2006 Decided on : 28/01/2021 Duration : Y. M. D. : 14 2 27 BEFORE THE JOINT CHARITY COMMISSIONER, GREATER MUMBAI REGION, MUMBAI (Presided over by N. S. Pawar) In the matter of – Beth-EL-Synagogue, Panvel P.T.R. No. D-4 (Raigad) MISC. APPLICATION NO. 91 OF 2006 1. Shri Simon Samson Dighodkar, B/3/1 Ashoka Garde Co-Op. Society Sawarkar Chowk, Panvel 410 206 } 2. Shri. Isaac Benjamin Malekar 909/1, M.G.Road, Beth-EL-Synagogue, Panvel – 410 206 } ...Applicant V/s. 1. Mrs. Naomy Jojeph Massil Shubh Nirman Society, Plot No.1 Sector 3, New Panvel, Raigad } 2. Smt. Shera Moses Satamkar B-10-3-3-3, Sector 13, New Panvel, Raigad } 3. Smt. Yafa Reubn Kolatkar A/1, Mandar-Jyot Building, Old Thana Naka Road, Near Lion Garden, Panvel 410 206 }	2 4. Shri. Moses Elijah Jacob Korlekar Akshay 8 Steelman Society, Plot No.11 Sector 3, New Panvel, Raigad } 5. Shri. Solomon Nissim Palkar Sneha Sadan Bldg., Ground Floor, S. N. Electronics, Near Adarsh Lodge Bldg., Panvel 410 206 } 6. Shri. David Benjamin Chincholkar 909/1, M. G. Road, Beth-EL-Synagogue Panvel 410 206 } 7. Shri. Joshuva Yahuda Pingle M-52, Sector 7, Vashi, Navi Mumbai } 8. Shri. Isaac Yosef Mapgaokar 909/1, M. G. Road, Beth-EL-Synagogue Panvel 410 206 } 9. Shri. Solomon Moses Satamkar B-10-3-3-3, Sector 13, New Panvel, Raigad } 10. Smt. Merry Samuel Koletkar Neel Residency, Block No.102, 1st Floor, Sector 3, New Panvel, Raigad } 11. Smt. Ester Elias Divekar Purnima A-11, 1st floor, Plot No.25, Sector 2, New Panvel, Raigad } 12. Branch Manager, Dena Bank Panvel Branch Plot No.151, Patil Complex, 1st Floor, Near Rotary Circle, M.C.CHS Panvel – 410206 } 13. Asstt. Charity Commissioner, Raigad Region, Alibaug Raigadu Bldg., 1st floor, Near Post Office, Alibaug } 14. Elkan Nissim Palkar B/3 Golden Drem Arcade Near MTNL Exchange Bldg. Opp. P. N. G. Jewellers Panvel – 410 206 }	3 Appearance :- 1. Applicant No.1 Shri. Simon Samson Dighodkar in person. 2. Opponent No.4 Shri. Moses Elijah Jacob Korlekar in person JUDGMENT (Delivered on 28/01/2021) 1. The present Misc. Application No. 91 of 2006 is filed by Shri. Simon Samson Dighodkar & Shri. Isaac Benjamin Malekar both from Raigad praying therein to issue contempt notice to the opponents No. 1 to 7 & 12 and 8 to 11 to join hands with opponents No. 1 to 7 and 12. The applicants also prayed that directions be given to Opponent No.13 for investigating and reporting in the proceeding. Also administrator be appointed on the Trust administration. 2. The applicants' case is that the applicants are lawful authorized trustees of the Trust " Beth-EL-Synagogue, Panvel", having P.T.R. No. D-4 (Raigad) (hereinafter for the sake of brevity referred as "said Trust"). The applicants submit that the opponents No. 1 to 7 and 11 are encroachers not authorized members of the said Trust. Opponent No.12 is the Manager of Dena Bank, Panvel Branch. The applicants further submit that
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the opponents illegally operating S.B. A/c. No.6364 from the Trust Bank where as they have given an undertaking for not withdrawing the said amount to the Hon'ble Joint Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra State, Mumbai on 31/8/2004. In spite of such undertaking the amount was withdrawn on or about 14/7/2006. The applicants relied upon the said order marked and attached to the proceeding at Exh.A. The Trust is at Panvel having a place of worship for Jewish Community. The opponents No. 1 to 11 are not members nor trustees, illegally holding the administration of the Trust since 9/10/1999. The opponents broke and open the lock of the worship place, destroyed record of holy books and valuables and after forcible possession started illegal activities including collection of donations. The large amount is misappropriated by them. Letter-heads and receipts in the name of Trust are illegally printed by the opponents. The Opponents No. 1 to 3 opened saving bank account bearing No.6364 in Dena Bank, Panvel Branch in the year 2000. The illegal activities were time to time informed to the concerned authority. The Opponent No.13 Assistant Charity Commissioner, Raigad failed to control the opponents on the applicants' complaints. The Opponents No. 1 to 3 jointly withdraw approximately Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees

