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Miracles Do Happen!



During December 2019, we had visited the Worli cemetery. It was full of long grass growing all over the place covering the graves, especially those on the sides. The trees were growing like in jungle with branches damaging the lamps and electric wires. The building had lost plaster and paint. The path almost no where visible except in the center of the graveyard.

I stood there for a moment and thought what was the 'Worli Cemetery Committee' (WCC) doing. But then I thought all this will need some Rs. fifty lacs to bring this cemetery to a normal state. And I know our community cannot raise this amount and how the hand of WCC were tied. With no funds nothing can be maintained.

Standing there in those moments I thought "There is no hope for this cemetery" and left. I was just one of the hundreds who came to this cemetery every year and left thinking there was no hope.

But we all were proven wrong by one Mother & Son. Hanna was buried in Worli cemetery and she told her son to change the face of her "Permanent Resident"! Then a "**Hanukah Miracle**" occurred. ***Hanna's son Sion heard the voice of her mother's soul!***

Sion Charikar was born with a golden spoon in his mouth in Bombay and grew up living facing the Worli sea. He left home at age 18 in 1991 and immigrated to Ramle in Israel as he wanted to stand on his own feet. He finished his army service when he met his wife at an Indian restaurant in Ramle and today they have three children, two daughters 26 and 22 and son age 9.

His father was associated with Naaz cinema for 45 years. Therefore Sion is a personal designer of few big names in Bollywood. He designs clothes for actors or "personal designer dress" for movie promotions. A very professional job. You will find his pictures with every Bollywood actors on his FB.

God choose Sion through
his mother to perform
MIRCALE
for Bene-Israel / Shaniwar
Teli community's 8000
graves!



We received this image sent by father of a 12 year old Bene-Israel girl. Her mother passed away when she was eight and was buried in Worli Cemetery. They wanted Shaniwar Teli to add this image to our Facebook page and share it with all the Bene-Israel community. She had depicted Sion as an Angel for his beautifying the Worli cemetery first time since 1929.



We tried very hard to convince the family to let us announce the name of the girl but they did not agree. The family was sad about the cemetery as their family's mother lay there neglected. They had never expected that Sion Charikar would be sent by God to beautify their mother's home as, Angel Sion. The girl compared him to Eliahoo Hanavi who had come to save the Jews in 175 BCE in Navgao that created the "Rock of Elijah". See the story below in this issue "WHO FIRST NOTICED THE "ELIJAH ROCK" IN RIAGAD?"

To a stranger in our life! – A Shradhanjali 🙏

Why I will not miss Lata Mangeshkar!

How can you MISS someone you have never met, yet someone who has been a part of your every SPECIAL moment of your LIFE?

When, as a CHILD, you woke up with ' JAGO MOHAN PYARE ' and closed your EYES to ' AA JAA RI AA, NINDIYA TU AA, when ' BACCHE MAN KE SATCHE made you feel GOOD about YOURSELF, when ' HUMKO MAN KI SHAKTI DENA from Guddi made you relive your own naughty CLASSROOM moments?....

When ' SOLAH BARAS KI BALI UMAR' was the BLOSSOMING of the first CRUSH you had? When the pain of ' AJEEB DASTAN HAI YE' stirred the DEEPEST chord of your HEART or when one could feel the ABANDONMENT of a freed SPIRIT through ' AAJ PHIR JEENE KI TAMANNA HAI? ' When BEETI NA BITAYE RAINA made you NOSTALGIC, when one felt the HELPLESSNESS of ' TERE BINA ZINDAGI SE KOI SHIKAWA NAHIN ' ? or when one ENJOYED the SAUCINESS of ' BAHON MEIN CHALE AAO ' .?

Or when every time of the COUNTLESS times one heard " AYE MERE WATAN KE LOGON' the TEARS just flowed down one's CHEEKS? ' .

Her latest ' TERE LIYE HUM HAIN JIYE ' understandably, not her best, yet brought out the DESPERATION and pain of UNREQUITED love, a FEAT only LATA DIDI could achieve.

LATA DIDI is ' ANADI, ANANT ' .. TIMELESS, ETERNAL!

She has only TRANSCENDED our WORLD leaving us with an unlimited TREASURE of SONGS that generations can SAVOUR, into another world where she can continue to SING and ENTHRAL the GOD'S who now DESERVE their SHARE of HER too!

BUT You will always be in our heart LATA DIDI 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

(This is not our original work. We have taken it from Whatapp forwards sent to us by Shaul Apte from Ramle.)



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As always we thank Siona Benjamin for letting us use her blue expressions with Indian Jewish birth while growing up in western society. The impressions and confusions she so well expresses.

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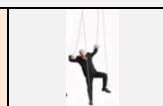
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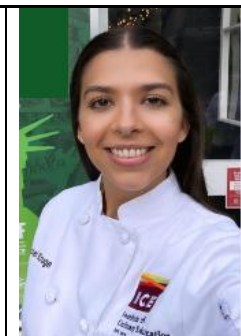
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Rachel Sophia Kruge, daughter of Siona Benjamin who is a culinary expert and freelance marketer currently working for The Clio Awards



Clio Awards is an award show that celebrates innovation and creativity in the advertisement industry.

Her mother, an Indian-Jewish artist from Mumbai, immigrated to America in 1986. Raised in Montclair, New Jersey, Rachel was surrounded by a mix of Indian, Jewish, and American family traditions growing up, which would become the roots of her passion for food, culture, and transculturalism.

Rachel received her BBA in Marketing and Advertising from Pace University in 2016 and a Culinary Arts diploma from the Institute of Culinary Education in 2021 with a concentration in health-supportive studies. Before Clio, Rachel worked in roles at The Food Network,

Cosmopolitan Magazine, and Zenith Media. Today, she continues to grow her experience as a chef and influencer in the culinary space. Looking to explore her cultural roots, Rachel plans to travel to Israel in 2022, where she will document the cuisine and traditions of the Bene-Israel, a community of Jews traditionally from India. (See her page below).

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Letters

Shaniwar Teli, what kind of newsletter do you make? I don't understand if it is a comic or a reading magazine with so many pictures. Almost every page has pictures.
Samuel Gadkar

Thank you for this question as indeed we do practice one a most modern method to make our issue attractive, especially to younger generation.

Have you heard of Graphic designing?

“Graphic design is the process of communicating visually using typography and images to present information”

You're asking this question proves that you noticed a difference.



Regarding “Wall of Fame for Bene-Israel” we loved the idea itself and your team’s choice of people seems most apococate keeping in mind only the contributions made towards the community. However it is incomplete with- out “Wall of Fame for Bene-Israel Women” There are no Bene-Israel women who deserve to be mentioned?

Benjamin Ruben

Thank you for appreciating the idea and agreeing with our team’s selections. Yes, you are correct. We need to respect our mothers too. We will work on this and this project will be handled by Dr. Shulmith Solomon Charikar herself (our Editor) along with Mr. Nissim Moses and other senior members of the community including Noah Massil. If you or any other reader have someone in mind please let us know by emailing to: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

Your article on “Why Do Jews Not Eat Pork” quietly explained how Pigs are grown on false floor in Israel that lets Israeli’s believe that really pigs are not cultivated on Israel land.

We do not agree to this eyewash arrangement. We just don’t understand why one Jewish country cannot keep pigs away when 19 Muslim countries are doing it for years.

Why did the Muslim countries not agree to make false floor to cultivate pigs for their Christian citizens. What is worst is that the main eaters of white meat (pork meat) are the Jews from Russia.

Ross Edward Cohen
Jews for People of God

Shaniwar Teli: No comments.



**Regarding page 53 of your volume #9
“Multi-Ethnic Museum in Jerusalem”
when will it open?
Avichai Divekar**

The Structure of the Multi Ethnic Museum is currently undergoing refurbishment as it is an old German Gothic Structure- by a reputed Israel Architectural Firm. It is expected to be completed in about two years.

Nissim Moses

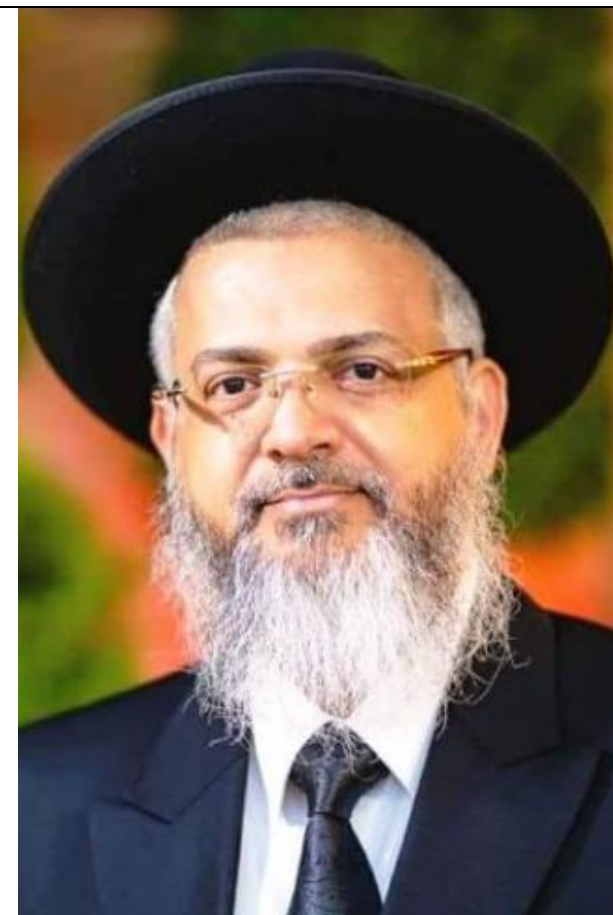
**Where can I read all the previous
Shaniwar Teli e-Newsletters?
Moran Pingle**

Please follow the link;
<https://thejewsofindia.com/category/bene-israel-2/shaniwar-teli-enewsletter/>

If you go the website of “The Jews of India” from New York, under “Bene-Israel “you can see all the issues. We can also send them to you if you send us your email. You can also find each issue in a different photo album on the Facebook. [\(2\) Wbwo Daniels | Facebook](#)

**What is this nonsense about “The Birth of Forgiveness” in your issue? You are trying to prove that human’s invented Forgiveness? Forgiveness is a virtue that God has given us. Forgiveness is kindness. It was God’s kindness (forgiveness) towards Adam and Eve that he did not destroy them but asked them to leave the garden of Eden. It was God who asked Noah to save all the living creatures in his boat. It was kindness of God that saved Isaac being killed by his father. Kindness and forgiveness is one of the greatest virtues God gave to his people. It was never invented as you have tried to put it.
Abi Judha**

Shaniwar Teli: The article on page 84 on this topic; we Shaniwar Teli did express our thoughts / concerns in the beginning of the article. It was printed as the article comes from a famous and respected personality. It is not always that we understand what really is written as a wise person understands. We won’t want to make any comments.



Very sad for us this passing away of
Rabbi Shmuel Ben Shalom Divekar
who was our religious advisor.
He had strictly instructed us not to add and
images of Hindu gods in our newsletters. He
would quickly answers all readers’ questions
May his eternal soul R.I.P
BARUKH DAYAN HA EMET

शुभेच्छा!
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आहे !!

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शालोम (डुकर) झात्झोकल *

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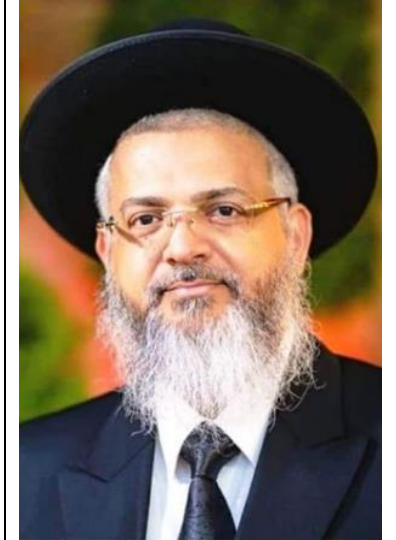
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יהודה בן-רבי שמואל זצוק"ל בן-שלום
(דיוקר)



Very sad for us this passing away of
Rabbi Shmuel Ben Shalom Divekar

Please buy this book that is unique and nothing like this is available. Hebrew & Marathi.

कृपया हे पुस्तक खरेदी करा जे अद्वितीय आहे आणि असे काहीही उपलब्ध नाही. हिब्रू आणि मराठी

אנא קנו את הספר הייחודי הזה ושום דבר כזה לא זמין. עברית ומרתי

Activists stage protest in front of Indian Embassy, demanding neglected historical burial grounds be regulated to preserve more than 2,000 years of Jewish history in the subcontinent of India.



[Indian Israelis furious as abandoned Jewish cemeteries laid waste \(ynetnews.com\)](https://www.ynetnews.com)

A shattered tombstone emblazoned with a Star of David in Panvel, India
(Photo: Golan Chariker Shriker)

Dear GB,

I have visited the these Cemeteries, Yes, the Government should have Regulations Vandalizing-Preventing the Damage, Blatant Encroachment and Stealing of Land and Stone Slabs from the Graveyards. But, also on the other hand the community in India should know that the land for several cemeteries was donated by Jewish Community Well Wishers, but also several Cemeteries in India; had land donated (especially in the Bombay area by The Government to the community on a long term lease till the cemetery filled up and then after say another say 50 to 90 years the cemetery land would revert to the government and in many cases These properties were reassigned for other purposes such as a garden at Nagpada, Bombay, or Housing, or Shopping centers. What these people are protesting about is the vandalizing of the graves & often destruction. by building constructors from

the surrounding neighborhood. But, the security for these cemeteries should be provided for by the community itself. By the Way there are two other natural problems concerning the cemeteries; which are there any way. One is weathering effects. Due to the rough weather of heavy rainfall and summer heat & winter cool weather on many of the graves one cannot read names or details of the person engraved on it after say five to ten years. In Delhi, where my wife and mother are buried I had to send a friend of mine to re-engrave/color the lettering every two to three years. Due to the heavy rain as the graves in India are built after eleven months as the ground sinks/settles. But a much more severe problem is that the burial records are maintained very badly. For example I managed to obtain the Worli Cemetery Burial Records, To my utter Shock I found the following:

1. Some 20 percent of the records had severe water damage-so the data recorded was unreadable.
2. Some 20 percent of the records were destroyed by worm eaten damage-again undecipherable records.

3. Another 20 percent was hand written in Marathi where a Spider or Cockroach could probably write more legibly.

4. Further irrelevant information like the last place of residence of the deceased is recorded- possibly that when the person arises with the coming of the Messiah he might want to return to his last place of residence.

Then another problem; Though there is a very Kind & Dedicated Family in the Konkan Region who serve/have volunteered/dedicated their time & energy to maintaining the cemeteries & synagogues and are even repairing a synagogue in Ambepur. There are BI's who ask why are they doing this there are no more any Jews living in that neighborhood. Yes a solution has to be found, but not through Protests & Demonstrations but through mutual cooperation between the Government, Municipalities, & all others concerned.

Regards

Nissim Moses

Historian Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene Israel Genealogy Research

Dear Leo.

Today I have received below photos and videos from My dear friend Sion Charikar whose entire family is doing the beautification of Worli Jewish Cemetery. I have seen the work myself.

What a change. Unable to believe my own eyes....What it was earlier and what it is NOW. Credit goes entirely to only Respected Babuji Charikar and all his children. Hashem Bless the family.

I can confidently mention on this platform. "Yeh toh Trailer hai Picture abhi baaki hai....."

As Sion's mom must be so happy same with my Parents and my In-laws.

God Bless the entire family.

With Best Regards
Sinora Yeheal Kolatkar
India

Hi Leo,

The work that is been going on is really great and commendable we are thankful to Sion. The cemetery was in as disasters state and no one thought about rectifying the situation.

Be sided the good work that is done at the Worli cemetery that is great but have you any idea that if any old graves are not destroyed, just worried (most of the old graves are decaying or run down condition).

A reader (we know the person)



Dear Reader,

As much as we understand wherever cleaning is done, new graves are appearing, and Sion told me in such cases they try to preserve them.

Around the wall where the buildings exist, the gutter water was let into the grave yard and a lot of garbage thrown on it.

This has been going on for the last many years, and so all the graves there have sunk into the mud. Nothing much to do there.

Extreme weather condition plays an important role and most of thhe graves are in a dilapidated state. Most of the engraved graves cannot be read after five to ten years



This area and graves were never seen in last 25/26 yrs now they are alive n exit

15-27

Dear Readers, We at Shaniwar Teli E newsletter would like to wish all of you A Happy Passover. With Passover round the corner Spring cleaning must have started in all your homes. This time we all will be able to celebrate Passover with our extended families .Some may also travel to new locations. With all this we have to be aware of the new COVID-19 variant BA 2. In Israel most of the people have received the third vaccine and some even the fourth. So stay safe and Happy Passover. Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24th February 2022 is considered as a war of aggression. It has triggered largest refugee and humanitarian crises. Western countries have imposed sanctions on Russian. We hope and pray that this war will end soon. We were deeply shocked to hear about the passing of our Rav Shmuel Ben-Shalom Divekar. It was a great pleasure working with Rav S . Divekar. He was our true mentor. He guided us with his knowledge, wisdom, perspective and integrity. He helped us achieve our goals an always sent us valuable information on religion which we included in our E-newsletter. We also wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the Kolet family on the demise of Dr. Baruch Kolet (mohel) on 23rd of March 2022 in Thane (Mumbai). Our thoughts, prayers and well- wishes to all the members of the Divekar and Kolet family during this dark time in their lives. On the other hand we cannot ignore the massive beautification of the Worli cemetery by the family of Sion Charikar. This work is still going on for last three months and is expected to continue. Our facebook has been updating the progress to all the Bene-Israel as there are no Bene-Israel families whose family members are not buried in the Worli cemetery.	Dear Readers, Happy Passover! 100 years from now Passover will still be celebrated but will it be celebrated in the Bene-Israel ways? With diminishing Bene-Israel population in India and disappearing Marathi speaking population from Israel and Canada; the Bene-Israel community is intermingling rapidly with the other dominant groups of Jews. Bene-Israel religious Jews choose one of the major Sephardic traditions and assimilate in it. It is not unusual now to see Bene-Israel wearing a kipa all the time and others who dress in black and with black hat. The women too adapted to accordingly. A regular Bene-Israel open-minded Jews marry in different Jewish communities; Russians, Americans, Ethiopians, Europeans and Latin Americans and their children and grandchildren are far from being Bene-Israel. We then thought to have an essay competition on this subject. We asked ORT India to help us sponsor this competition by \$ 600. As it is an educational project, ORT management so kindly agreed. See details at the end of the newsletter in Hebrew English & Marathi.
 Our facebook has been updating the progress to all the Bene-Israel as there are no Bene-Israel families whose family members are not buried in the Worli cemetery. Dr. Shulmith Charikar	 Do participate not just to win \$ 600 but to let us know your thoughts where we Bene-Israel will be 100 years from now. Elijah (Leo) Daniels

Living Legend of the Bene-Israel Community

This time the whole Bene-Israel community will agree that there was no better choice than **Sion Charikar** to be chosen and declared winner of this title.

This amazing man from Ramle took on himself to clean and beautify the whole of Worli Cemetery all by himself with the help of his father Babuji Ranamin Charikar and using his hard earned money.

He has not just cleaned the whole cemetery where 8000+ graves lay, he has trimmed all the trees, repaired all the lightings so that the funerals can be held in nights too, cleaned and replaced the water piping system, repairing & painting the prayer building where dead body is placed, repairing the gates and lighting it. He has not just stopped there. He started repairing damaged graves, one by one, washing and cleaning them and sprinkled flowers.

All this for his mother whose eternal resting place was from June 2021. She always loved to live in a clean and well maintained home. So she requested her son to clean her new home which is her eternal resting place

Sion says his mother was his best friend and his respect and love has no boundaries or limits.



Late Mrs. Hanna Rahamim Charikar



Celebration of Passover in the Bene Israel Tradition

Nissim Moses is the historian for the Bene Israel Heritage & Genealogy Research

The Bene Israel community originated in Maharashtra in India. According to their tradition, they arrived on the Konkan Coast, south of presentday Mumbai, in approximately 175 BCE. Some date this back to an even earlier date.

Like other diaspora Jews, the Bene Israel celebrated the festival of Passover for eight days, with two Seder nights. In the second part of the twentieth century, it became common practice to perform the first Seder with family and to organize a communal Seder for the second night.

In India, as is common in all Jewish communities, preparations for Passover started with a general house cleaning. Winter clothes and linens were also stored away at this time. Then it became time for the preparation of matzoh for the entire festival. In days gone by, these were prepared at home by the women of the house for the whole week. Each family prepared about one hundred matzot or more depending upon the size of the family. When the “joint family” system still operated, the women of the house cooperated in



making the matzoh, but with the advent of the twentieth century and nuclear family units, sisters and sisters-in-laws would go to each others' houses over the ten day period prior to Passover and cooperate in preparing the matzoh together, but then returned home to their own individual families. Once ready, the women put all the matzoh they made in a large clean bed sheet, which they hung from the ceiling of one of the rooms in the house. During the Passover week, the required amounts were taken down and consumed daily. Of course, they also made the three special "shmura matzot" for the Seder. On the night before Passover, all the hametz was removed from the house. This custom was different from other Jewish communities, in which the hametz is sold to a non-Jew but still kept in the house. In India, the special vessels, dishes and plates used only for Passover were taken out, and dipped in hot and cold water to kasher them for use in the Passover week. Other vessels were put away in a separate locker. Further, during the Passover week no dried red masala but only fresh green masala would be used as spices for the food. A day or so prior to Passover, the family would purchase all the special items for the Passover Seder.

Kiddush wine was made from black currants and shira (haroset) was made by each family for the Seder. The shank bone (zero'ah) was prepared from the right foreleg of a goat or sheep only. Some other Jewish communities used a chicken bone, but this was considered to be an unacceptable alternative by the Bene Israel.

Like other Oriental Jews, the Bene Israel never dropped the wine from a cup onto a plate while reciting the ten plagues. They instead would purchase a new earthenware clay pot and a new inexpensive small wine glass for the Seder each year. The reader used both of these during the Seder only. The wine was dropped into the clay pot while reciting the plagues. The clay pot and the wine glass were then broken and thrown away. As in other Jewish communities, the first-born son of all Bene Israel families would fast from early morning until the Seder service on the eve of Passover.

Among the Bene Israel who lived in the Konkan villages and small towns of the West Coast of India, families would slaughter a goat for the Passover meal (information provided by Noah Masilof). As soon as the goat was slaughtered, the blood would be smeared on the palm of the hand and imprinted on the door of every Bene Israel home in the area. The custom evolved so that

later on, the imprint of the hand was made on paper instead of directly on the door.

Each family would post this on their door, as was done by the ancestors of the Hebrews on the night of Passover.

The basic Bene Israel Seder service is very similar to that of other Jews elsewhere, with a few exceptions. Prior to the passage of “Ha Lachmania”, the Seder plate is held by all and lifted and rocked and then set down. This is repeated three times after which the traditional four questions of “Ma-Nish Tana” are asked by the youngest in the family. The Bene Israel particularly revere Elijah the Prophet whom they believe went to heaven from a spot in the Konkan outside Mumbai (Khandala). Because of this rather special connection to Elijah, when he ‘visits’ each home, the young children are particularly excited. The rest of the service continues in a manner similar to most traditional communities. After the formal Seder service, the festive meal is eaten. This is followed by grace after the meal and then the Bene Israel conclude by singing festive songs.

Pesach kiddush wine ingredients: 0.25 kg Black currants • 2-3 Glasses of water

Method: Add the water to the currants and let it soak overnight. The next day, boil the water and black currants together. The currants will bloat. After boiling, allow the water to cool. Squeeze the juice out of the currants with gloved hands. Add about 1.5 glasses of water a little at a time. The final mixture should be sweet. Then strain the mixture with a fine clean cloth. Pour the juice into a jug or a bottle and keep in the refrigerator for a few hours.