Seven Lakhs only) from the Saving Bank Account, Dena Bank, Panvel Branch on or about 14/7/2006 and used the amount for personal use causing wrongful loss to the Trust and wrongful gain to themselves. The applicants filed the complaint against the opponents under Section 41E challenged the election procedure adopted by the opponents, which is still pending. Vide this application the applicants are praying to initiate contempt proceeding against the opponents for violating the order dated 10/8/2005 of Joint Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra State, Mumbai in Application No. 9 of 2003 filed under Section 41E of The MPT Act.

3. Per contra the Opponents No. 1 to 11 filed their Written Statement at Exh. 18, wherein the opponents vehemently opposed the application stating therein that the applicants have not come before this authority with clear hands but have suppressed material facts from this authority. No contempt has been committed by the opponents violating any lawful order passed by the Hon'ble authority. Therefore, the question of issuing contempt notice does not arise. The opponents further submitted that the applicants are not the lawful trustees of the Trust. The applicants filed application No.

9 of 2003 under Section 41E which was disposed of on 10/8/2005 by Joint Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra State, Mumbai directing Assistant Charity Commissioner, Raigad to settle the voters list and conduct election. The said voters list was challenged by Writ Petition No.7435 of 2003 in the Hon'ble High Court, Bombay which was dismissed on 26/10/2005. The election was conducted and opponents No. 1 to 4, 7 to 11 were declared as trustees. Change Report to that effect is filed before Assistant Charity Commissioner, Raigad, which is pending, that the applicants are not the trustees of the Trust. The Opponents No. 1 to 11 except Opponents No. 5 to 8 are the trustees of the Trust and Opponents No. 5 & 6 were the previous trustees of the Trust. No encroachment on the Trust funds from the opponents, in fact the opponents were managing the affairs of the Trust. The interim order dated 31/8/2004 has merged in the final order dated 10/8/2005. So there is no question of contempt. As per the final order dated 10/8/2005 in Application No. 9 of 2003, the opponents were directed not to obstruct in the Trust activities. After election the elected body has taken charge of the Trust management and thereafter operated the Bank Account. The Bank Account No. 6364 in the Dena Bank, Panvel Branch was initially in the name of



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Points

Findings

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As per final order

As to Points No. 1 to 3.



disposed of. The applicants submit that this undertaking was violated by the opponents and withdrawn approximately Rs.7,00,000/- on or before 14/7/2006. The applicants have relied upon the Bank Pass-book for the S.B. Account No. 6364. On perusal of the said Pass-book at Exh.63 it seems that the account was closed on 14/7/2006 and the new account No.7514 with the Trust's name was opened from 14/7/2006 with the balance amount of Rs.4,45,585/-. Thus the withdrawal is not from the Bank A/c. No. 6364 but from Bank A/c. No.7514. As per the undertaking the opponents who was then administering the Trust had filed an application at Exh.29 of the proceeding No.9 of 2003 seeking permission for funds withdrawal for day to day administration up to amount Rs.85,900/-. No order was passed on the said application. But as per the final order dated 10/8/2005 which reads "1. Application is allowed. 2. Opponents are hereby restrained or not to interfere and obstruct in the activities of trust in question till any alternative arrangement is made under Sec.41E of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 to look after the trust affairs. 3. In view of Section 41A Assistant Charity Commissioner, Raigad is hereby directed to settle a valid voters list by hearing both the parties and aspirants if any and arrange to hold election of the

Trust under the supervision of Inspector or any other official as per the bye-laws of instrument of the Trust within 45 days from the date of passing of this order. 4. Inform Assistant Charity Commissioner, Raigad accordingly". Since the application at Exh.29 no order was passed, therefore it is rightly said by the opponents the interim order and the pending application got merged in the final order. It is the understanding where a de jure or de facto trustees are running the administration of the Trust required basic funds for the administration of the Trust and as per the undertaking, the application at Exh.29 was submitted by the opponents. Therefore, from the record before me I do not find any contempt done by the opponents or have violated any order of the authority appointed by Charity office. Therefore, I answer point No.1 in the negative.

Point No.2 for direction to opponents No. 13 Assistant Charity Commissioner, Raigad for inquiry and report. I submit that the order passed under Application No. 9 of 2003 with directions to Assistant Charity Commissioner, Raigad is sufficient. Application No. 9 of 2003 is already disposed of. Application No. 91 of 2006 which is before this authority can be sufficiently dealt with present documents in hand. Therefore, I do not find any further inquiry is necessary. As far as status of

the opponents is concerned, Change Report for the election held as per the directions in Application No. 9 of 2003 is still pending. Therefore, I answer Point No.2 in the negative.

6. As stated hereinabove there was direction for election in Application No. 9 of 2003. Elections were held. Change Report to that effect is pending. The body which is administering the Trust their locus yet to be decided. Whatever act they do they are accountable for the same. Therefore, presently I do not find it is necessary to appoint administrator on the Trust. I therefore answer Point No.3 in the negative.

7. However, seeing the present status of the administrative body of the Trust, I find it is necessary to direct the Assistant Charity Commissioner-V, Greater Mumbai Region, Mumbai to disposed of all the pending Change Reports expeditiously with the co-operation of either parties after giving proper hearing to both the parties, so that, a proper legal administrative body shall be appointed at the Trust for the better administration of the Trust. Hence, order.

ORDER

1. Misc. Application No. 91 of 2006 is rejected.

2. The Assistant Charity Commissioner-V, Greater Mumbai Region, Mumbai is hereby directed to dispose of all the pending Change Reports by 30/6/2021. No further extension shall be given.
3. Both the parties to co-operate the Assistant Charity Commissioner to dispose of all the pending Change Reports in the interest of Trust.
4. No order as to costs.



(Signature)
28/1/2021
(N. S. Pawar)
Joint Charity Commissioner,
Greater Mumbai Region, Mumbai.

Date – 28/01/2021
Place – Mumbai.



confirmed to be a True Copy

(Signature)
5-2-2021
Superintendent (J)
Public Trusts Registration Office
Greater Mumbai Region
Mumbai
5/2/2021

"Just Wait For The Sun."

When everything's darkness
And you feel so alone,
When the rain doesn't stop
And you can't make it home,
When it feels all is lost
And you just want to run,
It can't rain forever.
Just wait for the sun.

When family is pain,
When friends can't be found,
When you just want to scream
But you can't find the sound,
When it's all your fault,
And you feel like you're done,
Just wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

The storm always passes.
It won't last forever.
The rain always stops and gives way to good
weather.
The brightest and warmest of days still to
come.
Please wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

People who need you,
People who still love you
Can warm up your soul like the sunshine
above you.
You're never alone,
No matter what's done.
Wait for the sun.
Just wait for the sun.

Dark clouds always pass.
I promise you, hun.
We're all waiting with you.
Just wait for the sun.