Interesting history: Seder 1981 BINA

Curtesy :Sam & Erna Daniel, NJ, USA

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see last pages

Seder--1981.

Dr. and Mrs. George Abraham invited the Indian Jewish Community to a Seder at their Riverdale home on Sunday April 19, 1981. This was an occasion of great felicity and significance to all of us who were present.

All Seders are basically the same, however each Jewish Community has its own special Minhag-customs and melodies. For those of us who attended and participated in this Seder, it was a very nostalgic experience which brought back fond memories of the old times when we were in India. People came to this Seder from Canada and from Boston, besides from the five Boroughs of New York. We had the good fortune of having Mrs. Segulla Abraham, the 83 year old mother of Dr. George Abraham with us. Mr. David Abraham, better known as David, the doyen of Indian Actors graced the occasion with his presence and contributed immeasurably to the gathering with his lively witticism. Mr. Freddie Abraham with his wife Ester and their two children, Mr. Victor Abraham with his wife Dinah and their two children, Mr. Ezekiel Reuben with his wife Hannah and their daughter were all present. Mrs. Shegulla Abraham, Mr. David Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Abraham and their children and Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Reuben and their daughter, all came from Canada to this Seder. Those who are not known to the Abrahams would like to know that David is the uncle, Freddie and Victor are the brothers and Hannah is the sister of Dr. George Abraham. Others who attended the Seder were : Jimmy and Sylvia Benjamin Bhonkar, Samuel and Erna Daniel, Jerry and Beth Daniel and their two children, Elijah and saida Jhirad, Daniel and June Penkar, Joh and Sophie Perry and their two children, Mr. Marc Rattner, Mrs. Edna Samson and her two children, Shellim and Judy Samson and their child, Sion and Sandy Samuel, Rachel Samuel and Gerri Zatlou.

It is traditional with the Abraham family to get together and celebrate Passover and to open their hearts and their homes to the members of the Jewish Community. All this made this Seder more special and memorable. The special features of the Bene-Israel Minhag are the beautiful chants for the Kiddush, the lively hymns of Zurmishelo sung after dinner and before Birkhat Hamazon and the joyous melodies of the Halell, melodies with which none others can compete in beauty and song.

The children who have had the benefit of Hebrew education in the West and in Israel enriched the reading of the Haggadah with the Ashkenazi tunes for the Manishtana-Halailah.

Wine as usual was plentiful on this occasion and the food was excellent. Our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. George Abraham.

It is hoped that Jews Of Indian origin will consider joining the Abrahams for Seder next year and help to make it another memorable occasion. Bina plans several gatherings which the Community will be kept informed about and it is hoped that these gatherings will be as well attended as this Seder.

All present express their deep gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. GeorgerAbraham for making this Seder so very meaningful in keeping with the long tradition of the Abraham family and we thank them for their gracious hospitality.

Samuel M. Daniel.

Samuel M. Daniel
Secretary-BINA.

BINA = Congregation Bina

Did you know that “Tomb of Rachel/Rahel “was built by money sent by the Bene-Israel Community in 1856?

Curtesy: Sam & Erna Daniel, NJ, USA

Inscribed on the wall of Rachel'tomb is the following plaque since 1864;

"This well was made possible through a donation from our esteemed brothers, the Bene-Israel who dwell in city of Bombay, may the Lord bless that place.*

In honor of the whole congregation of Israel who come to worship at the gravestone for the tomb of our matriarch Rachel may her memory rest in peace.

Amen

In the year 5625 /1864"

***A prehistoric tomb having a well or shaft for an entrance.**

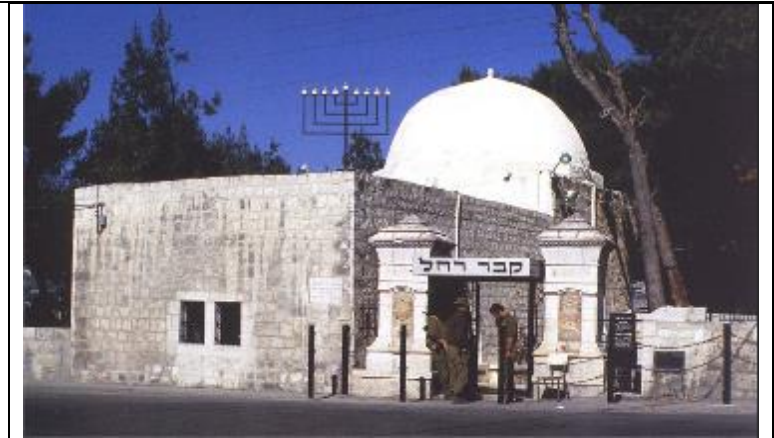
This amazing article tells us about Shaniwar Teli / Bene-Israel history from 1856.

In the issue #6 of Asian Jewish Life pages 10-13 Dr. Shaiva Well from Hebrew university wrote about her research where found Bene-Israel collected and sent money to build the “Tomb of Rachel”

Her research is based on the visit of Rabbi Yaacov Sapir's from Safet to India in 1856 that he logged in amazing details.

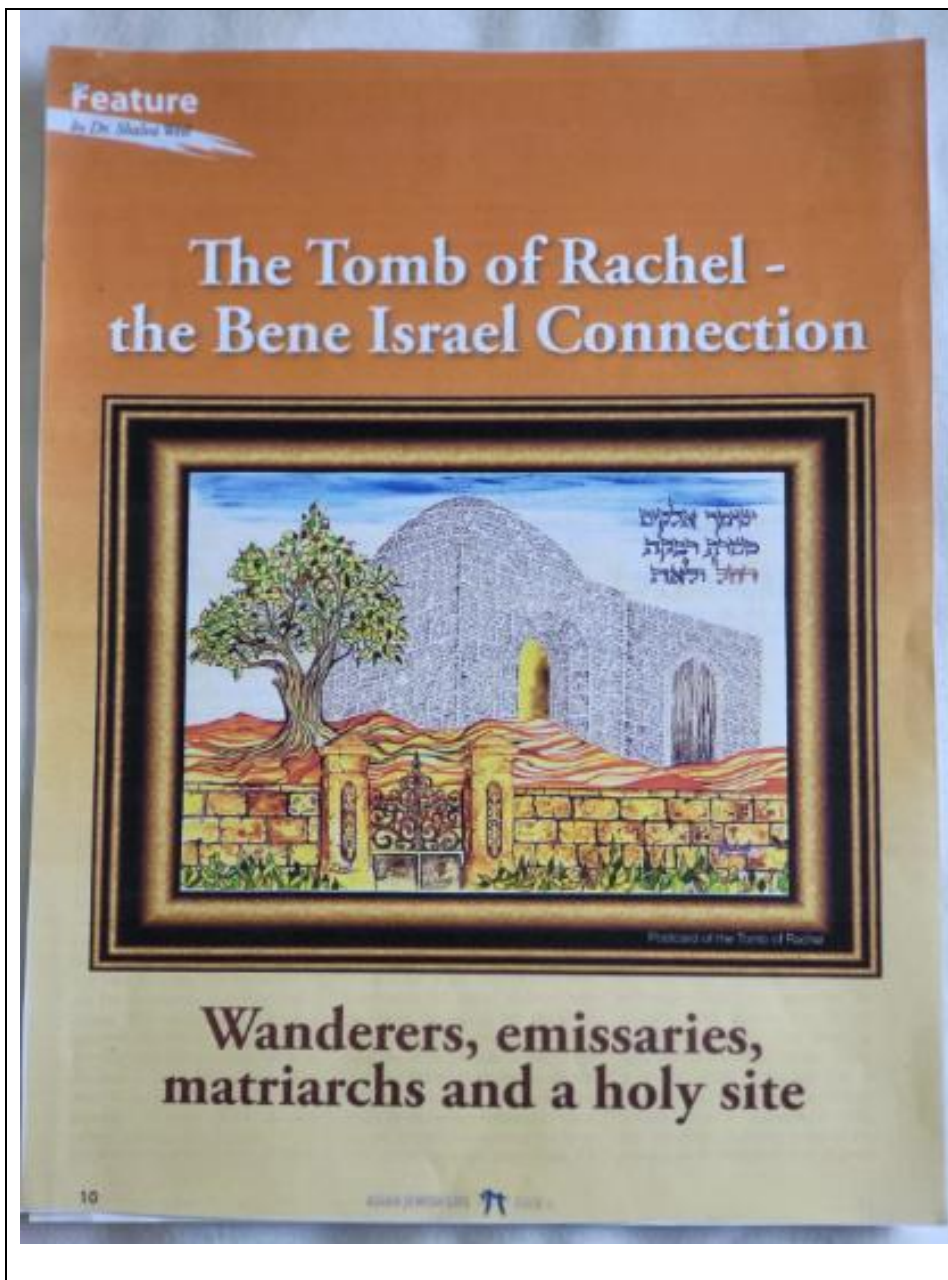
Rabbi Yaacov Sapir's records show that Bene-Israel Jews knew about the grave of Rachel and had collected money to help build a tomb for her. Rabbi Sapir himself carried the money back to Palestine.

Please read the original article below.



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Feature: The Tomb of Rachel – The Bene Israel Connection Wanderers, emissaries, matriarchs and a holy site by Dr. Shalva Weil

In 1856, Rabbi Yaacov Sapir, an emissary from Eretz Israel, departed on a five-year tour of far-flung Jewish communities, including Yemen, India, Australia and New Zealand. Sapir had been born in Oshmiany near Wilna, but his parents, fired by messianic and religious motivations, had come to Palestine and settled in Safed. Upon his return to Jerusalem from his long mission, he published an amazingly detailed travel log, with first-hand descriptions of the life of the Yemenite Jews, as well as the appearance of the pseudo-Messiah Judah ben Shalom. In 1866, he published an invaluable work called "Even Sapir" in which he details all three communities of Indian Jews: the Bene Israel, the Baghdadis who had settled in Bombay (today Mumbai) and Calcutta, and the Cochin Jews.

In 1859, Rabbi Sapir stayed six months in Bombay. He was hosted by the Baghdadi community, but, as opposed to other emissaries, he also visited the poorer Bene Israel, who claimed they had arrived in India in a shipwreck sometime around 175BCE. He wrote that he was moved to find out more about the “lost” tribes of Israel “who are called Bene Israel”. The reference was to the ten lost tribes exiled by the Assyrians in the eighth century BCE. He found that the Bene Israel knew about the Jewish religion and were not totally cut off from other Jews; they were also messianic.

He wrote: “And they knew that there are other Jews and the land of Israel, and Jerusalem, and the destruction of the Temple, and that when the Messiah comes they will be redeemed and gathered together in Jerusalem...and they also give charity and donations to the poor of Israel and to messengers who come from Palestine for this purpose.” Although some scholars believe that he was actually referring to the wealthier Baghdadi Jews in Bombay, who were well-known for giving charity, and were a regular stop for emissaries from Palestine, it is also very probable that he was also writing about the Bene Israel community, who displayed generosity despite their modest means.

One of the causes to which the Bene Israel of Bombay contributed was the Tomb of Rachel. This tomb marks the very spot where the Biblical matriarch Rachel died in childbirth on the road to Bethlehem. In the Book of Genesis (35:19-20) it is written: “And Rachel died, and was buried on the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel’s grave unto this day.” Muhammad al-Idrisi, the 12th century Muslim geographer confirmed that: “On the road between Bethlehem and Jerusalem is the Tomb of Rachel, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin.”

The tomb has been the site of pilgrimage and prayer for Jews in the Diaspora for more than three thousand years. Throughout the centuries, Jews from all over the world visited the tomb, and sent funds to help renovate and maintain it. It was such a revered site that even Jews in far-flung countries, as far away as India, longed to pray there and felt connected to the place.

However, as with many Jewish religious sites, and particularly with respect to tombs of patriarchs, prophets and great Rabbis, the site also had religious significance for members of other faiths. This was particularly well documented in the 15th century with descriptions of Jews, Muslims and Christians frequenting the place. In 1615, Muhammad, Pasha of Jerusalem, gave the Jews exclusive rights to the tomb. In 1830, the Ottomans recognized the legal rights of the Jews to the site. When Sir Moses Montefiore purchased the site in 1841, he restored the tomb and added a small prayer hall for Muslims. When Rabbi Yaakov Sapir left Jerusalem, emissaries were collecting money for the renovation of the tomb.



Pictures curtesy: Rishona Fine

It appears that Rabbi Sapir was successful in fund-raising in India for the holy site. Inscribed on the wall of Rachel's tomb is the following plaque: "This well was made possible through a donation from our esteemed brothers, the Bene Israel, who dwell in the city of Bombay, may the Lord bless that place. In honour of the whole congregation of Israel who come to worship at the gravestone for the tomb of our matriarch Rachel, may her memory rest in peace, amen! In the year 5625." This lunar year is the equivalent of 1864, the year that Rabbi Sapir returned to Jerusalem from India.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, while Jewish art in Palestine portrayed Rachel's tomb as one of the most important holy sites, the site also began to be coveted by Muslims and became a source of contention, with the Wakf demanding control of the place on the grounds that the tomb was part of a neighbouring Muslim cemetery. After the Israeli War of Independence in 1948, the tomb was allocated to Jordan and Jews could no longer visit. During the Six Day War in 1967, after Israel occupied the West Bank (previously Jordanian territory), the tomb once again became part of Israel. During the 1970's, when I used to visit the tomb, the keeper of the small tomb was a Bene Israel Indian Jew from Bombay, who felt an historical affinity with the site because of his forefathers.

In 1995, after the Oslo agreement, Bethlehem, with the exception of Rachel's tomb, became part of the Palestinian Authority. The following year, the Israel Defense Forces, fearing a terrorist attack at the site, built a huge fortification around the previously modest tomb. In retaliation, in 1996, the Palestinian Authority declared the place to be on Palestinian land, stopped referring to it as Rachel's tomb and made the claim that it was the site of an Islamic mosque.

During the second Intifada in 2000, there were intermittent attacks on the tomb with altercations between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen. Since then, there has been a growing wave of support for the idea that the site was in fact a thousand year-old mosque by the name of the "Bilal ibn Rabah mosque" until, finally, the UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) endorsed the idea. In October 2010, it was declared a mosque. Out of 58 member states, only the United States voted against the decision; 12 European and African countries abstained.

In a petition to UNESCO initiated on the internet, petitioners wrote: **"In attempting to sever the Jewish cultural, religious and natural heritage bond with the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Rachel's Tomb, UNESCO denies the history it is mandated to preserve, engages in a political maneuver designed to weaken a member UN nation, and undermines its own principles. ... We demand that UNESCO, whose purpose it is to protect heritage, also protect Jewish heritage, rather than deny it."**

The tomb was even known by the Bene Israel of Bombay as one of the holiest sites to Jews over the generations even though they were disconnected from world Jewry. It symbolized fertility, and is of special significance to Jewish women. Rachel's birthday, which falls on the 11th day of the lunar month of Heshvan, has become a day of pilgrimage for thousands of Jewish women, who come from all over Israel to pray for their loved ones or themselves. Busloads of Bene Israel have in the past visited the tomb to make vows and pray for suitable marriage partners for their children or beg for children for a childless couple. The Bene Israel groups who visit the tomb today, which now more closely resembles a fortification marking the checkpoint to Bethlehem more than an ancient holy site, are few and far between. The Bene Israel guard is no longer there. The memory, though, is still closely guarded.

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Netanyahu: UNESCO decision on Rachel's Tomb political

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded to UNESCO's decision on Rachel's Tomb and the Cave of Patriarchs by saying that "the attempt to disconnect Israel and its heritage is absurd".

A statement released by Netanyahu's office said, "It is unfortunate that an organization established in order to promote historic heritage sites around the world is trying, for political reasons, to uproot the connection between Israel and its heritage." A UNESCO report said earlier that Rachel's Tomb is located on the site of a mosque and asked Israel to remove it, as well as the Cave of Patriarchs, from its list of heritage sites. (Attila Somfalvi)



UNESCO "denies the history"! But what else could they do? When Rachel died then there was no Islam. So instead of saying it is a Jewish place they just denied the history. But the fools did not realize what about Cave of Patriarchs. Can they deny Bible?

Wonder why “Land of Canaan” was given to Jews by God?

Background: Why did God instruct Jews who left Egypt to kill every Canaanites and capture their land?

“Land of Canaan” today occupies the same area that is occupied by modern Lebanon and Israel, plus parts of Jordan and Syria.

Canaan was no other than grandson of Noah. However for reason’s not understood why Noah cursed Canaan, the last son for Ham who himself was Noah’s last son. The elder brothers of Ham were Shem and Japheth. Why did Noah curse Canaan and not Ham is not clear.

After Moses’ death, God commanded Joshua to guide the Israelites into the Promised land. God commanded the Israelites to destroy the wicked Canaanites for they were like a cancer upon the earth.



Curse of Noah: "Noah planted a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine he became drunk and lay naked and went to sleep. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father’s nakedness and told his two brothers. Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father’s nakedness without looking at their naked father. But Ham looked at the naked father and laughed at father’s nakedness.

When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, he said, ‘Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers.’"

Canaan was cursed because of his father’s sin against Noah. And Canaan’s children walked in the path of their ancestor for they were a wicked, idolatrous people. So God commanded the Israelites to destroy the wicked Canaanites.

Drunkenness of Noah



Why Mother's Name for Prayers and Father's Name for Aliyah?

Courtesy: Samual & Erna Daniels ([Why Mother's Name for Prayers and Father's Name for Aliyah? - Lifecycle Events \(chabad.org\)](http://www.chabad.org/LifecycleEvents/Why_Mother's_Name_for_Prayers_and_Father's_Name_for_Aliyah/))

You may have noticed that when we call someone by his or her Hebrew name, there are two variations. For example, one can be called Yitzchok ben Avraham (Yitzchok the son of Avraham) or Yitzchok ben Sarah (Yitzchok the son of Sarah). When and why do we use each variation?

The general custom is that for a matter relating to familial affiliation,¹ we use the father's name. This is based on the verse in Numbers: "They declared their pedigrees according to their families according to their fathers' houses..."² Indeed one's tribal affiliation and whether one is a *kohen* or a Levite is dependent upon one's father. Thus, if one is getting an *aliyah* or signing a halachic document such as a *ketubah* or *get*, we use the father's name.

However, when we are beseeching G-d for someone in need (as is the case with a *mi shebeirach* for one who is ill), we generally use the mother's name. There are a number of reasons for this.

Precedent

We find that when King David prayed for himself, he repeatedly referred to himself as "your servant, the son of your maid,"³ mentioning his mother, not his father. Additionally, the Talmud states that "all incantations [use] the name of the mother."⁴

Preciseness

Although we are almost always sure who the father is, we are even more sure who the mother is. According to the Zohar, when praying for mercy (especially when it comes to *pikuach nefesh*, the saving of a life, as is the case when praying for one who is ill), we want to be as precise as possible, so we use the mother's name.⁵



Less Sins

As we pray for [G-d's](#) mercy, we would rather invoke the mother's name, since women usually have fewer sins than men. While this seems shocking at first glance, it makes perfect sense when we consider that women aren't obligated in the mitzvah of constantly learning Torah⁶ [or other positive time-bound mitzvahs](#). Therefore, they aren't held liable for not doing these things.⁷

The Primary Parent

Although both man and woman (together with G-d, of course) are partners in the creation of the child, the child is mostly formed by the mother. Physically, the child develops in the mother's womb, and spiritually, the child's Jewishness is dependent upon the mother. Her very thoughts during conception have more of an effect on the child than the father's. As such, it is appropriate to invoke the mother's name when we are praying for mercy for the child.⁸

The Source of Judgment

The mystics⁹ explain that, in general, women come from the divine attribute of *binah* ("understanding"), which is also the source of the attribute of *gevurah* ("judgment and severity").

Now, the attribute of judgment, in its source, [binah](#), is pure and holy without any harshness. All of the harshness that we see coming from the attribute of judgment is only how it manifests itself down here in this physical world. Therefore, when we mention the mother's name, we are trying to arouse and evoke the attribute of *binah*. When we do so, all of the harshness and impurities that evolved from it fall away, allowing the person to heal from the illness.

On the other hand, once the person has passed away (aside from the fact that we do not want any connection to the attribute of judgment at all), we mention the father's name based on the verse in Numbers quoted above.

Mother's Mercy

While on the discussion of evoking the mother while praying, we bear in mind the mothers who themselves pray. Indeed, we find in Scripture¹⁰ that it was specifically in the merit of the tearful prayers of our matriarch Rachel that we were redeemed from the Babylonian exile. We pray that G-d once again hear the tearful cries for mercy from our mother Rachel, take us out of this exile and finally bring healing to this world!

FOOTNOTES: [1.](#) *Rama, Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim* 139:3. [2.](#) *Numbers* 1:18, 20. [3.](#) *Psalms* 86:16, 116:16. See Zohar 1:84a. [4.](#) Talmud, Shabbat 66b.

[5.](#) Zohar 1:84a, as explained by Rabbi Chaim Elazar Spira of Munkacs (author of *Minchat Elazar*) in his *Divrei Torah* 2:4. [6.](#) Women are also obligated to learn Torah subjects relevant to them, but not in the same regimented manner that men are. [7.](#) Ben Yehoyada, Talmud, Berachot 55b. [8.](#) Ben Yehoyada, *ibid.* [9.](#) See *Divrei Torah* 2:4. [10.](#) *Jeremiah* 31:14-5. See Preface of *Midrash Eichah Rabbah*.

What Happened to the Canaanites?

DNA study links ancient Canaanites to their modern descendants



As our history shows we never listen to God's commands and the Israelites did not kill all the Canaanites as per bible. In consequences we were thrown out of the promised land and returned officially only in 1948, 2200 years later.

What happened to the Canaanites? For the first time, researchers conducted DNA sequencing on ancient Canaanite skeletons and have determined where the Canaanites' descendants can be found today.

The Canaanites were a Semitic-speaking cultural group that lived in Canaan (comprising Lebanon, southern Syria, Israel and Transjordan) beginning in the second millennium B.C.E. and wielded influence throughout the Mediterranean.

The results of their study demonstrated a connection: "We show that present-day Lebanese derive most of their ancestry from a Canaanite-related population, which therefore implies substantial genetic continuity in the Levant since at least the Bronze Age," wrote the researchers in AJHG.



What happened to the Canaanites? DNA sequencing was conducted on five skeletons from Canaanite Sidon, including this one. The results indicate that there is a "genetic continuity" between the Canaanites at Sidon and the modern Lebanese. *Photo: Courtesy of Claude Doumet-Serhal.*

[What Happened to the Canaanites? - Biblical Archaeology Society](#)



Dr. Riki Shai (Rivka Shairgaokar/ Nagaukar)

Ashkelon City Council Member (2014)

and initiator of the twin city project between Ashkelon & Baroda from India

A city council is a group of duly elected officials who serve as the legislative body of a city. Elected Council Members—also known as a town council or board of aldermen—are tasked with representing the interests of their constituents. In addition to proposing, passing, and ratifying laws and ordinances, city councils manage budgets and investigate city agencies when necessary.



A dynamic optimist woman born in Israel to Bene-Israel parents who established a local women business in Ashkelon for Practical Studies in Computer Technology. When she was chosen as Ashkelon City Council member from women's business origination, she suggested and arranged Ashkelon-Baroda cooperation meetings where both city management visited each other to cooperate in Education, Culture, Health, Business and other matter of interest. Follow links below;

[. במשלחת ישראל -הודו, אשקלון- ברודה - YouTube](#)

[משלחת הודית באשקלון - YouTube](#)

Today Riki is working with Yair Lapid who serves as the alternate Prime Minister of Israel and Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2021.