Dedicated to all the solders at war in Israel
We are waiting for all of them to return.

Lisa Marks. "Just Wait For The Sun." Family
Friend Poems, March 11, 2020.
<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/just-wait-for-the-sun>

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Yohan,

This Shabbat marks the fourth week since the October 7 massacre, and the ongoing rocket attacks against Israeli citizens. This has been the most difficult month in Israel's history, and for many of us personally as well.

The collective strength and determination of Israelis and our community has helped shine some light amid the darkness, and we are deeply appreciative of your enduring commitment to our shared mission. The coming weeks and months likely promise to bring many difficult days, but I remain supremely confident that Israel will win this war and – because of our work together – Congress will remain steadfast in its support for the Jewish state.

Today, the IDF announced that it has begun operations inside Gaza City – the stronghold of Hamas. This urban battle is being waged inside one of the most complex war zones in modern history. Israel is facing an enemy that dresses in civilian clothes, hides behind and beneath women and children, and has no regard for human life.

This is an enemy that has proven to be the epitome of evil – and now Israeli soldiers must enter the hornet's nest. This isn't a battle Israel sought. Hamas started it. Now Israel must win it.

Destroying Hamas isn't just a military objective. It's about protecting Israeli families and restoring peace and security for millions of Israeli civilians. It's about proving to Israel's enemies – and to the world – that Israel cannot be destroyed. The people of Israel will live.

Our work on Capitol Hill is vital. The calls and emails to Congressional offices are having an impact.

This week the House passed \$14.3 billion for Israel's security. This important first vote is just the start of a long legislative process to ensure our leaders continue to stand with Israel and approve this critical emergency aid.

Congress also passed key legislation that will increase the pressure on Iran. This week, the House passed a bill, by a vote of 363 to 46, sanctioning foreign supporters of Hamas, and a resolution, by a vote of 354 to 53, putting the House on record that "all means necessary" should be used to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran. This morning, the SHIP Act passed by a vote of 342-69. This was one of our key agenda items, and it cuts off the flow of oil revenue to Iran – Hamas' principal backer.

The work ahead will be difficult, and we must continue to keep the attention and pressure on this issue by repeatedly calling and emailing our elected leaders.

The rallying cry across Israel is, "Together, we will win!" We are at the beginning of a long road. But all 3.3 million AIPAC members across the country are in it together. And we will win.

May God protect the brave soldiers of the IDF, provide comfort to the people of Israel, and safeguard those kidnapped by Hamas.

Am Yisrael Chai.

Michael Tuchin
AIPAC President

**Shaniwar Teli will be releasing two important Beme-Israel books in digital version.
Both the books can be printed by readers for their convenience or read then as PDF**

“धर्मोपदेश” सामसूम रऊबेन वॉल्वत्कार

This is a translation of the Torah in to Marathi. This book must be remembered by our older Marathi speaking generations.
तोराचा मराठीत केलेला हा अनुवाद आहे. हे पुस्तक आपल्या जुन्या मराठी भाषिक पिढ्यांनी लक्षात ठेवले पाहिजे.

Dear Readers ,

It was perhaps 1979 or 1980 when a well-dressed old man came to our home in Mumbai and asked for Jackie's children. My father was named Yacob (Jacob or Jack and therefore Jackie) Ezekiel Daniels Walwatkar.

I replied to the visitor, yes I am Leo, his son. He smiled and said, no dear your name is Elijah. Leo is just your pet name. I wondered who was the man knowing my father so well and also about my name. Meanwhile my younger sister Simha (Tamar) and brother Michael came out with my grandmother Rebecca Ezekiel Daniels Walwatkar.

Of course my grandmother recognized him and invited him in. He extended his hand and said I am Samson.

Yes, we had always heard his name from our father. Samson was like a father like person for my dad as his dad had died when he was two years old. My father called him Dada (I think) and said that he respected him like a father. Samson too, who sat now with us said that loved Jackie as his eldest son. That is the only time we ever met him. He had come to India from Israel.