Riki faced a real life of drama when her father flew to Hong Kong paying \$100,000 in Black-Market to get a kidney operation. After several days he called Riki **saying “Riki, come to save me. They are killing me here”**. With a famous Journalist Ilana Dayan, Riki carried out a sting operation and exposed this black market business of human body. See the link: [0001סחרבאיברים.wmv - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0001סחרבאיברים)

Business Consultant

With her vast experience in running her own small businesses and representing the small business in the in the Ashkelon City Council today she is a well-known consultant for small business; setting up new business, funding, assistance of different kind and how to grow your small business.

Riki invites young people to write to her if they have a vision and want to start their own business. Please send her email at: rshai20102@gmail.com

Below is the resume of Riki for you to approach her for her guidance and help in the wide experience she has.

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rshai2010@gmail.com
Residence: Ashkelon .

Work Experience:

2000 - 2018: Lecturer and coordinator of educational courses in vocational training, "Atid" College and Ashkelon College

- Lecturer in the field of home care managers, caregivers and assistants for a certificate from the Ministry of Labor in technological training
- Accompanying practical work and providing tools in daily work
- Lecturer on: service, leadership, self-awareness, teams, organizational psychology, boards of directors.
- Facilitating personal coaching workshops for a variety of organizations and communities, especially women.
- Regular work and the construction of a program tailored to the following bodies: the Jewish Agency, the Ministry of Economy, the Retirement Division - the IDF, local authorities, the welfare department, institutions and non-profit organizations.

2000: Academic Director, College of Computers

- Human resources and pedagogy
- Responsibility for recruiting, sorting and maintaining lecturers (about 90 lecturers and instructors)
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education:

Law studies at Sapir College, third year (BA)
} Microsoft Network Communications Engineers (MCP)
} Third degree (PHD) - Philosophy in Behavioral Sciences at Newport University
} A Master's Degree (MED) in Education Administration at Derby University.
} Education and Society at Bar-Ilan University (B.A).
} Teaching studies in the overall teacher track and English specialization at Givat Washington College.

Volunteer activity: the main ones

- President of Rotary during 3 terms
- Chairman of the Israeli-Palestinian delegation to the peace talks
- Member of the National Committee of Immigrants from India
- Coordinator of "Power to Give"
- Establishment of "Women's House" - a place for empowering women: courses, workshops and days of consolidation.
- Since 2013, the city council has been in charge of promoting the status of women, informal education and business promotion.

Business promotion: (small and medium sized)

- especially during the war when the business was damaged - we fought for the rights of small businesses and brought awareness
- Business Consultant for Small and Medium Businesses.
- Head of a union of municipal authorities in the management of the business association, which brought legislation in favor of the business.
- Receiving a certificate and recognition for "Woman of the Year" - promoting business in Israel

Indian cultural activity - local, national, international

Promotion of twin cities in Ashkelon and Andorra

- Cooperation with the Embassy of India in Israel and members of the Council from the community throughout the country for the advancement of Indian culture.
 - Meeting with the President of India and the Prime Minister of India and promoting relations between India and Israel.
 - An enchanting Eastern Fair on Chol Hamoed Pesach at the Ashkelon Mall
- While I was in the opposition, I brought up all the failures of the government, both as chairman of the audit committee, in warning of omissions, keeping the public coffers, raising issues on the agenda, including my opposition to raising municipal taxes, dividing the municipal budget. On the national level (Knesset), and I promoted the issue of small businesses through business associations by raising laws that would benefit businesses that had not yet received such benefits as maternity leave, sick leave or sick leave.
- Today I am in charge of serving the resident
- I worked with the residents and facilitated the bureaucratic system. - "The municipality comes to the resident"
- Advice and guidance for upgrading the municipality's municipal services site

ELI BAUG (Alibaug)

https://youtu.be/d_bHJt5V_hM

Our team writer Maxim Moses had bought up this issue and presented her research in Shaniwar Teli volume # 7 Page:42 dated 1.7 2021 that **Alibaug** actually is **Elibaug** and the name was given by Naval Commander of Sivaji's army Kanhoji Angre after a Shaniwar Teli named Eli who had a beautiful garden (baug).

Please follow the link below that speaks of 10 tourist's places in Alibaug / Elibaug.

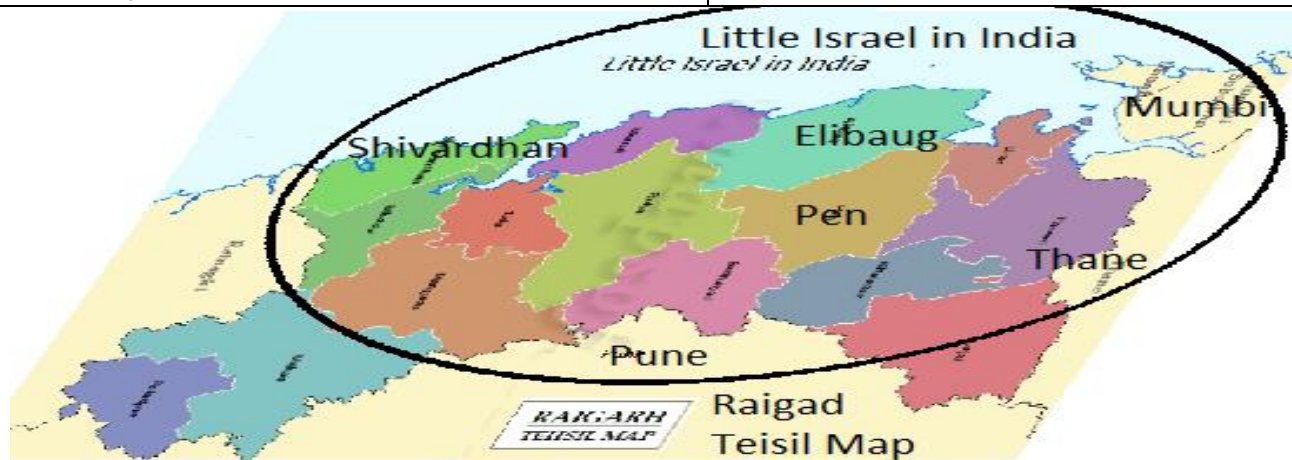
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In the beginning of the commentary the speaker speaks of the origin of the name Alibaug / Elibaug after an Israeli (Jewish/Shaniwar Teli/Bene-Israel person called Eli / Ali.



10 Tourist Places In Alibaug|Alibaug Tourist Places

***Little Israel
in India***



Future

**“ Bene-Israel Jews
Heritage Route in
Maharashtra”**

Struggle of Indian Jewish Women and Families in Toronto 1964-1980

Canadian Jewish Studies/vol. 26, 2018

Curtesy Sam & Erna Daniel we received an interesting article about how standard of living of Bene-Israel women drastically fell by immigrating to Toronto. Writer **Kelly Amanda Train** interviews Bene-Israel ladies who immigrated to Canada.

When Indian Jewish immigrants arrived in Toronto between 1964 and 1980, their first priority was to attain socio-economic stability and settle into Canadian life. But for Indian Jewish women, settlement in Canada meant a different experience than for their male counterparts. Many of these women arrived with significant education/vocational credentials and professional work experience, but they were not prepared to embrace mundane domestic labor duties. **In India, these women had enjoyed being part of the professional middle class. This privilege included having a range of servants to perform all domestic duties. After immigration to Canada, husbands expected their wives to be solely responsible for housework and childcare that they associated as “women’s work.” Indian Jewish women expected a drop in their standard of living upon arrival in Toronto, but they struggled to perform these household tasks, all of which had been relegated to hired help in India.**



This 25 pages article is excellent and entertaining to read. If you want to read it, send us your email and will send it to you.

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Bene-Israel in Bollywood

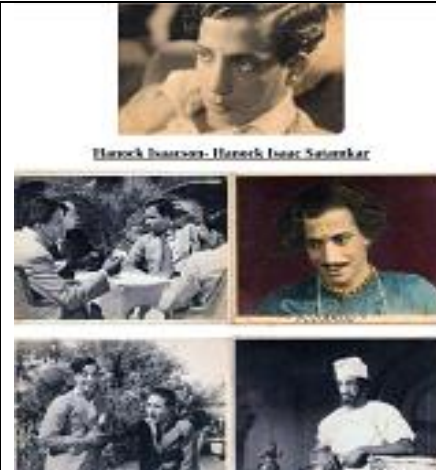
Isaac Solomon Satamkar (c.1857 - c.1920) - Genealogy ([geni.com](https://www.geni.com))



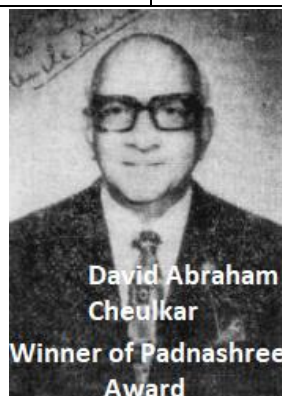
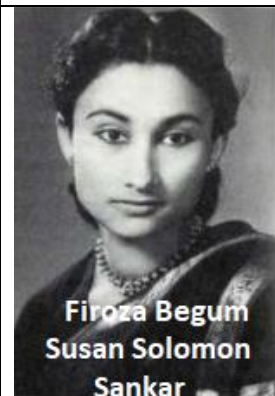
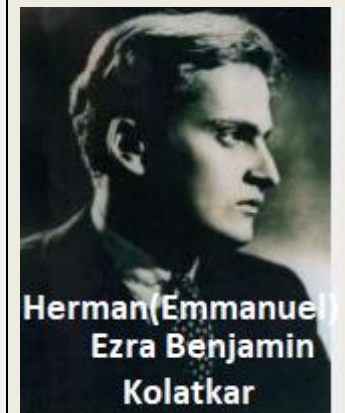
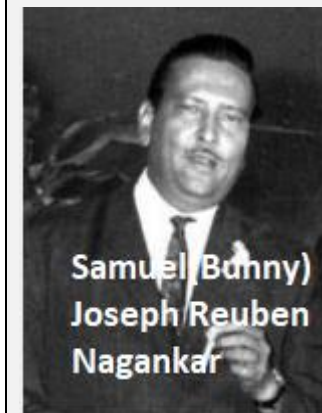
We are always amazed of the things we find in archives of Nissim Moses, Historian for Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene Israel Genealogy Research. We had no idea there was a ***“Bene Israel Icon of the Silent & Talkie Movie Era; Hannock Isaac Satamkar”***



Few of the lead roles of Hannock



Few of the lead roles of Hannock



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From the very beginning members of the Bene Israel and the Baghdadi Jewish Communities played a very important part in the development of the Indian Film industry which today is popularly known as Bollywood. They started in about the early 1930s in Bombay. Many of the actresses were of the Baghdadi community as a professional career for women was unheard of for supposedly moral reasons. The reason being, that most parents wanted their daughters to be married and did not want any reputation blemish, being transmitted on the rumor grapevine of the community. For Men it was another matter. Many of them earned National & International fame. One David Abraham Cheulkar was awarded a Padmashree (The Highest Civilian Award by the Government of India for Outstanding Contribution in a Field) for his acting in the movie “Boot Polish”. The Bene Israel functioned as directors, producers, actors, musicians, play writes, film critics, choreographers, owners of film laboratories & even distributors. Some of the actresses were earlier Miss India Title winners.

Bene-Israel guidelines for Malida

Nissim Moses for Shaniwar Teli e-newsletter readers



Items for a Bene Israel Community Malidah Service for one of the Various Options ,

***Note a Candle on a Stand is Lit Prior to the Start of The Malidah Service in Honor of Elijah the Prophet.

Type of Malidah	Bessamin Rose-Flower or-Hadass Leaves - Never Subja Leaves	Ha-Etz Generally Dates	Ha-Adama Generally Banana	Sheheyenu- New Fruit of the Season- Blessing	Liver and Gizzard	Ha Motsi -Salt & Bread	Mezonaoth Pohe	Blessing on Kiddush Grape- Wine not Alcohol from other sources
Brith Mila	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Peace Offering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thanks Giving Offering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Malidah For Tubeshvat-Using Only The Seven Agricultural Products of The Winter Harvest of Israel Plus Especial Fruits For Special Brachot Prayers

Wheat	Barley	Dates	***1Grapes/ Wine	Olives	Figs	Pomegranates	**2Citron- Ethrog	Fruit-For Ha Adama Blessing	New Seasonal fruit for Sheheyenu” Bracha.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Kiddush Wine or Brandy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*****1 Bracha “She Ha Kol Ihiye Ke Dvaro-Kiddush Wine, Brandy, are permitted Scotch Whisky, Vodka etc. not permitted

**2 Citron-Ethrog

“The Divine Presence Has Never Departed from The WESTERN WALL”



The Western Wall has been center of Jewish yearning more than 2000 years. Abraham came here to sacrifice his son Isaac. Jacob slept here dreaming of the ladder to heaven. Then called Mount Moriah, Solomon built the Temple on the land David purchased from Aravnah, the Jebusite, 3000 years ago. Prophet Isaiah called the Temple a “house for all nations”.

Even with the Temple destroyed, the holiness of the place is such that it remains sacred to every generation facing it in prayer. We can say for ever Bene-Israel person that they have felt the presence of the Divine during their every visit to this holy place.

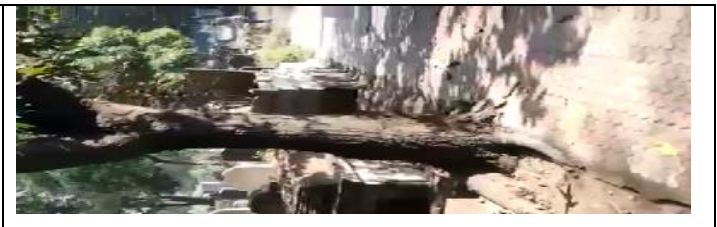
Beautifying the Worli Cemetery ; home for 8000 + graves

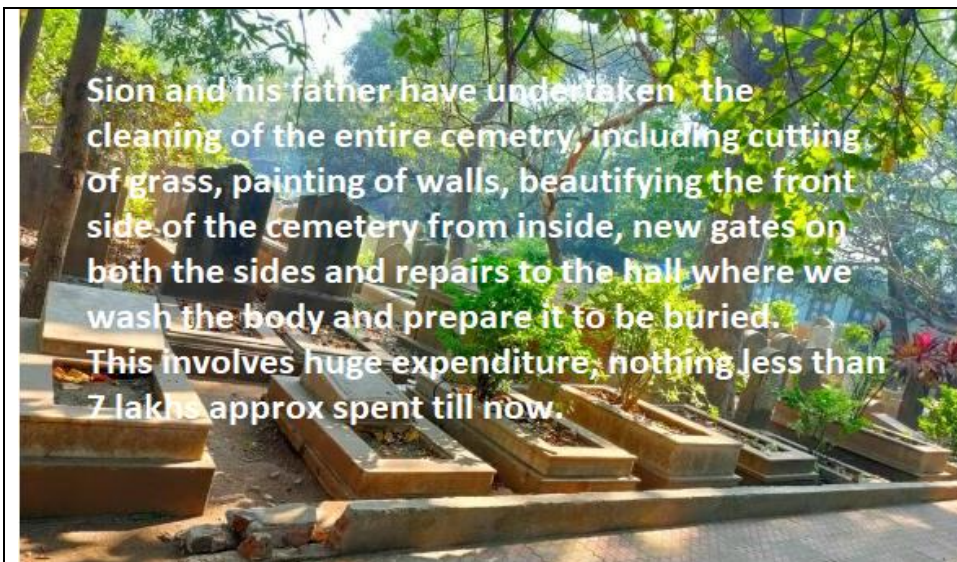
Some time you unexpectedly hear good news



Sion Chariker, Ramle

A friend of our e-newsletter called us on 12th January 2022 to inform us of the marvelous work undertaken by Sion Chariker of Ramle, with the help of his father Mr. Rahamin Charikar in Mumbai. They took upon themselves with the help of local worker to clean the Worli cemetery. Repairing and painting the prayer room and the platform where the dead body is placed. Trees and grass was cut so that people can easily walk to the graves of their dear and near ones.







My Mother's calling for me, her Son....

Written by son Sion Charikar for her mother Hanna; a true story.

Hanna's coming to her "Permanent Resident" changed the Residents for 8000+ souls



Few months ago when our mom Hanna suddenly left us, we were speechless. We could not attend her last rites due to corona travel restrictions.

When I got the first opportunity to fly to Mumbai, I took it and reached Mumbai. My parents stay at Worli facing the Sea. I went directly to the Worli Jewish cemetery with lots of rose & mogra petals to offer on my mother's grave. I called my mother "Mataji" with Love.

I suddenly felt a voice from her soul; son this is now my "Permanent Resident". I give you the opportunity to make it feel like heaven as though you know I love cleanliness and everything tiptop to the mark.

I spoke to my dad and expressed my wish to reconstruct the entire cemetery from the front gate till the last wall including the building where a Jewish family who looks after the cemetery lives since last 20 years.

I told them not to worry as everything will be like a wedding hall after I beautify the cemetery. A person who comes to life when his time comes to bid goodbye to his loved ones, for them it should look like heaven that they will exit happily.



Late Mrs. Hanna Rahamim Charikar

The cemetery was in a mess. It was almost a jungle with tons of garbage and over growing trees. No electricity or lamps working. No paint on or inside the buildings. Tall grass grown all over the cemetery where 8000+ graves of our ancestors laid.

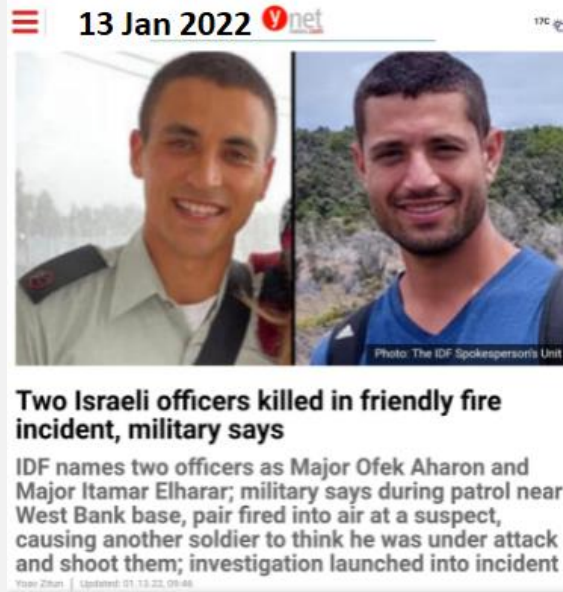
So far more than 100 trucks have moved the thousands of tons of waste. The cemetery is getting its shape and begging to look like it should be. I hope with the blessings of my parents I get to do more good work for the People who have passed away but were once a part of everything in our lives and remain always in our Hearts & Soul Forever like my Maa.



Sad Loss- Major Ofek Aharon Rohekar



הייתה "נאופק אהרון" אביו של רס
פה רשלנות. אני רוצה הסברים
(ynet.co.il) "ל"מהרמטכ



Mr. Moshe Sogaoker of the יצוגי ארצי איחוד קהילתי attended the funeral held on 13th. Jan. 2022 in Gan Yavme. 28 years Ofek was getting ready for his wedding. The halls were booked and all arrangements were completed.

Moshe told us this was a very sad occasion when Ofek's family were bitterly crying and so were every one attending too who could not stop there tears including Moshe himself.

We pray to G-d to make it easy on the family to bear this loss. We also pray for the family of the other soldier; Major Itamar Elharar.



WHO FIRST NOTICED THE “ELIJAH ROCK” IN RIAGAD?

There are two stories in our community explaining this legend



The first story goes back to 175 BCE when Jews landed in Navgao. The surviving Jews wanted to thank God for saving them. For this purpose, as they had known, they decided to sacrifice a cow. But cow being holy in India the local people objected and wanted to kill the Jews who wanted to slaughter the cow. That is when the Chariot of Fire of Prophet Elijah appeared to save the Jews. Jews let the cow go and instead they said Malida prayers. Elijah's Rock is since 175 BCE in remembrance of how Jews were saved by God.

First Story:

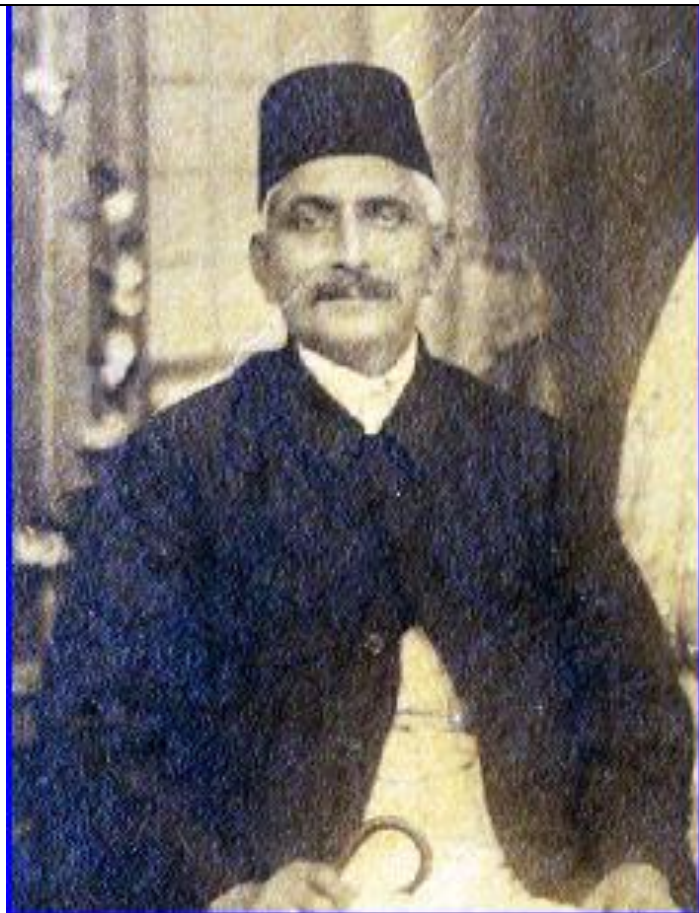


Second Story:

It was Mr. Joseph Moses Khandalkar who first announced about the Elijah's Rock. This Bene-Israel family of Khandalkar lived at that location on a rocky mound. One stormy night the family was awakened **by Thunder & Lighting and a Loud sound**. When they looked **outside they saw a human in a Chariot of fire that reminded him of Elijah, rumbling down the rocky stretch of land and rising towards the sky.**

Next day when the family went to the site where they had seen the apparition where they noticed the **Chariot track marks along with hoof prints and a human foot prints etched into rocky granite ground.**

Above is taken from the article *"The Holy Site of Elijah Rock at Khandale, Raigad, District Maharashtra, India"* by Nissim Moses, Historian Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene-Israel Genealogy Research.



Joseph Moses Khandalkar
1876-1956 Age:80
Buried in Worli Cemetery



Wife: Sehulla Jacob Daniels Korlekar
(1884-1964) Age; 80
Buried in Worli Cemetery Grave # 4598

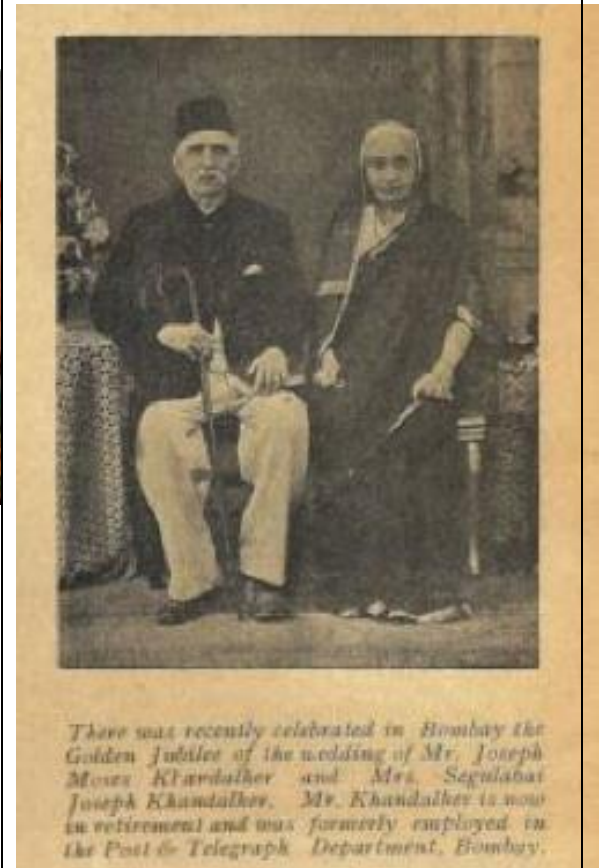


In the photograph on right it says; *“There was a recent celebration in Bombay of the Golden Jubilee of Mr. Joseph Moses & Mrs. Segulabai Khandalkar. Mr. Khandalkar is now retired and formerly was employed in the Post & Telegraph Department of Bombay”*



For decades this image is the most popular amongst the Shaniwat Teli / Bene-Israel of the Chariot of Fire. Mostly every Bene-Israel will have this image hung in their homes. There is also a pocket version that people carry in their pocket. Above image is taken from Mr. Noah Missil's book on Malida Prayers.

All pictures are taken from the collection of Mr. Nissim Moses Talkar, Historian Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene-Israel Genealogy Research.



Discussion: 1876-1956 was the life span of Mr. Khandalkar and during this period he reported seeing the Chariot of. Mr. Khandalkar was respectable person with a job at Indian Post services. The proof of this incident is recorded on the rock permanently.

It was not just Mr. Khandalkar who noticed the Chariot of Fire. Legend claims there were many others living in the vicinity that saw this Chariot of Fire. Some of them were Muslim and therefore Muslims too claim Elijah's Rock as a holy place for pilgrimage. Elijah is known as Ilyās (إلياس)

Related Story:

This story is sent by **Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan** from The Asiatic Society of Mumbai where he is a life member and programmer coordinator. We have many times spoken of his interest in Bene-Israel community and published his articles.

Shabbat Shalom Leo,

I have a story that was told to me by the caretaker when I had visited in 2018 (it's in my pilgrimage paper as well).

He told me that the area around the rock was given to a British contractor for quarrying. When the local Bene Israel found out, they pleaded with him not to dynamite the prophet's rock. He laughed at them in derision and ordered his foreman to dynamite the rock immediately (who if I remember correctly was a Hindu named Mukadam, but Mukadam simply means contractor).

A hole was drilled and dynamite was placed in it. The pleading people were pushed away and the dynamite was ignited. In spite of the amount of explosive used, only a small fragment of the rock was broken. (Indeed, it appears as if a small portion of the rock has been cut.)

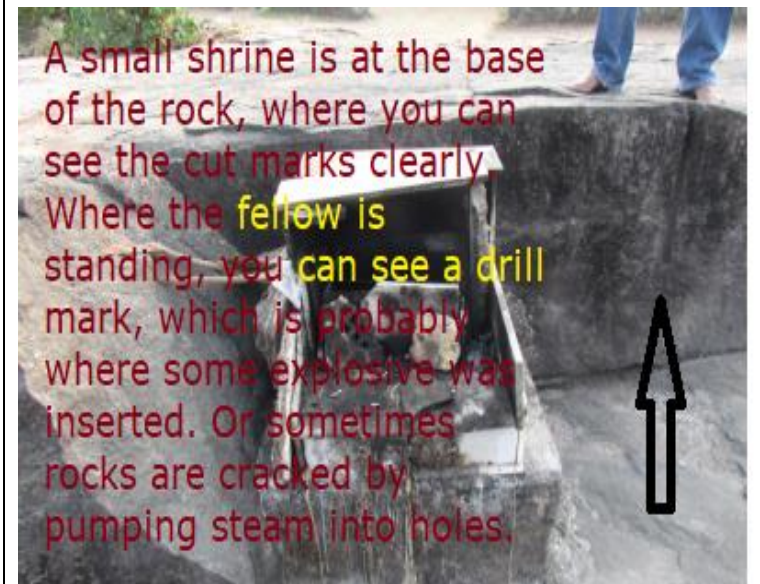
It was late and the contractors decided to resume work the next day. When the Englishman and the Mukadam went home what did they see? Their wives and children lay dead on the floor!

The next morning they rushed to the rock **and repented their evil deed**. The contractor went away to England and the rocks at Khandala were never quarried again. Nothing is known of the Mukadam.

I have no idea whether any Bene Israel people can attest this story. I also cannot say whether there ever was any quarrying activity at the Rock site. But it does seem to have been cut from one side. If I can find the photographs I will share them with you.

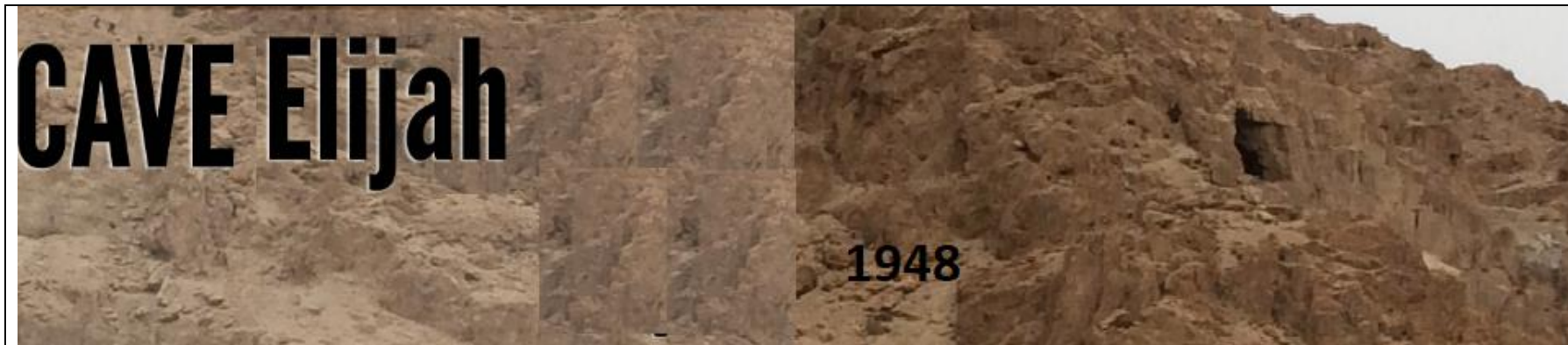
Yours truly, Raamesh Gowri Raghavan

Thank you Raamesh for sharing this information.



Rabbi Sad Sack Cartoon- Somewhere in Raigad





Power of Beth El Synagogue, Panvel



Many of the Bene-Israel community members have a general understand that wishes come true when you ask them at Beth El Synagogue in Panvel. Once the wish comes true many return to perform a Malida to say thank you for letting their wish come true. We tried to investigate what are the reasons behind this belief.

Noah Massil:

I don't know except that some families who brought their new born baby to the Panvel synagogue for the Brithmillah as they had wished for a son at the synagogue before he was born.

Moses Korlekar (Current Hon. Sec of the Beth El Synagogue):

It is true that not just Jews but and also Hindus & Muslims have faith on our Beth El Synagogue. When their wishes come true, they perform Malida and pray Eliyahu Hannabi under our guidance. I will also enquire with very senior member of our Synagogue and let you know.

Rishona Fine: (a Jewish woman born in USA- read about her below in this issue of how she was introduced to the Magic (as she calls it) of Beth El synagogue and why she waiting to go back and perform a Malida for thanks giving). These stories below were told to her by various people she met in India.

1. **Floods:**

At some time in the 175 years history of this synagogue there was once floods that damaged the synagogue and a Muslim family paid for its repairs. Moses Korlekar has also confirmed (above) that not just Jews but Hindus Muslims and Christians believe in this synagogues power of granting wish of a devotee.

2. **Fire:**

The care taker came daily early morning to clean the synagogue and get things ready for Shachatit (Morning) Prayers. One such day he had to go to Bombay for some work. He had to take the early bus. So he decided to come very early to the synagogue to prepare for the morning prayers. When he opened the synagogue he saw fire all over the Hekhal of the synagogue. He went out screaming calling others to help. When other Jews arrived and reentered the synagogue; there was no fire! The seniors Jews of the place explained that it is Prophet Elijah and his Chariot of Fire that visits the synagogue in the night.

3. **Basket Weavers :**

Outside the right boundary of the synagogue there is a street where traditionally ladies who weave baskets sit and sell baskets. During festivals there is a huge demand for these baskets and so to meet the demand these weavers sit overnight on the street weaving the baskets. These ladies confirm that on some nights they have heard noise from the synagogue as if there is dancing and prayers going on inside the synagogue.

4. **Brith-Mila :** As a general observation there are many who conduct brith-mila of their son's at Panvel. The reason is that they have asked for a blessing of a son, and when it is fulfilled they return to say thank you by conducting the brith of the child at the synagogue following the Malada ceremony. But this is not the only wish that comes true. Many have asked for getting married and it has come true.

Unfortunately we still did not succeeded so far in getting to the root of the original story as to what really happened that make Bene-Israel people believe that Beth El synagogue has special power to grant your wishes to come true.

"Sukkat Ness":

A similar belief is about **"Sukkat Ness"** from Ashdod that is put up by the Varulkar family each year. Hundreds of Bene-Israel gather daily in this "Sukkat-Ness" during Succoth, either to ask for a wish or to say thank you for their wish has come true. When the wish comes true, instead of doing Malida, they distribute Indian kosher sweets like pada, barfi, laddo and other similar deserts.

The origin of this is from India as Varulkar family was the first family to built a sukkah in Bombay in Dongri area. Many Bene-Israel Jews started visiting the family to sit in the sukkah and some made wishes. If it came true, families distributed sweets year after.

Ever wondered who made the most popular painting in the Bene-Israel community? (Taken from records of Nissim Moses, list of famous Bene-Israel ladies, except the information on Reuben brothers)



Ms. Esther Abraham Dighorkar (1887-1980)

After **Mr. Joseph Moses Khandalkar** (1876-1956) spoke of his experience with the Chariot of Fire, it was left to imagination of every individual how the sight would have been.

This imagination was first put in to an image was by **Ms. Esther Abraham Dighorkar** (1887-1980) by way of knitting. She was an Arts & Craft expert teacher & Examiner. She taught at the Convent of Jesus & Mary School, Clare Road in Bombay. She wrote several books on art and craft handwork. This original artwork was last seen in Holon, Israel with a family member of Esther.

Once the image was put into a shape, it was then painted by Ruben brothers (this part is only in the memories of a person. Needs confirmation). **Since then it became part of every Bene-Israel homes.**

First created by knitting



Later it was made in to a painting



There are many paintings of Chariot of Fire including the first in row that of Peter Paul Rubens

During 2012 this new image (right) was painted printed and distributed in the community. This painting was painted by Late Mr. Daniel David Talagaokar who was an artist. He normally drew black and white and images. He passed away in 2021. However copies of this painting are available.

Posters available for sale at 50 NIS each

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Shaniwar Teli had asked twice for the email address but it was not sent. We have placed this at the request of our good friend Mr. Elijah Jacob.

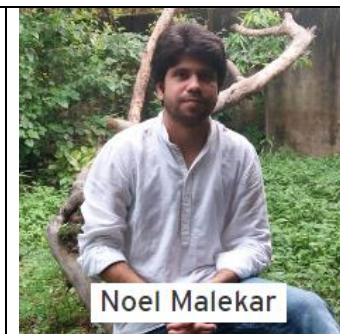


Meet Noel Malekar

[Stream Noel Malekar music | Listen to songs, albums, playlists for free on SoundCloud](#)

Noel son of Ezekiel Isaac Benjamin Solomon Malekar and Diana nee Hanock Isaac (Isaacson) Samuel; was born in Poona, India on 20 Nov 1987.

Noel Malekar is a music educator, composer & drummer. Noel also composes music, which has been featured all over the globe by film makers and content creators. Noel runs and manages his own school in New Delhi, India ; “Noel Malekar Drums School”.



What Age Toys to buy?

When you buy toys for boys to build or make puzzle, it is a tendency of fathers to buy toys of higher age group. If your child is of age 5 then fathers will buy toys good for age 6 or 7. They feel proud to say my son is smart than his age.

At home the child struggles and does not succeed and this leads the child to be unhappy and depressed. Then the father comes along and helps out almost father doing 100% of the work. Sometime fathers don't have time and leave the child to suffer building it, finally he loses confidence and leaves it for forever.

It is actually recommended that parents buy building toys suggested for age group lower than the age of the child. If your child is 5 buy toys suitable for 4.

When children succeed in doing a puzzle or build a toy by themselves it gives them a lot of confidence and self-respect. This helps build their personality.

The age written on the toy is not based on some definite regulations. It is normally a function of marketing to launch the product in such age groups that more children can buy them. It should not be taken seriously.



Those who have children will understand age 2-5 is impossible for a single toy.

But the way marketing think is that if someone has a 5 years old child should have a second child 2 years old. The age group makes you think that one toy is good for both the children and you buy it.

Confusing Options!

Rohekar walks up to the clerk in a sex toy store and says, "I'd like to buy a blow up doll." The clerk asks, "Male or female?" "Female." "Black Brown or White" "Brown". "Bene-Israel or Muslim?" Curious, the guy says, "Muslim" "Regular or radicalized extremist?" The clerk asks. Puzzled Rohekar asked "What's the difference?" the clerk says. "The radicalized extremist blows itself up when you finish."

Jiradkar is driving home one evening, when he suddenly realizes that it's his daughter's birthday and he hasn't bought her a present. He drives to the mall, runs to the toy store, and says to the shop assistant, "How much is that Barbie doll?" In a condescending manner, she says, "Which Barbie?" She continues, "We have Barbie Goes to the Gym for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Ball for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Shopping for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Beach for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Nightclubbing for \$19.95, and Divorced Barbie for \$265.00." Jiradkar asks, "Why is the Divorced Barbie \$265.00 when all the others are only \$19.95?" "That's obvious," the saleslady says "Divorced Barbie comes with Ken's house, Ken's car, Ken's boat, Ken's furniture..."

Moshe Sogaoker (משה סוגאוקר)

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Thank you to Jenny Samson Bamnolkar for the English Translation.

Ex- Israeli Boxer and now wanting to become member of Knesset to represent Bene-Israel community

I was born in 1962 in Burlai, India, immigrated to Israel at the age of 13. First 3 years we did not get a place to live, in the first year we stayed with my elder brother Solomon in Petah Tikva, then we moved to Lod for two years. After two years, we got an apartment from Amidar. At the age of 15 and half I signed up for a boxing class. Me and my cousin Jonah Awaskar age 16 won youth championships and also graduated first competition in France, a crushing victory over the opponent. I had two coaches, the late Maurice Bracha, RIP and Arthur Cohen, may he live a long life. They believed in me that one day I will be an Olympic champion. In 1979 I won World Youth Championship till age of 21 and won Youth Championships. In Japan I was ranked 4th in the world with competition of 22 countries and won 1st place after 3 very difficult fights and won the first gold medal in boxing for Israel. Moscow's Olympic squad was disappointed by an American boycott.



1982 World Cup in Germany Munich in Olympic Village loss of points in first battle with Philippines. True, a painful loss but the Philippine boxer went through a stage but did not show up for the fight due to the damage I caused to him when I fractured his jaw, my bad luck. I was ranked 5th in the world. I was very close to receiving a medal and it was a miss and my bad luck. I was first on the list for the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 I was married with 3 children.

I asked for an appropriate reward and it was not approved. I retired from the Olympic squad, one last fight in London at the House of Lords with a strong high boxer who did not come to weigh in the morning I was told he lived far from London. For the first time I saw him in the arena looking at a guy weighing at least 60 pounds that is above allowed but I was never afraid of competitions.



I always open the fight as a victory for the Israeli team. A total of 180 fights and about four losses in the first world championship to Korea. 2 Philippine World Championships, 3 Olympic championships, twice Cuban championships, 4 Junior Championships in Japan Roberto. But in the first round he got right to the jaw and was on the boards winning the score. Served in the army for 3 years, army reserves up to the age of 41 today I am at the age of 60. ***My dream is to unite the entire Indian community in the country*** to help promote young people and help adults. And to fulfill a dream of the whole community, we will represent our Knesset member, an Indian Knesset member of our own. Asking everyone together we can get a representative to our Knesset Member. Amen

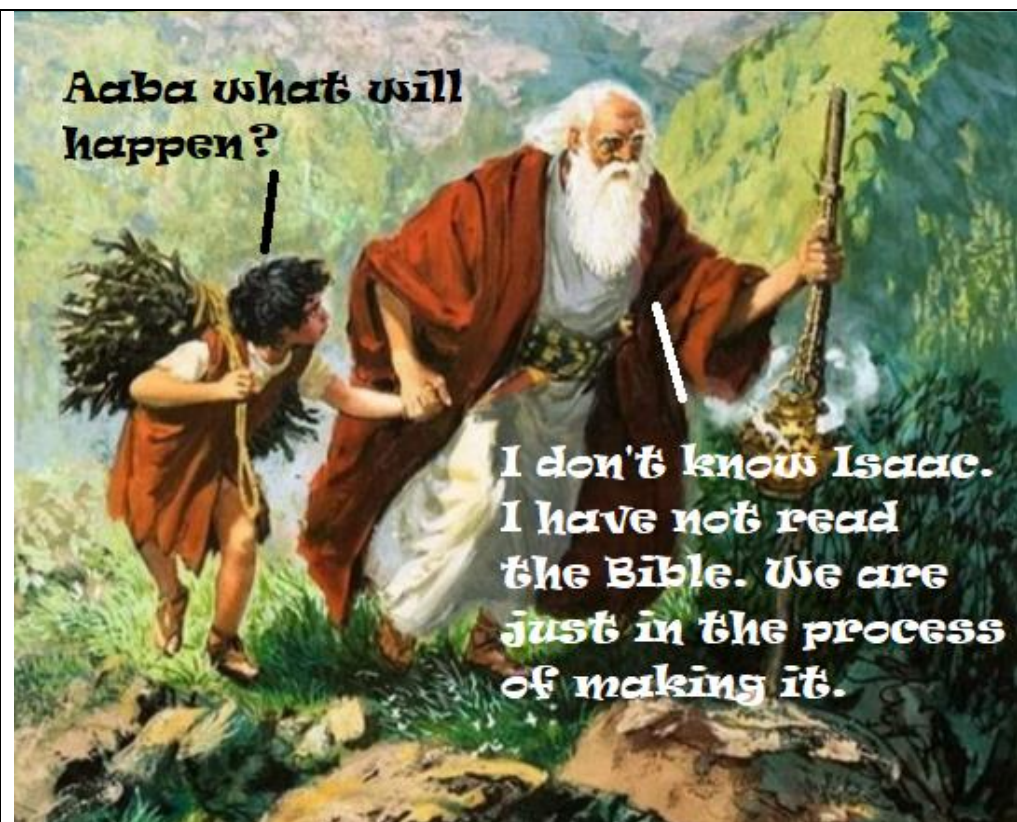


Choosing the Correct Tallit Size

[Tallit Sizes – Choosing the right Tallit Size \(judaicawebstore.com\)](http://judaicawebstore.com)

Average height bar mitzva: Size 36, Tall bar mitzva, short adult: Size 45-50,
Average adult: Size 55-60 , Large or tall adult: Size 70-80, Big & Tall and
supersize: Size 90

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Size 8	8" x 42"	20 cm x 105 cm
Size 12	12" x 42"	30 cm x 105 cm
Size 18	18" x 72"	45 cm x 180 cm
Size 24	24" x 72"	60 cm x 180 cm
Size 36	36" x 72"	90 cm x 180 cm
Size 36a	36" x 52"	90 cm x 130 cm
Size 45	44" x 64"	110 cm x 160 cm
Size 50	48" x 68"	120 cm x 170 cm
Size 55	52" x 72"	130 cm x 180 cm
Size 60	56" x 76"	140 cm x 190 cm
Size 70	60" x 80"	150 cm x 200 cm
Size 80	68" x 84"	170 cm x 210 cm
Size 90	72" x 84"	180 cm x 210 cm



When Corona actually comes home!

[CDC's new COVID-19 quarantine guidelines explained \(osu.edu\)](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s110420-covid-19-quarantine.html)



Last week it was a normal evening when all my family had gathered at my place to celebrate a birthday. My siblings my wife's siblings their children our three children and our grandchildren all waiting to cut the cake. One of our grandson, six was excited as he was going to stay overnight with us and I would take him to school next morning.

It was then that my youngest daughter walked in home from work with 20 Corona home tests. A true Israeli born commander in the army self-disciplined she strictly following the regulations. She announced that the Ministry of Health has declared rapid spread of the virus, almost every 5th citizen is found positive. So everyone has to test themselves to make sure they are negative.

So we all tested our self's and amongst everyone I came out positive!! I was feeling excellent, no health problems except a little blocked nose, which happens to all 60+ during winter. Silence fell in the room. I said it was a false positive. So we performed the test again. It was positive again. Now I saw everyone was uncomfortable.

My wife suggested that I go for a PCR test now and I suggest I do it tomorrow. It is so cold outside. And there was a celebration at home. But seeing every one's reaction I thought I better go to my daughter filled all online form and with the barcode I drove to the

testing center and give my nasal sample.

When I returned home every one had disappeared. My son-in-law did not let my grandson stay overnight. I was guided by my wife to my bed room. It has an attached toilet and shower. My dinner was served to me in my room by my wife who wore a mask and asked me to wear a mask when any one comes in the room.

I got the same feeling like Meena Kumari must have got in the movie "Phool Aur Patthar" when she was left alone by all her family members as she had got plague.

Next morning a SMS was confirmed positive PCR. But I felt no sickness. Day after my doctor called me and she confirmed that I feeling no symptom was also normal. She said just rest and drink black tea with mint leaves. As per new guidelines the doctor said to perform a test on 4th and the 5th day and if they are negative you are free. No need to do a PCR test.

I have a TV and computer in my room and I get everything in my room at the proper time. People call me to check my health.

I was wondering if there were no guidelines of the Health Ministry and my daughter would have not bought the tests, I would have perhaps passed on the virus to the whole family!!!

Would You Like to be a Truck Driver in Canada?