It was then he gave me a used copy of this book. He said this book was given to him by an old friend in India who could not read any more. Samson said that the book was in Marathi. These days all the community children study in English and therefore this book has lost its value. He said his own children could not appreciate the book as his children too had studied in English schools. But the book was his own work and dear to him, he would like Jackie's family to have a copy (Jackie had passed away in 1978).

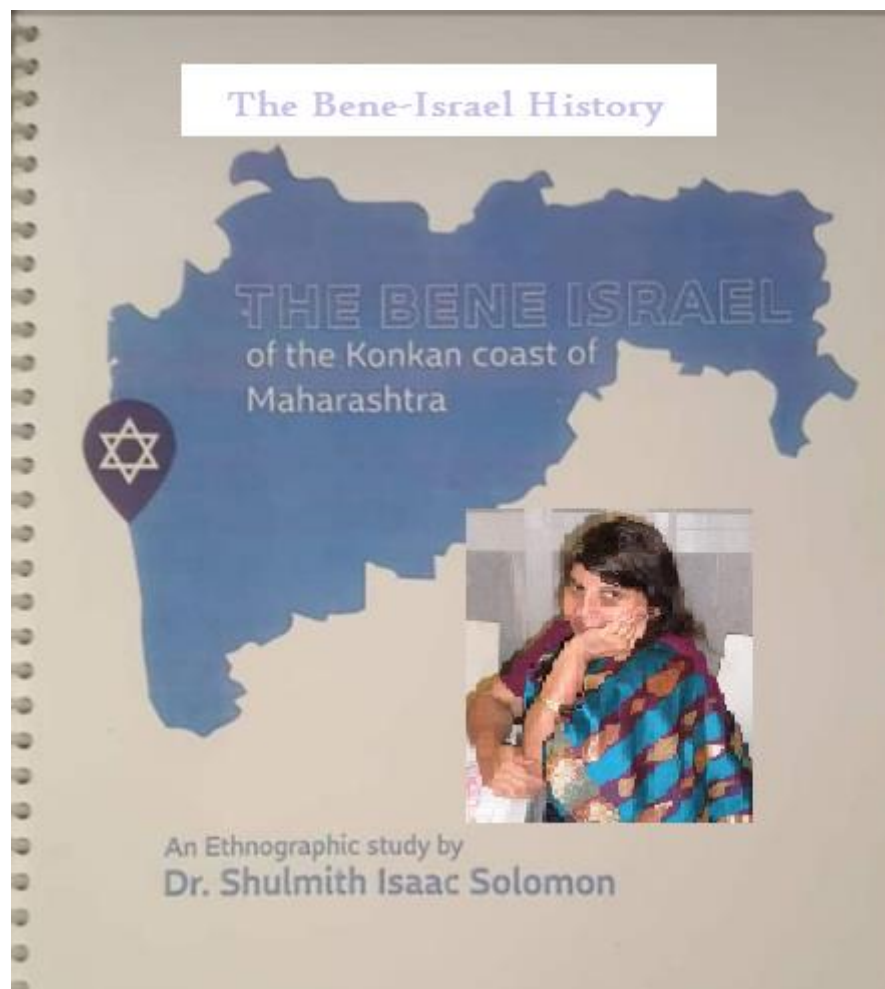
This book remained with us somewhere until my wife Sarah came in to our family in 1984. She being from Shavaji Park and an expert in Marathi, she was very excited to discover this book. She carried it with us to Israel.

After retirement, when we decided to start the 'Shaniwar Teli' e-Newsletter we were exposed to the history of Bene-Israel. But I did not find a single mention of this exclusive book of Samson Walwatkar.

So I have decided to convert this book, as is in a digital format so that people can read it on their laptop, or print out a copy (cover page missing).

This book is dedicated to the love affection and respect between Dada and Jackie. Hope our Bene-Community Marathi readers will enjoy this.