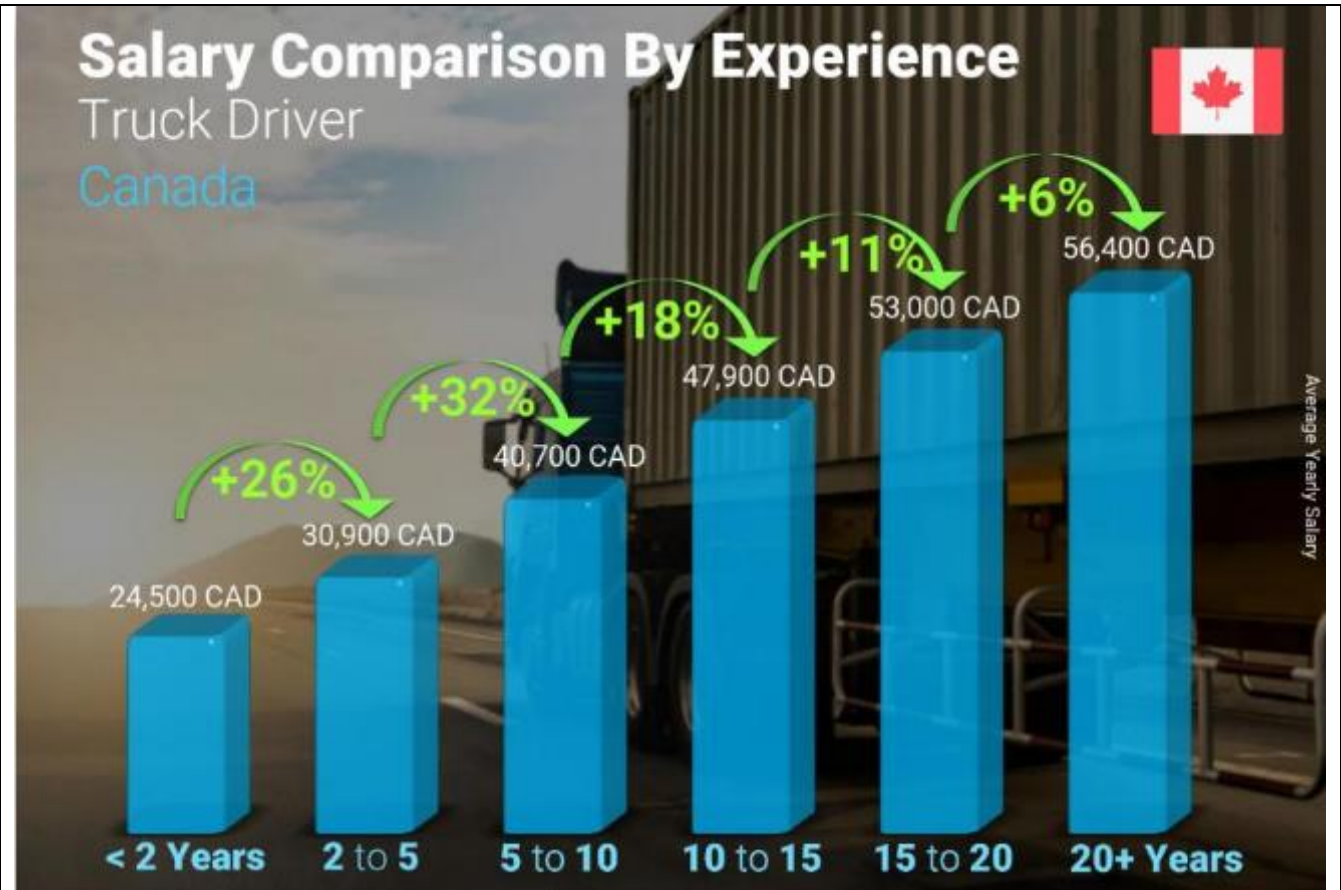


A person working as a Truck Driver in Canada typically earns around 39,000 CAD per year. Salaries range from 21,100 CAD (lowest) to 58,900 CAD (highest).

This is the average yearly salary including housing, transport, and other benefits. Truck Driver salaries vary drastically based on experience, skills, gender, or location. Below you will find a detailed breakdown based on many different criteria.

They also perform administrative duties, such as filling out mandatory daily driving activities logs. In Canada, regulations governing commercial vehicles and drivers are based on the Canadian National Safety Code (NSC) for Motor Carriers standards.

The average age of truck drivers in Canada is 48, meaning that an incoming younger population of potential residents have quite a long career-span ahead of them as the workforce continues to age.



How to immigrate to Canada as a truck driver. They are looking for 500,000 Truck drivers

[How to Immigrate to Canada as a Truck Driver - CanadianVisa.org](https://www.canadianvisa.org/how-to-immigrate-to-canada-as-a-truck-driver)

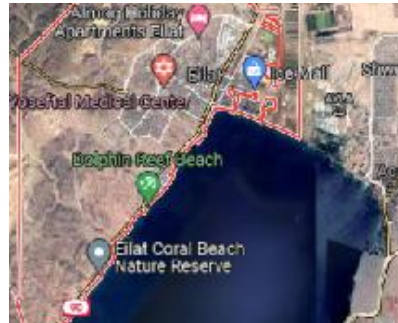
Learn Truck Driving in your country and apply. You can do both at the same time.

Other profession that is in great demand in Canada is that of Barber / Hair cutter.

Eilat- History to Today

Sun-Sea-City

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ShaAre Shalom

Modern Eilat is 87,000 acres with population of 52,610. In 1985 Eilat it was declared a “free trade zone” and VAT became free. In 1985 the population of Eilat was only 7562. Making it duty free made it a very popular tourists destination for Israeli’s and East Europe.

History:

Theory # 1: Canaanite goddess ‘Asherah’ nicknamed ‘Elat’ meaning “goddess” and Eilat got its name from there.

Theory # 2: ‘Eyal’ (antelope) is the symbol of this region and perhaps Eilat evolved from this word as people of languages ruled Eilat.

Rulers:

Egyptian, Edomites, Nabataeans, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Crusaders, Mamluks, Turks British and Jews.

Bene-Israel:

There are many Bene-Israel people living in Eilat and are mainly from Gujrat. It is the destination were each year ‘Hoddida’ is held. ShaAre Shalom is the Bene-Israel synagogue in Eilat.



What is Social Engineering?

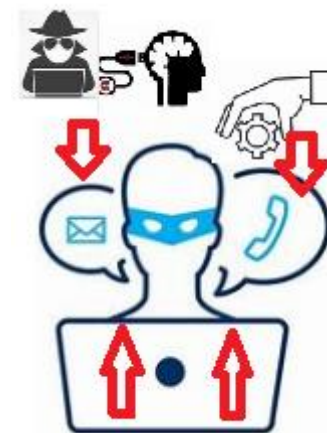
Predicting what a person will do and make him do what you want him to do is called Social Engineering?



If you ask people what is the best toothpaste in the world. The oblivious answer is "Colgate". Is this the correct answer? Perhaps yes. But is the answer right? No it is not. There may be other toothpaste that may be better but you don't know about them. Colgate brainwashes you through advertisements, packages colors by using different words like repairs, gums care, white, herbal care, sensitive, mint fresh.

Social engineering is to make you believe when you buy Colgate you buy the best. But the same basic chemicals are present in all the toothpastes like in soaps or shampoo. It is only in your social engineered brain that finally takes the decision.

Now this brain thought zigzagging has become so accurate that through social media one can change opinions on whom to vote, what political plans to support or what to support in a meeting.



Sayings that make you think!

If you have a gun,
you can rob a bank,
but if you have a bank,
you can rob everyone.

**A rich man
is nothing
but a poor
man with
money.**

**A clear
conscience
is usually
the sign
of a bad
memory.**

**I Am Only
Responsible
For What I
Say - Not For
What You
Understand.**

**You are
living proof
that God
has a sense
of humor.**

**Guilt: the
gift that
keeps on
giving.**

Sometimes I need what only you can provide me; your absence.

Haeem Samuel Kehimkar

Why is he called “Father of the Shaniwar Teli /Community”?



Haeem Samuel Kehimkar

Born-1830-Alibagh, Konkan India-Died 09 Oct 1907-Mazagon Bombay, India

Original Picture painted by Samuel R. Samuel Talkar (Later & better known as Fyzee Rahamim).

“There is no one in our community who has not heard of the late Haeem Samuel Kehimkar. His name is on the lips of every young and old. If we have to name just one person who has spread education among the Bene Israel, then we must name Haeem Saheb. The Israelite School is the centre of education for the Bene Israel, and it is the community's only school. Through it we have the means to study both Hebrew and the Jewish religion. Then shouldn't we, who claim to be Bene Israel, be proud of this institution?”

Born in 1830 in Alibagh, Haeem Samuel Kehimkar was the son of the late Samuel Jacob Kehimkar, Sarpantoji (Inspector) of 40 Marathi and Modi Schools run by the American Mission in the Konkan Region of the now erstwhile Bombay Presidency of Imperial British India.

Mr. Haeem went to school in Alibagh where he received education in Marathi. Then in 1844 his father sent him to Mumbai for further studies in English". He was enrolled in the Robert Money School but did not remain there long. After four years he had to leave to look for a job. He secured an apprenticeship in the Military Board Office at a monthly salary of Rs. 101-. Two and a half years later he was given a permanent appointment. In 1856, the Military Board Office shut down, and Kehimkar was transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of Ordinance and Magazines, where he worked until his retirement after 28 years. After retirement, he planned to live on his pension and spend the rest of his life serving the community.

Up to that time, no Bene Israel had taken up the challenge of providing education for our children or food and shelter for the destitute of our community. Mr. Kehimkar was always concerned about this. The condition of the physically challenged and of widows, orphans and old people touched him deeply. He made up his mind to work in both these fields. He did not expect much support from the Bene Israel Synagogues of Bombay. He first established a welfare society through which he could organize help for the destitute. ***"The Bene Israel Benevolent Society"*** in June 1853. Its aim was to provide help and shelter to the physically challenged, and to other weaker sections of our community. Mr. Kehimkar was secretary and treasurer of this institution for about 14 years and carried out the affairs of the society smoothly and efficiently.

Since Many Bene Israel were serving in the British India Armies Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar while still in service in 1876, put pressure on the British India Government to give **"Bene Israel soldiers who served on the war front the same allowance as Europeans"**. Within a year the government of British India issued a directive shown below. This was one of his creditable achievements.

This is a short summary taken from page 153 of 399 of the book written by Mr. Nissim Moses "Bene Israel of India"

"Perhaps the most unique aspect of the Indian Jewish experience is the complete absence of discrimination by a host majority. The secret of India's tolerance is the Hindu belief which confers legitimacy on a wide diversity of cultural and religious groups even as it forbids movement from one group to another." – Raphael Meyer (thejewsofindia.com)

These were his creditable achievements.

Haeem Samuel Kehimkar had been thinking of building an ashram for the needy of our community and, towards that aim, the Society collected Rs.10,000. An orphanage was constructed with some help from the “**Bene Israel Conference**”.

Below:

1. Grave of Mr. HS Kehimkar
2. The Family of Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar

Persons identified by Sophie Moses on 4th May 1995

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Letter from the Accountant General, Bombay, No. A, 1/1751, dated 3rd May 1877, stating that he thinks the Jews colonized in India, that is, members of the Bene-Israel Community, should be classed with Europeans and Eurasians as their mode of living and habits closely agree with Europeans.



Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar founded and established the ***Israelite School in the year 1875*** and devoted the last 27 years of his life to it. This school started operating from rented quarters in Mandvi (Khadak) with a limited number of lower school classes adding one class every year till in 1891 the first class appeared for the matriculation exams.

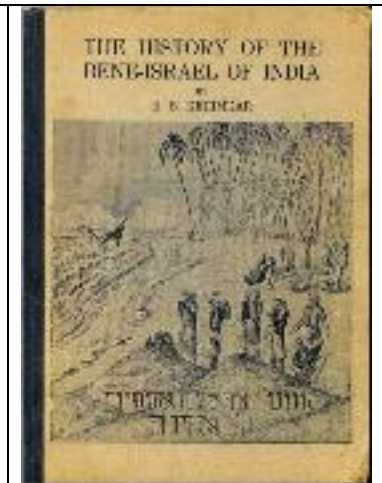
The school then moved from Mandvi to Umerkhadi to the building which is now the Etz Ha Haeem Synagogue, **where an adult night school was also established for working elders**. Realizing the limitations of operating a school from rented space, Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar under the auspices of the **Anglo Jewish Association in London** and the participation of the then **Governor of Bombay** -Lord Harris accumulated significant funds through donations and purchased a building and land in the Mazagon area of Bombay.

The school was inaugurated in its new premises in 1899 by the Lord Sandhurst the New Governor of Bombay Presidency. At this site a "Prayer Hall" was initiated which functioned for several years up to the late 1950s. Thanks to this school, formal education spread rapidly among the poorest of the poor among us.

Our children can ***keep the Sabbath and observe the Holy days***. If we did not have this school, many of our children would have **come under the influence of Christian missionaries**. Many more would have been deprived of education altogether and would have been counted among the backward sections of society. **The Bene Israel community could get ahead mainly because of the Israelite School**. But whose was the labor that bore this fruit? It was someone who at one time was criticized by everyone, a person in whom people could not see a single positive quality only his high handedness - the late Haeem Samuel Kehimkar. But that is the faith of all the great leaders. Prophet Moshe too was criticized by his people.



Kehimkar pioneered several other social and welfare projects for the community and obtained a large amount of funding from International Jewish Organizations. Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar wrote several articles in reputed International Journals defending the heritage of the Bene Israel of India, their customs traditions and culture and towards that end wrote a manuscript which was his son Mr. Joseph Haeem Samuel Kehimkar, took to Tel Aviv and had published. This book is the first written historical record of the Bene Israel community and the basis for most anthropological research on the community.



Mr. H.S. Kehimkar proved to the world that Shaniwar Teli / Bene-Israel community did not come from Lola Land.

Bene-Israel community is *heavily indebted* to this man!

Matter taken for Nissim Moses's original article on Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger

If it was not for Polish born **Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger** the world would still be thinking that we Bene-Israel are from **Lollaland!**

During his visit to India in 1936 as an active member of the Jewish Agency and the Keren Ha Yesod, Dr. Olsvanger was deputed by Ben Gurion to contact political leaders in India. During this visit to India he met Mr. Joseph Haeem Kehimkar the son of Haeem Samuel Kehimkar the reputed Bene Israel Educationist and Historian and founder of the Israelite School (now known as the Sir Eli Kadoorie School) and the Etz Haeem Synagogue. With Mr. Joseph Haeem Kehimkar, Dr. Olsvanger found the unpublished manuscript of the history of the Bene Israel of India written by Haeem Samuel Kehimkar about fifty years earlier.

He took the manuscript with him to Israel and had it published through Dayag press in 1937 with the funds he raised from his some South African friends. This opened to the Jewish world a new chapter they had never thought existed; the Shaniwar Teli / Bene-Israel; Jews from India who had arrived in India around 175 BCE and lived in India as Shaniwar Teli (Oilman who did not work on Saturdays).

Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger had not had this invaluable book published a major source of the known facts about Bene Israel Heritage, History, Culture and Traditions would have been lost forever and caused irreparable damage to the known facts about the Bene Israel of India. The Bene Israel Community owes a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger for this.



Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger
(1988-1961)

We can respect him by letting him be one of us
and give him our Kar:

Dr. Immanuel Olsvankar



Bene Israel in Bombay at a reception given to Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger (November, 1936)

Any one remembers if you or your parents were in this picture?

Bene-Israel in Raigad in 1897

New Ideas in the Market



जोसेफ डेव्हिड पेजारकर / Joseph David Pezarkar

Hutatma Chowk/ Martyrs square / Flora Fountain, Bombay / Mumbai

Hutatma Chowk is a square that we all must have passed in our time living in India. But did you know its ***Bene-Israel connection?***

Amongst the 107 names written there you will find the name of Ambepur, Raigad Maharashtra born Mr. Joseph David Pezarkar. **Samyukta Maharashtra Movement** ([Marathi](#): Sanyukta Maharashtra Chalaval), commonly known as the **Samiti**, was an organization in [India](#) that advocated for separate [Marathi-speaking state](#) in [Western India](#) & [Central India](#) from 1956 -1960.

In 1956 when a peaceful demonstration at Flora Fountain by the [Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti](#) (United Maharashtra Committee) was fired upon by the police resulting in 107 innocent deaths including one Bene-Israel.

Morarji Desai, who was the then chief minister of Bombay State was later removed and replaced by Yashwantrao Chavan as a result of criticism related incident.

Mr. Joseph David Pezarkar was one of the martyrs of this violence. Samyukta Maharashtra Movement finally won their struggle and Flora Fountain was renamed as Hutatma Chowk / Martyrs square.



The shooting proved to be a major impetus for the creation of ***Maharashtra on 1 May.***

PS: This information is sent by Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan from The Asiatic Society of Mumbai. Thank you Raamesh sir.



[Hutatma Chowk](#) ("Martyr's Square") memorial to the Samyukta Maharashtra movement in [Mumbai](#). The memorial was dedicated to members of the organisation killed by police during protests. The [Flora Fountain](#) can be seen on its left in the background.

Bene-Israel Jokes

Gadkar: I am so afraid Madaker. Tomorrow is my work interview. I don't know what will happen!

Madakar: But why are you so afraid. It is just a job.

Gadkar: That is why I am afraid. If I get the job I will have to work!

Neomi talking to Ruth on the phone.

Ruth: Neomi yesterday my mother took me to three doctors. They all said I have a viral infection.

Then finally my mother concluded that someone put an evil eye on me.

Mrs. Bhonkar: Hi Mrs Kehimkar. Tell me you like Birda?

Mrs. Kehimkar: Depends?

Mrs. Bhonkar: Depends? Depends on what?

Mrs. Kehimkar: I like it if others have made it.



Penkar: Advocate Bhonker I want a divorce. My wife has not spoken to me for last six months.

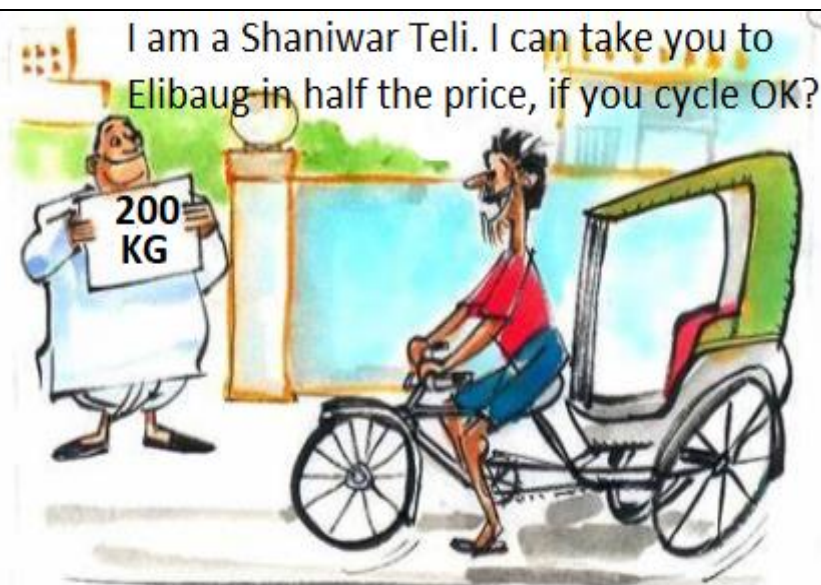
Advocate Bhonkar : Penkar you may want to think once again. Wives like that are hard to get!

What is the difference between
King is where the throne is
Throne is where the king is

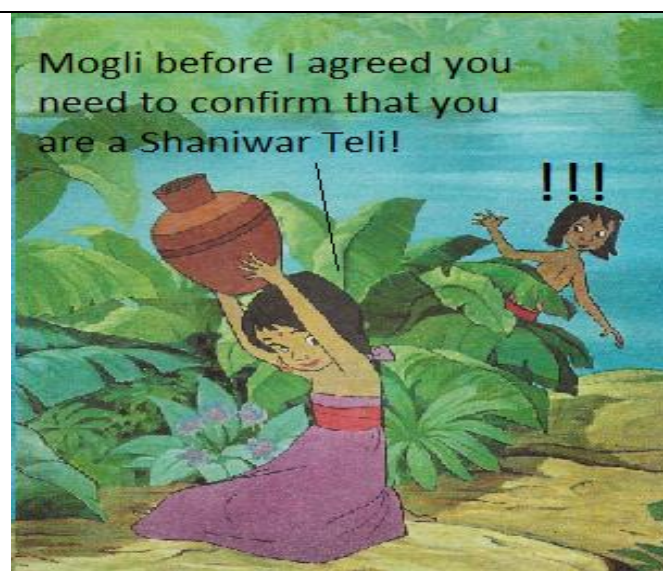
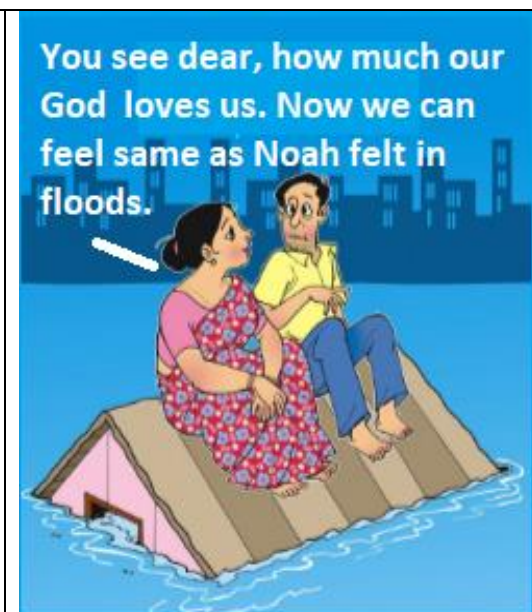
Navgaokar (drunk): Tell me Sankar, who wrote the Ketubah?
Sankar: (drunk) Don't blame me. I did not write it. I refused.
Navgokar: Why did you refuse?
Sankar: Because my wife wrote it for me. She made it so confusing that I understood nothing in it.
Navgaokar: I think it was accepted. No man understands it.

पत्नी : अजी सुनते हो, आपका दोस्त एक पागल लड़की से शादी करने जा रहा है... उसे रोकते क्यों नहीं?
पति - क्यों रोकूँ ? उस दोस्त ने मुझे रोका था क्या ?

Mr. & Mrs. Talkar went to the shoo (Flea market). A beggar said " Yaffa (Beauty) please give me some money. I am blind.
Mr. Tal (to the beggar): Here take 10 NIS .
Mrs.Tal: You never give money to beggars. Then why today?
Mr. Tal: This is a genuine case. He called you Yaffa!!



A Jew is always a Jew!!



Reply to Nissim that we as lawyers of the graveyard cannot give him the list of dead Bene-Israel buried in Worli cemetery due to concern of the safety of the dead.



Above 60? Read This..... : "What are the causes of mental confusion in the elderly?"

By Arnaldo Liechtenstein, physician: "Whenever, I teach clinical medicine to students in the fourth year of medicine, I ask the following question: "What are the causes of mental confusion in the elderly? "Some answer: "Tumors in the head". I answer: No! Others suggest: "Early symptoms of Alzheimer's". I answer again: No! With each rejection of their answers, their responses dry up.

And they are even more open-mouthed, when I list the three most common causes:

- **uncontrolled diabetes**
- **urinary infection**
- **dehydration**

It may sound like a joke; but it isn't.

People over 60 generally stop feeling thirsty and consequently, stop drinking fluids.

When no one is around to remind them to drink fluids, they quickly dehydrate. Dehydration is severe and affects the entire body. It may cause abrupt mental confusion, a drop in blood pressure, increased heart palpitations, angina (chest pain), coma and even death.

This habit of forgetting to drink fluids begins at age 60, when we have just over 50% of the water we should have in our bodies. People over 60 have a lower water reserve. This is part of the natural aging process.

But there are more complications. Although they are dehydrated, they don't feel like drinking water, because their internal balance mechanisms don't work very well.



Conclusion:

People over 60 years old dehydrate easily, not only because they have a smaller water supply; but also because they do not feel the lack of water in the body.

Although people over 60 may look healthy, the performance of reactions and chemical functions can damage their entire body.

So here are two alerts:

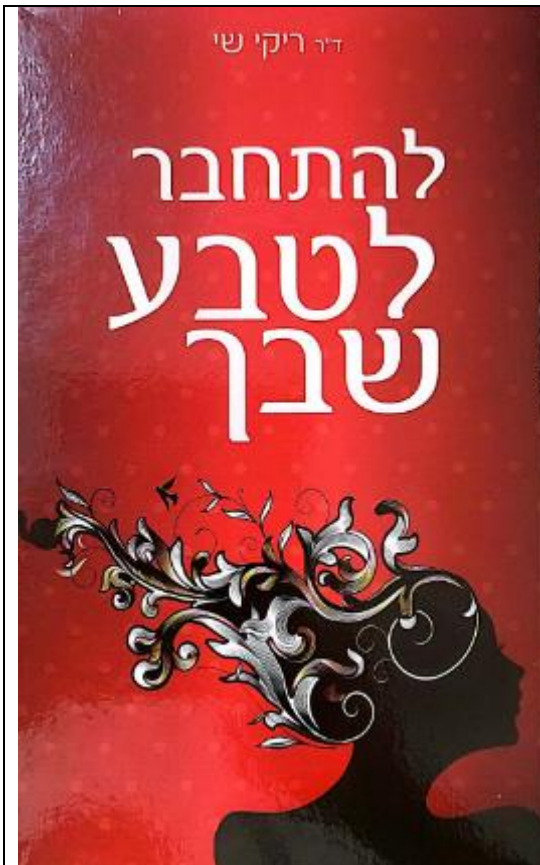
1) Get into the habit of drinking liquids. Liquids include water, juices, teas, coconut water, milk, soups, and water-rich fruits, such as watermelon, melon, peaches and pineapple; Orange and tangerine also work.

2) Alert for family members: constantly offer fluids to people over 60. At the same time, observe them.

The important thing is that, every two hours, you must drink some liquid.

If you realize that they are rejecting liquids and, from one day to the next, they are irritable, breathless or display a lack of attention, these are almost certainly recurrent symptoms of dehydration.

Books



To connect to the Nature inside you
Dr. Riki Shi



Where do you think you are in life, on this tree?

Dr. Riki Shi lectures on motivation and guides major company senior managers and management on how to move forward.

She also does group therapies and takes individual motivation sessions. Her book is an excellent motivation tool with many motivation stories and ways to understand oneself.

**MY JOURNEY WITH THE JEWISH
RELIGIOUS UNION AND
THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE IN INDIA
(1967 TO 2021)**

BY

Elijah Jacob

Book to be released in April 2022

We request every Bene-Israel community member to please support by ordering copies of the book to help give a warm home to our elders.

The price is very reasonable for every family.
See more below about this book

Yes yes we are coming for the Malida as soon as my wife decides what to wear so that she looks slim & trim as she thinks she is



Don't worry friends. My mother is a true a Shaniwar Teli women. When she is making Malida she throws out everyone from home including my father and friends. She thinks her recipy for making Malida is very unique



Yes, I am proud of it that I am a Mavali

i was in jail for two months. Now I am more qualified mavali.



The “Israel Pond” in Panvel/אגמים ישראל

Moses Korlekar, Panvel



We all know the fresh water pond in Panvel that is names after us shaniwar teli / Bene-Israel as ‘Israel Pond’ “इस्रायली तलाव” אגמים ישראל

As per oldest records available in Panvel Municipal Office, the said lake is named as ISRAELY LAKE because more than 150 years ago, many Jewish families were staying there, and using water from that lake.

पनवेलमध्ये तलावाच्या पाण्यावर बेकायदा घरे

म. टा. वृत्तसेवा, पनवेल

पनवेल शहरातील एकमेव दगडीकाम असलेल्या तलावाचे सौंदर्य महापालिका सांभाळू शकलेली नाही. ऐतिहासिक महत्त्व असलेल्या तलावाकडे महापालिकेचे दुर्लक्ष झाल्यामुळे तलावात टेकू लावून घरे बांधली जात आहेत. विकासाच्या भूखंडावरील अतिक्रमण मोकळे करून देणाऱ्या पनवेल महापालिकेचे या अतिक्रमणाकडे पूर्णपणे दुर्लक्ष होत असल्याने आश्चर्य व्यक्त केले जात आहे.

पनवेल शहरात देवाळे, लेंडाळे, वडाळे, कृष्णाळे आणि विश्राली तलाव आहेत. पनवेल नगरपरिषदेपासून या तलावाच्या सौंदर्यकरणाचा गाजावाजा सुरू होता. अखेर महापालिकेने मुख्यालयासमोरील देवाळे आणि वडाळे तलावाचे नुकतेच सौंदर्यकरण केले. वडाळे तलावासाठी १२ कोटी रुपये खर्च करण्यात आले. या तलावांना कोणतेही जुने दगडी बांधकाम नव्हते. त्यामुळे

‘विश्राली’ मधील अतिक्रमणाकडे पालिकेचे दुर्लक्ष

तलावांचे सौंदर्य अधिक खुलविण्यासाठी महापालिकेने पदरचे पैसे खर्च करून तलावाला पुनरुज्जीवित केले. शेकडो क्युविक मीटरचा गाळ काढण्यात आला. या तलावांपैकी विश्राली हा तलाव जुने बांधकाम असलेला तलाव म्हणून प्रसिद्ध आहे. शेजारीच इस्रायली समाजाची

म्हणजे ज्यू लोकांची स्मशानभूमी आहे, जुनी खासगी शाळा आहे. निसर्गसौंदर्याने नटलेल्या या परिसरात काही वर्षांपूर्वी या भागातील मुले पोहण्यासाठी जात असत. तलावाला एकमेकांना काटकोनात छेदणाऱ्या पायऱ्या आहेत. चारही बाजूंनी सारखा असलेला तलाव अनेक वर्षांपूर्वी बांधण्यात आला आहे. मात्र पूर्वीच्या नगरपालिकेला आणि आताच्या महापालिकेला या तलावाचे आयते मिळालेले सौंदर्य सांभाळता आले नाही. अनेक वर्षांपासून तलावाची पडझड झाल्यामुळे पायऱ्या उचकटल्या

आहेत. तलावाची डागडुजी करण्याची गरज आहे. तलावाच्या एका बाजूला काही रहिवाशांनी अतिक्रमण केले असून तलावाच्या पायऱ्यांच्याही पुढे जाऊन तलावात लोखंडी टेकू लावून घरे बांधली जात आहेत. तलावाच्या पाण्यात टेकू लावून सीफोरेक्स या हलक्या विटांचे बांधकाम येथील स्थानिकांकडून केले जात असताना महापालिका प्रशासन आणि या भागातील लोकप्रतिनिधींचे पूर्णपणे दुर्लक्ष होत आहे. दिवसाढवळ्या तलावात टेकू लावून घरे बांधली जात असताना महापालिकेला याची

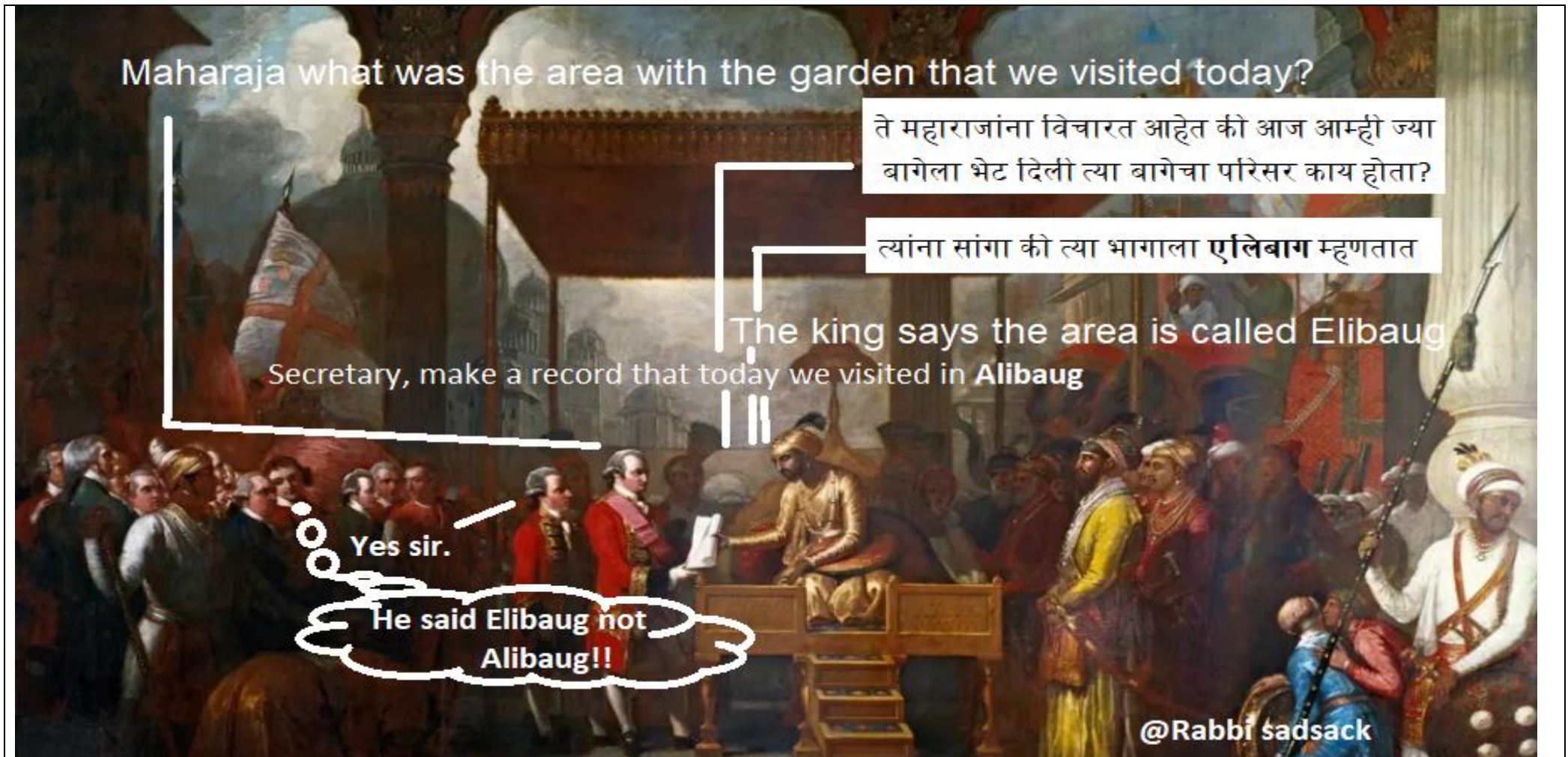
माहिती होत नसल्याबाबत स्थानिक पर्यावरणप्रेमींनी प्रश्न उपस्थित केला आहे. विशेष म्हणजे पनवेल महापालिकेने या तलावापासून हाकेच्या अंतरावर असलेल्या विकासाच्या एका भूखंडावरील घरांचे अनेक वर्षे जुने अतिक्रमण मोठा फौजफाटा लावून हटविले होते. विकासाचा भूखंड मोकळा करून देणाऱ्या महापालिका प्रशासनाला पनवेलच्या सौंदर्यात भर घालणाऱ्या तलावातील अतिक्रमण का दिसत नसावे, असा प्रश्न उपस्थित केला जात आहे.

“ही बांधकामे मी येण्यापूर्वीची असावीत, तरीही कारवाईचे आम्हाला अधिकार आहेत. मी चौकशी करून पुढील निर्णय घेतो.”

- अमर पाटील, प्रभाग अधिकारी, पनवेल महापालिका

Our committee has made many complaints against unauthorized structures constructed in our Jewish Cemetery near Israel lake, but Panvel Municipal Officers have not taken prompt action. Therefore we approached Maharashtra Times newspaper, and today the said news in Marathi paper is printed. Let us hope now Municipal Officer takes prompt action against unauthorized structures.

Today as we know the city Panvel; it is not the original name of the place. It was Paneli (Panelim in Konkani language). The British wrote it as Panwell that with time became Panvel as per its sound. [Panvel - Wikipedia](#)
Similarly Elibaug was misspelled by British as Alibaug. **The original is Elibaug.**



Coloba was Kulbabkar as in Kolis language. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colaba>)

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History of Shaniwar-Teli / Bene-Israel; Jews from India



175 BCE Jewish traders were washed on Kankan coast during a monsoon storm. 175 BCE to 10 ACE these traders started trading in extracting oil. Locals called them "Shaniwar Teli" (oil extractors who did not work on Saturday). Kept Shabbat.



Between 10th to 14th Century



16th Century



20th Century

Between 10-14 Century a Jewish visitor from Cochin discovered "Shaniwar Teli" were Jews. With British in India it became more clear that "Shaniwar Teli" were Jews as per Rabbi's Haeem S Kheimkar got British approval to pay Shaniwar-Teli salary as an European. Haeem S Kheimkar wrote the first book on the History of Shaniwar Teli that /Bene-Israel With formation of Israel in 1948, Shaniwar Teli's started returning to their original land.

Our Great and Wonderful Bene-Israel Women



Hats off to our Bene-Israel great grandmother's, our grandmothers and mothers for all the wonderful things they do of us.

My dear aunty Jerusha (Jerusha Joel Samuel Kolatkar) who is mother of two, grandmother of six and great grandmother of 18 and 80+ years old called me today (like every year) to come and eat her Puran-Poli for Purim!!

As always when I reached her home she started making a fresh Puran-Poli and fried it in bit with ghee and served me hot on a nice glass plate. Then she sat with me talking insisting that I take one more. I thanked her and said no.

Then as every year as I started to leave, she bought me several Puran-Poli's (the picture is of that moment) for all the home members.

It made me happy to see my aunty active and working at this age with so much passion. She said I can only make two at a time and then I need to sit as I get tired.

I did not have the heart to ask her how she could make Puran-Poli for every member of her family who make it a point to come to eat grandma's Puran-Poli. Leo



Ms. Yamit Daniels Walwatkar graduated her Chartered Accountancy two years ago and after completing her internship for two years at EY (Ernst & Young) Accounting firm she was awarded her degree and Chartered Account membership number. Now she has taken a senior post in an international company as Finance Controller. But at the same time her passion for modeling has not reduced. Both pictures are for this year 2022 one in Feb and another in March.



Chawl's Bombay/Soviet Union

Chawls buildings started around 1700, rooted in the history of Bombay's (now Mumbai) colonial past. Workers migrated to Bombay from far and wide, as Bombay was the center of trade for the East India Company. Typically low quality housing, chawls are generally associated with poverty. The first chawls were constructed in the early 1700s, as housing for industrial workers.

The Chawl's were based on Tenement.

A **tenement** is a type of building shared by multiple dwellings, typically with flats or apartments on each floor and with shared entrance stairway access, on the British Isles notably common in Scotland. In the medieval Old Town, in Edinburgh, tenements were developed.



All countries in Soviet Union too had building as Mumbai Chawl system. Only difference was that being communism countries, all the housing units were owned by government and were allotted **based on family size**. The maintenance too of these buildings was central.



Soviet Chawl's



Soviet Chawl's



Mumbai Chawl's

Rivka Emanu our Mother

Character traits of the wife of Yitzchak avinu /Men in her life.

Jenny Samson Bamnolkar

Father: Rivka is the daughter of Bethuel who was not an honest man. Bethuel tried to kill Eliezer, a servant of our father Abraham, in order to gain his property. Bethuel handed Eliezer a bowl containing a death drug and then the angel Gabriel switched between the bowls and thus Bethuel found his death.



Brother: Rivka is the sister of the Lavan of Aram who cheated Yaacov throughout his years of service and deceived Yaacov when he exchanged between our mothers Rachel and Leah.

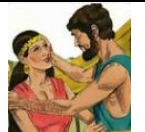


Match Maker: Eliezer, Avraham avinu's servant, is looking for a suitable match for his son Yitzchak. He meets Rivka at the water well and examines her character traits if she is a suitable match and worthy of his master's son Yitzchak. Rivka exhibits virtues of kindness and giving, has a kind eye, hospitality, generosity, diligence and agility. Eliezer brings Rivka to the land of Canaan to marry Yitzchak.



Husband :

When Rivka arrived at Canaan to join Yitzchak it was during the evening prayers. When Rivka sees Yitzchak she covers herself with a veil out of reverence for him and modesty.



The three mothers received three miracles in their tents –

a cloud tied to the tent that signifies the Divine inspiration,

a candle lit from Shabbat evening to Shabbat evening

and

a blessing in the livelihood.

When Sarah emanu died these three miracles ceased and when Yitzchak brought Rivka to the tent and saw that the three miracles were repeated - then Yitzchak knew that Rivka had righteousness and virtues like his holy mother, Sarah emanu.

Children:

Rivka was born barren and after begging and praying for 20 years on her part and on the part of her husband, Yitzchak, she gave birth to twins: Yaacov and Esau.

Rivka, didn't know about the spiritual nature of the fetus in her womb because whenever she passed near the synagogues she felt kicks of the fetus and on other occasions when she passed near non Jewish worshipping's. While she was standing in the synagogues, Jacob wanted to get out; and while she was going through the non-Jewish worshipping, Esau was trying to get out.

She did not know she was carrying twins so she goes to ask the prophets and the prophet informs her that there are two nations in her womb which will be separated.



Esau would pretend to be righteous in the eyes of Yitzchak.

Rivka previously received a prophecy that Yaacov will receive the blessings from his father Yitzchak, and she knew in her mind the true soul of Esau and therefore before Yitzchak was about to bless Esau, Rivka seeks out Yaacov, her son, knowing that Yaacov is the one who should receive the blessings of Yitzchak and not Esau.

She knows in her heart that if Yitzchak knew what she knew, so would he do so. In this act she embodied the true will of Yitzchak had he been aware of the hidden truth.



Death: Rivka passed away at the age of 133 and is buried in Mearat HaMachpela (The Cave of the Patriarchs or Tomb of the Patriarchs /'Cave of the Double Caves') where the fathers & mothers of the Jewish nation are buried.



Noah Massil

Synagogue "Kneset Israel" in the city of Tala, Raigad, Maharashtra in India. (My hometown)

*Built in 1849, burned in 1852. Rebuilt in 1876.
Renovated as new in 1952. Closed in 1976*

Closed after the last Jewish family left the city and immigrated to Israel.

The building was handed over to the local government for the use of a public library.

(Talkar family name came from this village)



The Bene Israel Indian Jewish family in Transnational Context: The evolution of the Bene Israel family in Maharashtra is traced in this study in a transnational setting between the motherland India and the fatherland, Israel, where the majority of the family dwells. The Bene Israel are unique in that they are an Indian Jewish group who follow a monotheistic religion yet are culturally similar to Indians of other faiths.

In the aftermath of migration and Westernization, the study focuses on family structure and residency. It is based on a re-evaluation of census data collected among the Bene Israel Indian Jews of Lod, Israel, as well as a new look at the Bene Israel family today. The research examines India's rate of joint family living and how it differs in practice due to developmental and other factors. The book then goes on to discuss the Indian Jewish family structure in Israel in the 1970s, revealing that 20% more families were living in nuclear units. Despite the fall in joint residency, the joint family thrived in other ways, such as "proximal housing." Today, contemporary technology helps to bring together previously disjointed members of joint families within Israel, as well as across borders between India and Israel.



The Bene Israel Indian Jewish family in Transnational Context

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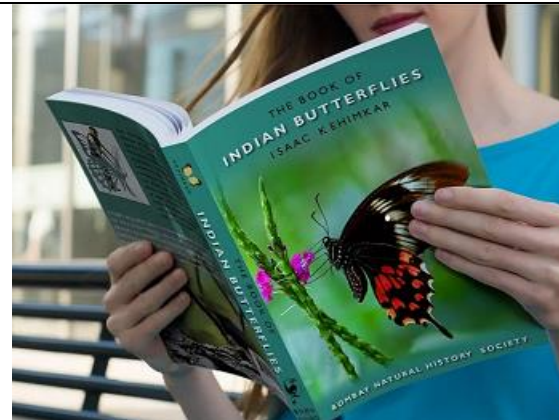
Meet Isaac David Kehimkar “Butterfly Man of India”

Specialize in designing and setting-up butterfly parks and gardens in India.

*Is it not amazing that in a population of 1.38 billion a Bene-Israel is known as
“Butterfly Man of India”*

Story of The Butterfly Man of India (thebetterindia.com)

Isaac David Kehimkar is an Indian naturalist, photographer, author and teacher. He is the author of the field guides *The Book of Indian Butterflies*, published by Bombay Natural History Society, and *Butterflies of India*.



[The Book of Indian Butterflies by Isaac Kehimkar \(goodreads.com\)](http://goodreads.com)



Childhood:

Having grown up in Mumbai at a time when technology still hadn't taken over modern lives, Kehimkar's childhood was spent wandering the wilds of Deonar, a suburb of Mumbai. As a child, he had several pets and his very own plant nursery and spent most of the monsoon, his favorite season, catching fish and crabs in the paddy fields with local Koli boys. Unsurprisingly, he grew up with an affinity for nature that just got stronger with time.

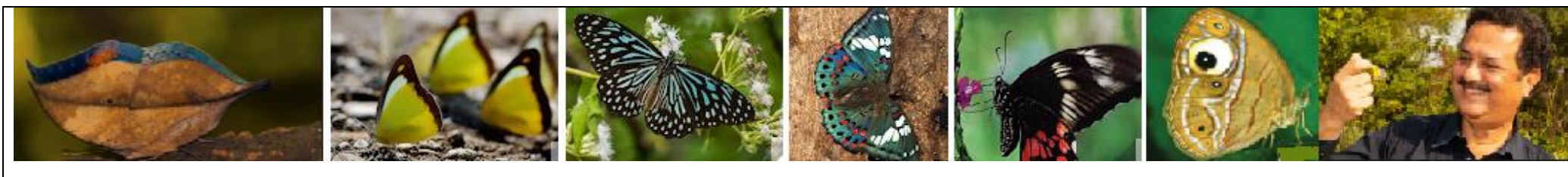


Graduation:

After graduating in Political Science and Psychology from Mumbai University, Kehimkar ditched a marketing job for a life surrounded by nature. It was his father's advice – it's more difficult to get jobs that give happiness than those which give higher salaries – that helped Kehimkar choose his love for nature as his career.

Career:

He joined the Bombay Natural History Society (1883) ([BNHS](#)) as a library assistant in 1978 and spent time learning from people like Dr. Salim Ali and Vyankatesh Madgulkar who often visited the BNHS library. He also honed his writing skills by publishing several natural history photos and articles in Sanctuary magazine.



In Israel many years ago during school summer holidays there was a butterfly show in the Azrali Mall in Tel-Aviv. It was a large walk in cage with a hanging garden with many butterflies in them. One could walk into this cage with children and enjoy the butterflies. There was a long line to get in as only limited number of people could be inside at one time. When we heard of our own **Bene-Israel** is known as *the “Butterfly Man of India”* we were very eager to interview him. We asked him few questions to which he very kindly replies. We are sharing what he had to say below.



Isaac why would anyone choose this as a profession? Not the photography part but more studying butterflies?

Isaac's Reply: Though I have been doing it as my hobby of photography and writing about them, I use butterflies in nature awareness lectures and programs. Today my **NGO, iNaturewatch Foundation** ([iNaturewatch Foundation - Nature Walks, Online Courses, Environment](#)) is doing four projects on enriching biodiversity including butterflies by tree and shrub plantations. Mr. Kehimkar is the Chairman and Director of the NGO iNaturewatch Foundation, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai

We have four big projects sponsored by Corporates under **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibilities)**. Each project runs for three years costing couple of Crores. Studying butterflies is now done in various Indian Universities and other institution. Butterflies are indicators of **Climate Change** and **health of the habitats**. There are several Ph.D programs to study butterflies in India and other countries.

In India, there are several institutions like **Wildlife Institute of India, BNHS, WWF -India** where there are job vacancies for biologists studying butterflies. Butterfly tourism is very popular in India and SE countries like Thailand.

In addition **"Butterfly Park"** is opening up everywhere. Butterflies pupae are exported for these parks. It is big a business now. Facebook has around 40 Groups on Butterflies.



Please contact directly if you are interested in becoming part of this project: Isaac Kehimkar : isaackehimkar@gmail.com
(Butterflies are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 just like tiger and elephants.)

Meet Rishona Fine, an American Jew who is waiting for 15 years to perform a Malida at Panvel Synagogue and writing her MA thesis on the Magic of Beth-El Synagogue of Panvel!