Elijah (Leo) Daniels



The first ever Ethnographic Study of Bene-Israel Community

Ethnography, descriptive study of a particular human society or the process of making such a study. Contemporary ethnography is based almost entirely on fieldwork and requires the complete immersion of the anthropologist in the culture and everyday life of the people who are the subject of his study.

Many ethnographers reside in the field for a year or more, learning the local language or dialect and, to the greatest extent possible, participating in everyday life while at the same time maintaining an observer's objective detachment. This method, called participant-observation, while necessary and useful for gaining a thorough understanding of a foreign culture, is in practice quite difficult. Just as the anthropologist brings to the situation certain inherent, if unconscious, cultural biases, so also is he influenced by the subject of his study.

But Dr. Shulmith Isaac Solomon (now Charikar) is one of us and therefore it would be very interesting to read her research.

Regarding memorial of Kehimkar, we are waiting for David Talegaokar to update if this memorial can be made in the school.

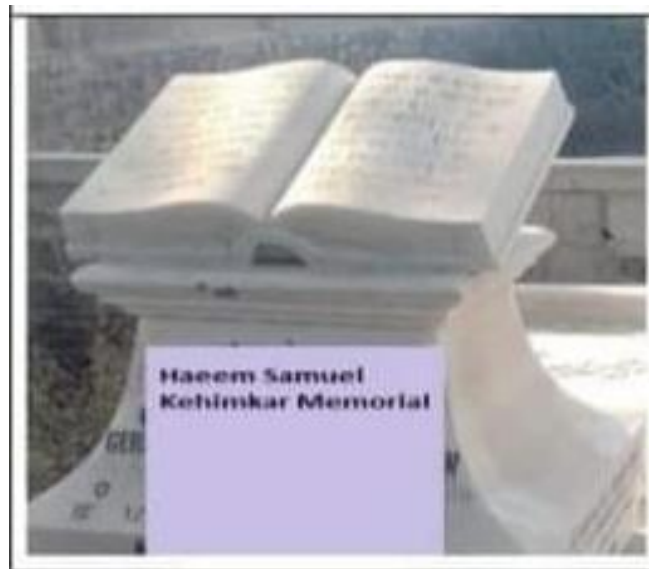
If we do not get the permission to do so, we will then request Herzl Bhonkar, current President or RJA to allow the memorial of Kehimkar in one of the following places;

1. Alibaug Synagogue Compound
2. Navgao Cemetery
3. Elijah's Taap

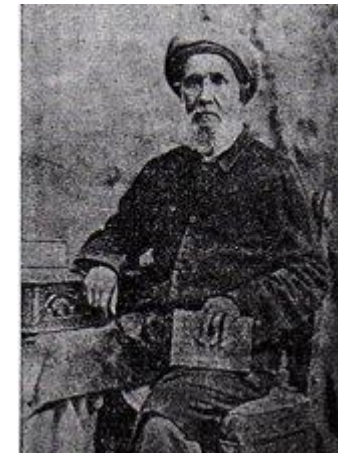
Where ever RJA finds it suitable. We hope they will approve. Kehimkar was born in Alibaug.

Mr. Nissim Moses have already committed \$ 1000 and some 20 more community members have approved \$ 100 per year (so far).

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Immediate Family:
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Father of Dr. Abraham Kehimkar; Shmuel Kehimkar; Rebecca Kehimkar; Joseph Kehimkar; Leah Kehimkar and 3 others
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Shaniwar Teli's 'Wall of Fame'

Shaniwar-Team team always honors our Bene-Israel community members who do something for the community. This 90 years old man has shown the world the power of one man and what he can do alone for his community. We are so happy we are closing this e-newsletter with celebration such a brave man of our community.



Mr. Moses David Varsulkar, age 90,
from Zambhulpada



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I can understand a war for Food
I can understand a war for Water
I can understand a war for Land
I can understand a war for Power
I can understand a war for Social Rights
I can understand the war against Poverty
But
I am Sorry
I can't understand a war for Religion

Princess Diana