As you all know Shaniwar Teli e-Newsletter for Bene-Israel started investigating stories behind the power of the Beth-El synagogue in Panvel; why so many people perform Malida in this Synagogue? Most unexpectedly we receive a request from American women from Silver Spring, Maryland. Today she lives in Jerusalem. She today Studies Graduate Program in Folklore and Folk Culture Studies at [The Hebrew University of Jerusalem](https://www.hu.ac.il/) and writing her theses on Beth-EL synagogue.



Background:

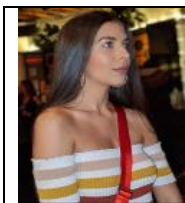
During 2007 under a project sponsored by the Zalman Shazar Center ([מרכז זלמן שזר – בית להיסטוריה יהודית](https://shazar.org.il/) (shazar.org.il)) a team was sent India to research the local Jewish landmarks and preserve them as Jewish history. When they reached Beth-El synagogue to study building architecture and were taking measurements, they were suddenly stopped as a group of Bene-Israel Jews had arrived and they had to perform Malida. So the group stopped and waited for them to finish. But soon a new group arrived and they too were there to perform Malida.

This rose Rishona's curiosity and she started asking questions. Slowly it dawned on her that this was a magical place where wishes come true! She understood that these groups that came to perform Malida were actually there to thank God for granting their wish through Beth-El synagogue. She was told many amazing stories about Beth-El synagogues that she shared with us and we will mention them with the other stories in this issue.

Encouraged, Rishona went to the Hekhal of the Beth-El synagogue and asked to get married. She returned and was married and have two children now 11 and 8 years old. 15 years have passed and she has not forgotten that her wish was granted by the Beth-El synagogue and she has to return to perform her thanks giving Malida!

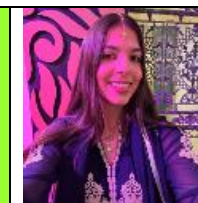
Help: Rishona is looking for help from Bene-Israel community to tell her real stories where wishes of people have come true when they asked for it at Beth El synagogue so she can complete her thesis.

Please contact at: rishona.fine@gmail.com /054-7979596 / +972547979596



Rachel Sophia Kruge

Culinary Artist from Montclair, New Jersey



I wrote a little story about my project:

My name is Rachel Sophia Kruge, a culinary artist from Montclair, New Jersey currently conducting culinary research and creative media in Tel-Aviv, Israel. As the daughter of an Indian-Jewish woman who immigrated to the United States, I carry with me the legacy of a tight-knit community known as the Bene Israel people— an ancient community of Jews who fled Israel and migrated to the shores of western India beginning in 8th century BCE. In the middle of the 20th century, as efforts to return to the holy land intensified, many Bene Israel people immigrated to the newly formed State of Israel, where several communities reside today. Research is scarce on the history and traditions of the Bene Israel people and far less is known about their food practices that uniquely combine Indian and Jewish influences. My goal is to engage with and hopefully one day serve as an ambassador for the rich and diverse cuisine of the Bene Israel.

I find inspiration through my mother, who through her own life travels and work, discovered the value of our heritage and its traditions, which motivated me to seek my own unique connection to our history. While in Israel, I will conduct research on the ancient culinary traditions and rituals of the Bene Israel community and highlight its distinctiveness through creative media. Food has the power to cross time, space, language, and culture to unify differences in people while exciting all the senses in one single delicious bite. I will highlight this unique Indian-Jewish culture through food's powerful lens with hopes of one day spreading its flavors to taste-buds around the world.

Rachel's Invention

Puran Poli Hammentashen!!!



Rachel made this recipe for a cook book that will be published soon.....Puran Poli Hammentashen!!!

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Excerpts from my book –My Journey with JRU and AJDC in India (1967 to 2021)

Elijah Jacob



MY JOURNEY WITH AJDC-INDIA (1993 to 2021)

AJDC is the Indian arm of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. based in New York. It is the largest Jewish humanitarian organization in the world with branches in over 70 countries. AJDC in India was registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in December 1991.

AJDC had begun its operations in India in June 1961 by funding the feeding programme for 800 Jewish students in the three Jewish schools of Bombay. Later it also sub-vented the feeding costs for ORT India students in 1964 as well as the rent for the Boys Hostel in Fine Palace building at Byculla. Subsequently in 1968, it opened the Day care Centre for elderly Jewish destitute on the first floor premises of Rodef Shalom which served as its office space till 2004 when the building was declared unsafe for occupation. AJDC was primarily involved in welfare activities like monthly cash assistance to the poor and needy of the community, supporting the feeding programmes for ORT students and the elderly residents at the Beth Israel home.

One of our JRU Youth Group members-Leora Ezekiel who was involved in AJDC joined the Israeli Consulate in Mumbai in 1992. She sent feelers to me that AJDC was looking out for an Administrator to run the India operations and whether I would be interested to join them. I was a bit hesitant to move from the corporate world which included a multinational pharmaceutical company-Pfizer and an upcoming edible oil company-Marico to the social sector since I had no formal degree in social work except volunteering with them as a youth. However Evelyn Peters-Country Director for India convinced me that you only need a 'Strong Will' to work for the betterment of the community and everything will fall in place. I decided to join the AJDC in January 1993 and was appointed the Country Manager for AJDC-India operations.

My first assignment was to get the elderly Jewish destitutes off the streets in Bombay and place them in Beth Israel, a home run by the community and supported by JDC. It was a life changing moment for me when I could get a nearly blind ex-Bollywood actress Susan Solomon Sankar (aka Firoza in Bollywood parlance) living under the staircase of a building in Parel to gain her eyesight after a cataract operation in the nearby Bachoo Ali hospital to be admitted into the Beth Israel home.



ELIJAH WITH HIS PROFESSIONAL MENTOR-
Ms.EVELYN PETERS

Firoza was born on October 13, 1914 and her parents disapproved of her desire to join films. She was only fifteen when she walked out of her home and entered Bollywood through her silent debut film-Bewafa Qatil produced by B.R.Mehta. A series of starrers followed in quick succession-Prem Veer in Marathi and Hindi, Din Raat under the direction of the famous Master Vinayak (father of actress Nanda), Raigad, Bhagta Bhoot, and Circus Girl to name a few.

Susan had fond memories of the collegian's role she played in Prem Veer. She became very famous after that and mentioned that young men and students would whistle after me, clamour around me for autographs and try to touch me. Fame is the most intoxicating thing in the world. It goes to your head almost instantaneously and that happened to Firoza as well. After being in the limelight for two decades, fame suddenly turned its back on her. She got involved with a producer who fed her with empty promises, exploited her and then abandoned her. In no time at all, newer stars took Firoza's place.



FIROZA
Susan Solomon Sankar

Susan fell rapidly on bad times landing eventually in a dilapidated room tenement in Parel which she later sold and landed under the staircase of that building from where we picked her up and rehabilitated her in the Beth Israel home at Agripada which was financially supported by AJDC.

Another destitute Jerusha Awaskar living outside the Worli Jewish cemetery was also admitted to the home with a promise that we would bring her to recite Kaddish for her deceased husband every year on his death anniversary at the Jewish cemetery. We religiously brought her to the cemetery on her husband's death anniversary for 12 years. Her husband was the caretaker of the Jewish Worli cemetery and after he passed away, the Cemetery authorities sent Jerusha packing out to accommodate the new caretaker. Jerusha started living in a shanty hut on the street outside the cemetery from where we picked her up and accommodated her in the Beth Israel home.



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Thank you to all of my Bene-Israel brothers and sisters who have come here for this Malida. There are so many groups in our small community that don't want to work with each other. This cannot go on.

Today I have invited all of you to please understand that we have to work together if we want to get our man in the Knesset.

Let us all, get together under a new one group, in my way!



Nissim Moses

The other side of Nissim Moses!

Whenever you meet Nissim Moses he starts talks about the Bene-Israel community and its history and the family tree he has built. He is the President Indian Jewish Heritage Center and we all know him as Historian Bene Israel Heritage & Genealogy Research. But he never talks of his family and this page is dedicated to our dear Nissim Moses, a husband, a father and a loving grandfather!

Nissim Moses Talkar (14 January 1942)

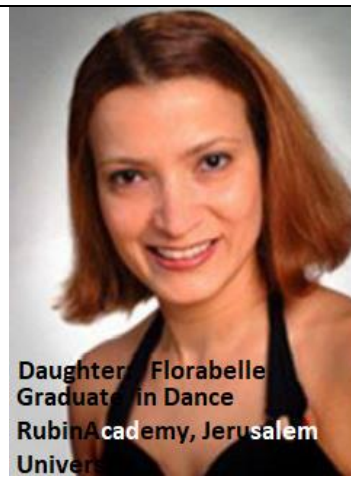
Marriage Date: **16 Aug 1966**

Wife: **Beatrice** (1934-2007)

Children: Daughter: **Florabelle** (1967) Son: **Daniel**

Daughter in Law : **lilach**

Grand Children: In Order of Age: **Harel, Oz, Beatrice-Zohar & Sharon**



Beatrice you are ok?

Ness dear, if you are going to ride so fast we may reach the world of ET. Then what will happen of all your BI research??!!



सेफ्टी पिन

Curtesy Mrs. Naomi Raymond Bhorupkat



सेफ्टी पिनची नेहेमीची हक्काची जागा म्हणजे आईची हाताची बांगडी. कायम तिच्या दोन हाताच्या बांगड्यामध्ये ती अडकवली असायची. आई जेव्हा जेव्हा काम करायची तेंव्हा तेंव्हा हातातल्या बांगड्याबरोबर ही सेफ्टी पिन पुढे मागे हलायची. आईच्या काचेच्या बांगड्या आणि लग्नातली सोन्याच्या बांगड्या बरोबर एखादी सेफ्टी पिन हा एक दागिनाच होती म्हणा ना.

ही सेफ्टी पिन म्हणजे एक मॅजिक/अॅलन की होती.

कधी कधी माझ्या सदऱ्याच बटण तुटलं आणि शिवायला वेळ नसला की आई तत्परतेने सेफ्टी पिन काढायची आणि बटणाची उणीव भरून काढायची.



कधी लेंग्याची नाडी आत जायची किंवा एखाद्या बाजूची नाडी बाहेर यायची आणि दुसऱ्या बाजूची नाडी तेवढीच आत जायची. अश्यावेळी आई सेफ्टी पिन घालून ती नाडी सारखी करीत असे.

कधी एकदा हाताच्या बोटात लाकडाचे कूस घुसले होते. ते आईने सेफ्टी पिन वापरून बाहेर काढले होते. एकदा पायात काटा घुसला असताना आईने सेफ्टी पिन चे टोक तव्यावर गरम करून तो काटा काढला होता.

आईला आणि तिच्या सेफ्टी पिन ला काही म्हणजे काही अशक्य नव्हते.

कधी खोबरेल तेलाची बाटली नवी आणली असता. ती त्याच्या टोकावर सेफ्टी पिन चा दाब देऊन व्यवस्थित टोकावर छिद्र करीत असे आणि ते मापाचे तेल वापारायला काढीत असे. कधी घामोळ्याची लायसील पावडर आणली की, पुन्हा आईच्या सेफ्टी पिन मदतीला येत असे. त्यावर एक सोडून एक असे छिद्र करून, ती पावडर वापरता येत असे. आणि ती सेफ्टी पिनने छिद्र सुद्धा अश्या आकाराची करे, की, अगदी हवी तेवढी पावडर बाहेर येई.

आईची सेफ्टी पिन ही अगदी तिच्या शरीराचा एक भाग झालेली होती.
एकदा चुकून ती पिन उघडी राहिली असता माझ्या हाताला टोचली.
तेव्हा, "आपल्या कडून पिन उघडी राहिली" म्हणून वेदना तिला झाल्या.
तेव्हापासून ती सेफ्टी पिन बंद आहे, याची खात्री करून घेत असे.
नंतर नंतर ती सेफ्टी पिन मंगळसूत्राला अडकून ठेवू लागली.
आई गेल्यावर सेफ्टी पिन सुद्धा आयुष्यातून हद्दपार झाली म्हणा ना!
एकदा असाच तिचा ड्रॉवर बघताना तळाशी असलेल्या सेफ्टी पिनचे टोक हाताला टोचले. किंचितसे रक्त
आल्यासारखे झाले. 'आई ग! 'असा उद्गार तोंडातून आला.
घरचे म्हणाले, "पिन टोचली."
मी म्हणालो, "आईची खूप खूप आठवण टोचली."

केदार अनंत साखरदांडे



Marriage ,27 /5/1973
Mr Raymond Samuel Bhorupkar
Mrs Naomi Raymond Bhorupkat

English Translation

The usual rightful place of a safety pin is the mother's hand bangle. She was always stuck in the bangles of her two hands. Whenever mother worked, this safety pin would move back and forth with the bangle in her hand. Don't say a safety pin was a jewel along with mother's glass bangles and wedding gold bangles.

This safety pin was a magic/allen key.

Sometimes my button was broken, and when I didn't have time, my mother would promptly remove the safety pin and make up for the lack of a button.

Sometimes the nadi of the pajama would go in or the nadi of one side would come out and the nadi of the other side would go in the same way. At this time, the mother used to wear a safety pin and use it to so the pajama's don't fall down.

Once upon a time, wood had penetrated into the fingers of the hand. It was taken out by the mother using a safety pin. Once, when the wood splinter had penetrated the foot, the mother had heated the tip of the safety pin on the frying pan and removed the splinter. Nothing was impossible for the mother and her safety pin.

Sometimes when a bottle of coconut oil would have been brought new, she used to press the safety pin on its tip and drill holes on the proper end and remove the oil of the correct measure. When the Ponds powder for the sweat was brought, the mother's safety pin would come to the aid again. The powder box could be used by making a hole on it, and leaving one hole on it. And with that safety pin, the hole was also in such a shape that only as much powder as was wanted, came out.

The mother's safety pin was a part of her body. Once, by mistake, the pin was left open and pierced my hand. So, she felt sad as "the pin was left open from your side." Since then, she'd made sure the safety pin was off. Later, she started to stick to the safety pin mangalsutra.

When the mother was gone, the safety pin too banished from life! Once while looking at her drawer, the end of the safety pin at the bottom was pierced in my hand. "Oh mother!" I exclamation

The empty house replied, "The pin pierced?"

I said, "A lot of memories of my mother pierced."

Kedar Anant Sugardande



Meet Chana Fingle (Pingle)

שיננית / Dental hygienist



שמי חנה פינגל בת בכורה לאייזיק ושרה טלקר מאשדוד. יש לי 2 אחיות ואח. אני נשואה לעופר פינגל ואמא ל 4 ילדים מקסימים נדב בן 19 ושלוש בנות ליאן בת 15 טליה בת 12 ומעיין בת שנתיים.

במקצועי אני עובדת כשיננית בכללית סמייל באשדוד ובמרפאה פרטית. את הכיוון למקצוע שלי אפשר לומר קיבלתי בצבא. התגייסתי 1993 והייתי סייעת לרופא שיניים ניהלתי מרפאת שיניים בצבא בחטיבת שהיתה חטיבה דרוזית שירתו שם יהודים ודרוזים כך שזה היה שירות מעניין למדתי להכיר מקצוע מעניין ואנשים מהממים עם מסורת מיוחדת שלא פגשתי לפני. הרגשתי שבעצם אני תרמתי לצבא והצבא תרם לי קיבלתי בעצם מקצוע לאזרחות כמובן אחרי שעברתי מבחן ממשלתי. לאחר שהשתחררתי רציתי ללמוד הוראה אבל בלחץ של אמי נרשמתי והתקבלתי לשנה שניה ללימודי שיננית בהדסה עין כרם בירושלים. תיכננתי לסיים את שנת הלימודים הזו לעסוק במקצוע שיננית לזמן קצר ולממן לי את לימודי ההוראה. עצם זה שאני עוסקת במקצוע הזה כבר 23 מעידה על כך שאני מאד אוהבת העבודה שלי.

מאד חשוב לשמור על הגיינות פה מעולה. לשיניים שלנו יש חשיבות גדולה באכילה דיבור וכמובן אסתטיקה.



כשמגיעים אלי לטיפול יש לי מספר תפקידים. הראשון זה להסיר את האבנית שהצטברה על השיניים זאת בעצם שכבת פלאק שהיא שאריות של אוכל וחידקים שהסתיידה והפכה לאבנית שמטופל כבר לא יכול להוריד לבד. האבנית והפלאק גורמים לדלקת חניכיים שמתבטאת בנפיחות אודם ודימום ולחורים בשיניים. לכן חשוב להגיע לטיפול אצל השיננית כל חצי שנה לפחות.

חוץ משמירה על השיניים והחניכים ע"י הסרת אבנית אחד התפקידים שלי הוא להדריך מטופלים איך יש לשמור בבית על הגיינה טובה של השיניים והחניכים ובכך לסלק את הפלאק שלא יהפוך לאבנית. חשוב לצחצח פעמיים ביום בוקר וערב. **חשוב שהמברשת תהיה קטנה ורכה. קטנה שתגיע לכל מקום ורכה כדי לא לפצוע את השיניים החניכים. שיטת הצחצוח היא שהמברשת תיגע בקו החניכים בזווית של 45 מעלות לכיוון החניכים כל פעם 2 שיניים. התנועה היא של קדימה אחורה מספר פעמים וגלגול החוצה.**

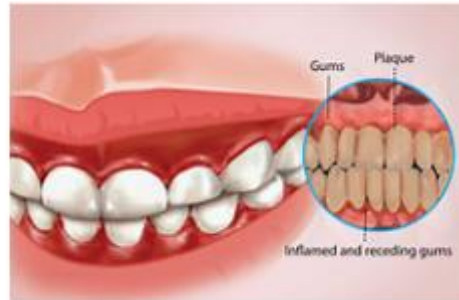
בנוסף לצחצוח שיניים חשוב גם להשתמש באביזר בין שיני שזה מקום שהמברשת לא מגיעה. אביזר בין שיני מותאם על ידי השיננית בהתאם למצב השיניים והחניכים זה יכול להיות חוט או קיסם דנטלי ולאנשים עם רווחים קצת יותר גדולים בין השיניים יש מברשונים קטנים.

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חשוב להגיע לשיננית שתתאים לך את האביזרים שמתאימים לך. בנוסף למברשת ואביזר בין שיני מומלץ להשתמש במי פה שלא מנקה את השיניים אבל בהחלט תורם לחיטוי חיזוק וריפוי שיניים וחניכים.



עוד תפקיד מאד מאד חשוב של שיננית הוא לבדוק ולאתר נגעים שלא אמורים להיות בחלל הפה ולא עלינו יכולים להיות סרטניים. כמו בכל מחלה אבחון מוקדם יכול למנוע מחלה חמורה. לא פעם יצא שהפנתי מטופלים לרופא לאחר שראיתי משהו חשוד ובכך מנעתי מחלה קשה.



אני מאד אוהבת את העבודה שלי. בעבר לא תיארתי לעצמי אעסוק במקצוע הזה אבל היום אני יכולה לומר שאני גאה להיות שיננית וגאה להיות חלק מצוות רפואי שנותן לאנשים איכות חיים.
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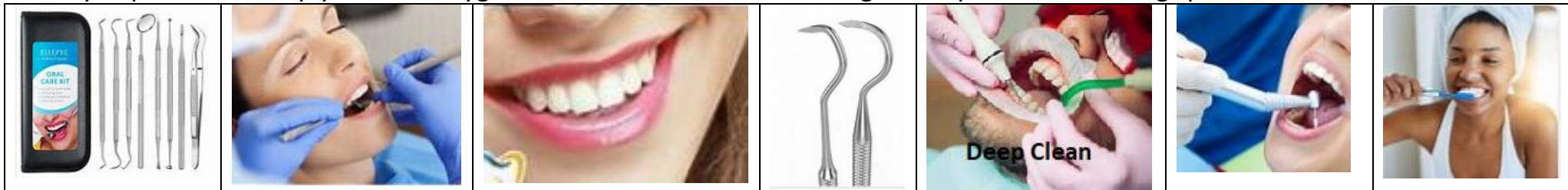
In English:

My name is Hannah Fingal, eldest daughter of Isaac and Sarah Telker from Ashdod. I have two sisters and a brother. I am married to Ofer Fingal and am mother to four lovely children Nadav, 19, and three daughters Leanne, 15, Talia, 12, and Maayan, 2.

By profession, I work as a dental hygienist in General Smile in Ashdod and in a private clinic. I got the direction of my profession, you could say, in the army. I enlisted in 1993 and was an assistant dentist I ran a dental clinic in the army in a brigade that was a Druze brigade served Jews and Druze, so it was an interesting service I got to know an interesting profession and amazing people with a special tradition that I had not met before. I felt like I was actually contributing to the military and the army was contributing to me. I actually got a public profession. Of course, after I passed a government qualification exam as dental hygienist.

After I was released, I wanted to study teaching, but under pressure from my mother, I enrolled and was accepted into a second year of dental studies at Hadassah Ein Kerem in Jerusalem. I planned to finish this school year to engage in a dental profession for a short time and fund my teaching studies.

It's very important to keep your teeth hygiene excellent. Our teeth are of great importance in eating speech and of course aesthetics.



When I start giving therapy to a patient, I have a number of functions to perform. The first is to remove the tartar that has

accumulated on the teeth. It is basically a layer of plaque that is residue of food and bacteria that has become a hard/stone that a patient can no longer remove by himself. The tartar and plaque cause gingivitis that manifests itself in ruby swelling and bleeding and holes in the teeth ,so it is important to come to the dental hygienist every six months at least.

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Besides maintaining the teeth and campers by removing tartar one of my duties is to guide patients on how to maintain good hygiene of the teeth and apprentices at home and thus eliminate the plaque that will not become a stone. ***It is important to brush twice a day in the morning and evening. It is important that the brush be small and soft. The brushing method is that the brush will touch the apprentice line at a 45 degree angle towards the gums each time 2 teeth. The movement is of forwarding backwards several times and rolling out.***

In addition to brushing teeth it is also important to use the accessory between teeth which is a place that the brush does not arrive. Accessory between teeth is adapted by the hygienist depending on the state of the teeth and gums it can be a wire or dental toothpick and for people with slightly larger gaps between the teeth there are small brushes.



Another very, very important role of a dental hygienist is to examine and detect lesions that should not be in the oral cavity and cannot be cancerous. As with any disease an early diagnosis can prevent a serious disease. It often turned out that I referred patients to a doctor after seeing something suspicious, thus preventing a serious illness.



I really like my job. In the past I never imagined I would engage in this profession but today I can say that I am proud to be a dental hygienist and proud to be part of a medical team that gives people a quality of life.

Be sure to go to a dentist and dental hygienist every six months!

Our Man Felicitated!

National Integrated Medical Association (NIMA) and **Thane district Medical Practitioner (TDMPA)** recently had CMEs which was attended by 400 doctors.

Our Mr. Samuel Daniels (Sami) from Thane and owner of Refa-El Lifesciences was felicitated along with his son Ronen Daniel in both these conferences for their dedicated serving to the Medical faculties in Mumbai, for last 43 years. Sami is the President of our Thane synagogue.



Social Meetings at the water well's in India

A motivation for creating an NGO in Israel



"My mother told me in India all women use to meet at the well to fetch water. They all use to sit down socialize, discuss the issues of the village, played games, exercised and did other activities. But in Israel there were no such possibilities for ladies to meet and socialize."

Dr. Riki Shi a Bene-Israel sabra girl motivated by her mother's talk created an NGO for women *595 in Ashkelon that is a lavish center with several rooms and a large central hall for socializing of women. (20+)

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Riki's mother & family



Riki's grand mother



Riki's mother and siblings



Riki's 4 children



Bombil /Bombay Duck dried fish

No Bene-Israel family needs to be told how much they love Bombil fish. This story was told to us by a Bhonkar family from Ashdod. During 90's when one of their family members traveled to India, they packed Bombil and sent it by post mail to their address in Ashdod.

When they returned the package had also arrived but was under customs inspection as they did not understand what it was. So the family went to the customs office at Ben-Gurion airport that Bombil actually was food. But the customs offices did not believe them and said he has to send it to the food laboratory for evaluation.

So the family waited for receiving the package after the evaluation. But the package never arrived. Instead a letter arrived from customs office saying ;
"After testing the product was found not fit for human consumption.

The product has been destroyed in fire"

But now Bombil is officially imported in Israel.



Bombil Packs in Israel

Future Potential for Raigad Tourism

“What to see in Raigad” The Maharashtra Tourism government office promote visitors to Raigad to see the Raigad Fort , Gangasagar Lake, Jagadishwar Temple and other such attractions.

However Maharashtra Tourism Ministry office has yet to realize the hidden gold mine they are holding within Konkan borders; a small Israel. Land where for 2200 years Jews lived as local “Shaniwar Teli”. Today these “Shanowar Teli” are living all around the world and have now melted back in their origin as Jews.



Raigad Mumbai & Puna are home to the heritage of the Jews of India. These sights when put together represent a small Israel in India with homes, synagogues and cemeteries. Introduction of ***an “A Jewish Route”*** could attract not just the children of the Shaniwar-Teli living worldwide; but also the whole Jewish population.

For this the Maharashtra Tourism Ministry office will have to recognize the heritage sites located in these areas and take them under their own maintains. It will also be a big advantage to correct the mistake British made in misspelling the area of Elinag as Alibag. History is evidence that the area was named after a rich Jewish oil trader called Eli who worked with the Naval commander of Shavaji , Kanhoji Angre for supply of oil for coating the hull of the navy ships. Angre gave the property the name as “Elibaug” and Eli had turned the property into a beautiful garden (Bag in local language). British miss spelled it as Alibaug. Having a city in a Jewish name in India will add to the attraction for Jews to visit.

If there is any one reading this article and has connection with the Maharashtra Heritage Association; please help us out in this project by bringing it the attention of the relevant authorities. Contact: shaniwarteli@gmail.com



A job vacancy in India



INDIAN JOINT TRUST

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Near Ruby Mills Gate, Matunga, Mumbai – 400 016, INDIA.

e-mail : ajdcindia@jdc.org

Bayiti Administrator

What will you do as the Bayiti Administrator?

1. Responsible for day to day running of Bayiti home for its Jewish elderly residents, including safety, welfare, appropriate nutrition and medical care.
2. With the support of the IJT Welfare Manager, plan and organize the weekly program of indoor and outdoor activities to promote the residents' health and wellbeing (social, cultural, Jewish religious, orthopedic exercising etc.).
3. Supervise and ensure that the services provided by the facility landlord are according to the contract. That includes:
 - a. Accommodation
 - b. Maintenance and housekeeping (according to the checklist)
 - c. Food services (ensuring appropriate standards)
 - d. Nursing care (attendants)
4. Arrange for the residents of Bayiti to be taken to the hospital/ seen by a doctor as and when required.
5. Coordinate the doctor's weekly visits to Bayiti, with MGM Hospital, Kamothe and fill in the weekly medical check-up report.
6. Recruit Nursing care professionals (attendants) when required.
7. Handle the bills payment process on a weekly/monthly basis.
8. Oversee the work of the attendants and the nurse, during day and night shifts.
9. Ensure sufficient supplies of groceries, toiletries, medicines and other essentials on a daily basis for the residents of Bayiti (which do not fall under the ambit of the contract with the landlord).
10. Prepare the programmatic and financial report to the Welfare Manager of IJT, on a regular basis.
11. Under the guidance of the IJT Welfare Manager, facilitate the contact with the resident's families as required.
12. Additional duties as necessary.

What qualifications do you need to be our Bayiti Administrator?

- BA required, in relevant field (e.g. Social work, Gerontology, Administration)
- Experience in a similar role
- Experience working with elderly, an advantage
- Fluent English and Marathi, Hindi an advantage
- Basic computer skills
- Willingness to stay overnight at Bayiti as required (e.g. in time of emergency)

Additional details:

- Location: Navi Mumbai
- Employment type: full time
- Reports to: IJT Welfare Manager
- Start date: Immediate

To apply, please send your CV to JDC.8D.A22@applynow.io

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Thank you to David Chincholkar for the two translations on Indo Israel Group.

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Indian Embassy Activities with local Indian Jews

23 Feb. 2022 : Today Indian Embassy representatives Mr. Dinesh Udenia, Counselor Mr. Rajjiv Bodwade, Deputy Chief of Mission (he speaks Marathi too) and Mr. Pavan Kumar (whom we all know) with Sera Penker discussed with the Indian Jewish communities following issues;

1. Planning a Jewish get-together during 2022. Those who are interested in becoming part of it and working to organize it should contact Sera Penkar from the embassy.
2. They clarified that there is no need to make demonstrations in front of the embassy. We are here. Come talk to us. We will everything to solve the problem if we can.



8 March, 2022: The Indian Embassy invited women of the four Indian communities for women's day celebration. Dr. Eti Gilad made a PP presentation on her book "Cochin Women's Break Through" where she spoke of 17 Cochini women. Second lecture was by Orly Alon Mergulei, a New York family who lived 16 years in India presenting and leading about Recycling & Upcycling waste. Follow the link below: <https://www.oryupcyclingauroville.com/>



Learning Marathi language



Eva Talegaonkar

Eva teaches Marathi through the Embassy.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Indian Budget for 2022-23. India has now become the **4th largest market for medical devices in Asia and 3rd largest fintech ecosystem globally.**

ON Feb 25, Maestro Zubin Mehta dedicated a concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to commemorate the **30th anniversary of India-Israel relations.**



On Feb 17, Hindi Sammelan webinar was organized at Indian Cultural Center (ICC) which involved the faculty and students from the Hindi Language Studies from Tel Aviv University.





Magen Hassidim Synagogue – India

Ronen Bhonkar

A nice idea that perhaps other synagogues too could follow.



After almost two years of corona silence, the management of the synagogue has started celebrating birthdays of the people coming regularly for prayers. During these past three months the synagogue has been colorful and cheerful with several celebrations.



Pictures above show the Grand Celebration of 50th Golden wedding Anniversary's by Magen Hassidim Trustee's of Ezriel and Naomi Penkar ,The Penkar Family sponsored Breakfast ,Kosher Mutton biryani, Paneer biryani and Appetizers during the celebration ;Issac Sogaokar and Nancy, They sponsored sweet and Namkeen and Samosa boxes from Eros during celebration.Sipporah Navgavkar Kinnerth Pezarkar celebrated their Birthdays.



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☆☆APPEAL☆☆

To
The, Honorable Members, Esteemed well wishers and congregation.

"SHALOM ALEICHEM"

HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING BEST OF YOUR HEALTH WITH THE GRACE OF HASHEM WHEN YOU RECEIVE OUR LETTER. YOU ALL JEWISH CONGREGATION ARE ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS. AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE THAT OUR MAGEN HASSIDIM SYNAGOGUE STRUCTURE HAS TURNED 91 YEARS OLD NOW, WHICH HAS WITNESSED MANY WEDDINGS, BRITHMILLAHs, NAMING CEREMONIES ETC. IT HAS ALWAYS STOOD TALL IN EVERY HAPPY AND SAD MOMENTS OF OUR ENTIRE CONGREGATION IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AS YOU ALL KNOW THERE WERE NO MAJOR REPAIRS CARRIED TO THE STRUCTURE FOR ITS ENTIRE SPAN OF 91 YEARS (THAT MEANS OUR ANCESTORS HAVE GIVEN US SUCH A STRONG SYNAGOGUE INSTITUTION) AND TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE IT ACCORDING TO OUR ANCESTORS WISH HAS BECOME OUR RESPONSIBILITY. AS OUR SYNAGOGUE AND SOLOMON SARAH HALL HAS BECOME OLD STRUCTURES WE HAVE CARRIED OUT STRUCTURAL AUDIT FROM M/S. M.P PRIME STRUCTURES PVT LTD (BMC APPROVED AND LICENSED) AS PER THE NOTICE RECEIVED FROM BMC.

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- 2.GROUND FLOOR OFFICE CEILING WHICH PARTIAL CEILING CAME DOWN TO BE RECONSTRUCTED WITH IRON BEAM AND DECKSHEET ENTIRELY. (SYNAGOGUE OFFICE).
- 3.LADIES GALLERY S AND STAIRCASE STRENGTHENING.
- 4.SYNAGOGUE ENTIRE WATERPROOF PLASTER.
- 5.EXTERIOR PAINTING. (ASIAN PAINTS APEX ULTIMA PROTEK DURALIFE)
- 6.INTERIOR RENOVATION AND NECESSARY FITTING'S (ELECTRICAL ETC)
- 7.SYNAGOGUE ROOF REPAIRING , OTHER INCIDENTAL WORK & OFFICE EQUIPMENTS.

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With Gratitude!
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SINCERELY YOURS,

R.L Bhonkar

MR. RONEN LEVY BHONKAR
(HON) SECRETARY & MANAGING TRUSTEE

Shimon Dighodkar

MR. AHARON SHIMSHON DIGHODKAR
(HON. CHAIRMAN)

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- 2.TERRACE SLAB, GALLERY OF THE HALL TO BE RECONSTRUCTED WITH WATERPROOFING.
- 3.WATER POOF PLASTER OF THE OLD STRUCTURE .
- 4.EXTERIOR PAINTING . (ASIAN PAINTS APEX ULTIMA PROTEK DURALIFE)
- 5.PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL FITTING , INTERIOR DECORATION ETC

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Please help out the synagogue to under go repairs

Dalli

The significance and love for lamb Dalli (or Nalli as Muslims call it) for Bene-Israel's is beyond words. Shamira, our friend now living in USA told us this interesting story. Her daughter Sasha missed eating Dalli so during her visit to India she got 2 kg lamb dalli curry and flew to USA, all excited for her daughter whom she wanted to surprise. She narrated; "As she passed the USA customs, I was stopped by a dog with a tag "Food and Agriculture". .. I freaked out and knew I was stumped. My baggage was opened. nd customs officer asked: Meat ??? And I said oh "I thought KOSHER is not allowed. It is just Dhulli" and I started laughing on myself. The officer smiled and said "Sorry Maam, I don't know Dhulli" throwing the box in garbage..... !! (Dalli is a Bene-Israel word. How did it become from Nalli (Tube) to Dalli? Does anyone know?

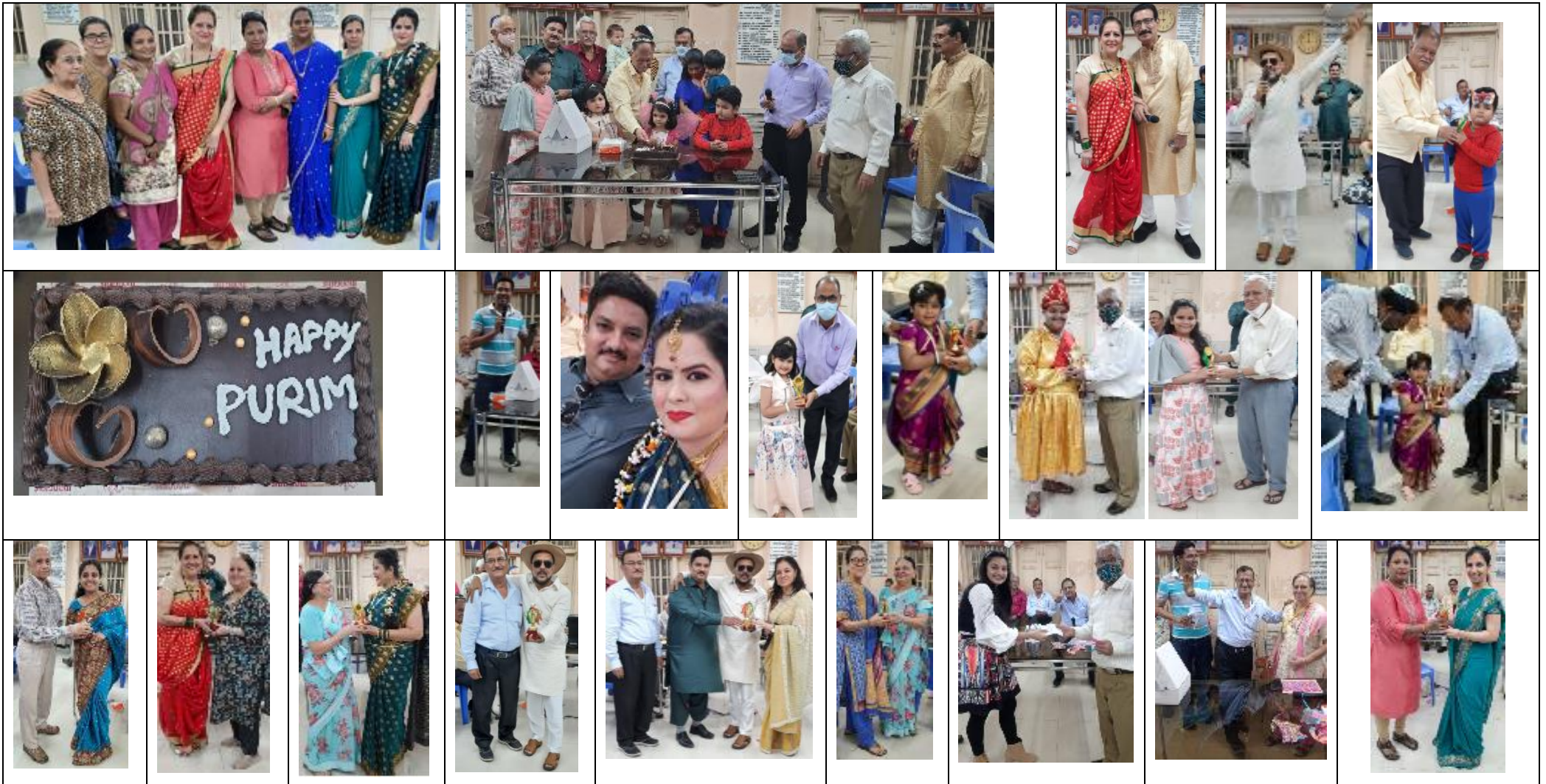


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Does anyone know?

Purim Party in Magen Hassidim Mumbai

There was a fancy dress competition for kids and for adults. They played housie game.
Also a religious quiz was held.





Kiryat gat “Qiryat gat”, a city in the Southern District of Israel

Hannan Reuben



Kiryat gat “Qiryat gat”, a city in the Southern District of Israel. One can put it exactly in center of Israel. Connecting the North & south. It lies 56 km south of Tel Aviv, 43 km (27 mi) north of Beersheba and 68 km from Jerusalem. The City is well connected with Train & Bus transportation. With making of Highway 6 the distance has been now cut to half.

The city created around 1954; It was initially created as a Ma’avarot – transit for initial flow of Immigrants to Israel. However, later went off to become a developing city. Today it has a population of 58,000 roughly. The population consists of people from Morocco, Russia, Ethiopia, India and others.

The first Indian came around 1962 but the biggest Aliya of Indian that arrived to Kiryat gat was in 1968. Today there are more than 500 Bene-Israel families. There are three Indian Synagogues:



Kiryat gat is also fortunate to have the Mahatma Gandhi Circle.

- 1) Sha'arei Rahamin Synagogue – It is the biggest synagogue of the three.**
- 2) Sha'arei Tsiyon Synagogue**
- 3) Yosef Haim Synagogue**

These Synagogues do have their own religious activities, apart from giving Torah education, Bar Mitzvah preparation, religious trips & Malida ceremonies. These synagogues are very much part of the Indian community helping to preserve Indian tradition and customs and giving Torah advice where required.

The India community is a very warm, supporting, and friendly with each other. Festivals are a fun here.

There are associations that generate activities for all age groups of the community.

1) “**Hodaya**” – Ladies club running for more than 30 years. They have different activities for women’s, apart from short trips, games, religious studies, different types of workshops on health, personal development ect.

2) **Club “Noam”** – activities for kids, teens & men. They have regular courses on Torah education, dancing, knitting, schoolwork, Indian dancing for Indian women, Sightseeing, Workshops (all age groups) & religious trips.

3) **Cricket:** There is also a Cricket group of Kiryat gat.

With the Bene-Israel population that Kiryat gat has, there are **three** Indian grocery shops.



Worli Cemetery Committee

Hon. Secretary David Talegaonkar



I David Talegaonkar am the Hon. Secretary at present since the last two years. I feel that the help received by the cemetery for the last ten years has not been acknowledged properly. The donors have not been sent thank you letters. No change report filed for the last 10 years. Accounts are not properly audited . All these things have also to be mentioned. There are number of other things which will have to be enumerated if one really has to have a write-up of the cemetery for the last 15 years. Yes. We have undertaken to finalize the list of doners and inform the community. It's important to mentions those donors who have donated during the last ten years.

Current Major Repairs Donors:

Sion Chairakar, Ramle

Sion and his father have undertaken the cleaning of the entire cemetery, including cutting of grass, electricity & lighting, painting of walls, beautifying the front side of the cemetery from inside, new gates on both the sides and repairs to the hall where we wash the body and prepare it to be buried. This involves huge expenditure, nothing less than Rs. 7 lakhs approx. spent till now (Jan 2022) as the work is still going on.

Mr. Chaim Talkar

The left hand side front wall had collapsed. Two brothers Chaim & Ronen Talkar and their sister Chana from Israel took it upon themselves to collect monies almost amounting to Rs. three and half lakhs. And the wall was rebuilt. I will send Shaniwar Teli a video where we acknowledged the help given by Mr. Chaim Talkar by honoring him in Magen Hassidim Synagogue during his visit to Mumbai in November 2021

MLA Funda

Now the side wall has collapsed due to two big trees being uprooted during the rains last year, which fell on these walls. We have approached the local MLA to provide us help from the MLA funds. I feel we will have the permission by next month and the work can begin then.

Other Donors'

Similarly, help have been received earlier too during the earlier committees tenure. But there was no proper acknowledgement. Hence, people hesitate to come forward and help.

Raigad/Raigad Jewish Association (RJA)

Advocate Herzl Levy Bhonkar



RJA has been a very active group for last two years.

1. They set up the candle lighting cabinet at “Elijah Rock”.
2. They won the Kurul cemetery court case and carried out some repairs awaiting building of the front wall for funds. However now there is a **new** objection that building of the wall will block the road from the cemetery for those living on the back side of the cemetery. A solution needs to be found.
3. They are rebuilding the synagogue in Ambapur. Waiting for funds to continue.



Celebrations in Canada Bene-Israel Homes; my Tu BiShvat

Arelia Daniels, Canada



Arelia was to add text matter along with these and Purim pictures but we did not get anything until this issue was released.

Pune

Misuse of Power by our Jewish Brethren

Dr. Reuben Daniels Pezarkar



It has been observed in recent times that whenever members of our community are nominated or elected to various posts like trustees, president, secretary, treasurer etc., of our synagogues it has invariably led to misuse of the coveted posts.

There are many examples of such misuse of Power by many respected members of our Jewish community. The most surprising thing about this is the silence of the majority of the community members.

Glaring examples are the unauthorized construction at the Cemetery of Panvel, illegal occupation of Noar Hall Community Centre of Succath Shelomo Synagogue in Pune, attempted sales of Eli Kaduri school, the piece of land around Pen synagogue is all gone. Sale of Ashtami synagogue. A beautiful holiday home 'Beth Howrah' in the picturesque hill station of Matheran between Pune and Mumbai was sold illegally, the Worli Cemetery lost some land to unscrupulous builders many years ago, a large tract of land in Gondhal Pada was all but gone, usurped by greedy politicians of Gondhal Pada in Raigad district but one of our alert advocate who happened to be present there when the case was about to be disposed of in favor of the unscrupulous politician, the alert advocate from our community took objection and the piece of land was saved and is now with the Raigad Jewish community. They have now come together to reclaim many other lost properties in and around Raigad districts. A recent matter of Mazgaon cemetery that a family claims as their private property.

Members of our community have now woken up and are renovating the neglected tracts of land the most recent is the redevelopment work of the Worli Cemetery.

We are such a minuscule community in India yet we see the people of our community quarreling with each other over trivial matters and today the community stands at the threshold of disintegration. Repeated requests by sensible members of our community have fallen on deaf ears.

Let us all pray for the unification of the Jewish community of India and hope some sense prevails amongst us. Amen



Succath Shlomo Synagogue-Poona

on Instagram

Last two years we celebrated Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, on Instagram.

Also everyday Sharith, (08.30 am), Minka (5.30 pm) and Arbith (6.45 pm) -this changes according to the sunset timings.

All festivals can be seen worldwide.

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Dear Leo,

For patients and staff of emergency medical facilities in remote tribal villages, the last thing they need to worry about is if the water they are drinking is safe. [Eureka Forbes Institute of Environment](#) technicians and GPM staff installed four water purifying units in the Mokhada subdistrict Primary Health Centers of Washala, Moranda, Ase and Khodala and the Jawhar subdistrict Primary Health Centers in Jambsar, Sakur, Nandgaon and Sakerasat. These water purifying units provide 80-100 patients and medical staff with safe-drinking water, every day. [Donate | GabrielProjectMumbai](#)

A larger water-purifying unit, with a 150-use capacity was installed in the only public hospital in Mokhada, the Mokhada Rural Hospital (MRH).



Critical patients now have oxygen 24/7

Gabriel Project Mumbai inaugurated a brand-new Oxygen Plant at the Mokhada Rural Government District Hospital. The Oxygen Plant, manufactured in India, was funded through a partnership with Gabriel Project Mumbai, IsraAID and UJA Federation of New York. Originally installed in July 2021 to treat critical COVID-19 cases during the devastating 'second wave,' the facility will now be available to the community. *"During COVID and beyond the pandemic, we are able to give highly concentrated oxygen to those patients critically in need of oxygen for their treatment,"* said Dr. Mahesh Patil, Medical Superintendent of the Mokhada Rural Government District Hospital.

[Read more HERE >>](#)



IJF – Indian Jewish Federation

Advocate David Talegaonkar



Managing committee of IJF:

Mr Jonathan Solomon-- Chairman
Mr. Ezriel Penkar--- President
Mr. David Moses Talegaonkar-- Hon. Secretary.
Mr. Sammy Wasker.
Mr Benhur Bhastekar.
Mr David Birwadkar.
Ms. Lebana Penkar.
Mr. Rahamin Shapurkar.
Mr. Ronen Bhonkar.
Mr Herzl Bhonkar.
Mr. Joshua Nagavkar.
Mr. Jacob Moses Korlekar.

List of Committee members of Jewish Cemeteries Trust.

1. David Moses Talegaonkar. Hon. Secretary.
2. Samuel Waskar.--Treasurer.
3. Menahim Ashton.
4. Joshua Nagavkar.
5. Menash Chordekar.
6. Effy Umardekar
7. Daniel Ashtamkar---co.opted.



IJF is a federation. We cannot have representatives on Cemetery. Cemeteries committees are having representatives from various Synagogues and Institutions in India. We will get new members in March 2022 AGM of various Synagogues.



Jewish Beliefs

Religion is the foundation of Jewish society.

Monotheism, belief in only one God, many believe started with Judaism.

Eli Kadoori School Trustees Felicitated Mr. Rahamin Babuji Charikar

Advocate David Talegaonkar



A Malida ceremony i.e. recitation of prayers of Eliyahoo Hannavi was held in Sir Elly Kadoorie School, Mazgaon. Mumbai on Sunday the 13th March 2022. It was held in commemoration of our school completing 148 years of its establishment and also as the school has started functioning full fledged after two years of Covid --19. The function was attended by more than 100 Jewish persons.

The Malida ceremony was recited by Moses Phansapurkar from Thane. The ceremony had committee members and trustees of numerous Bene Israel Synagogues viz The Magen Hassidim Synagogue, Tiphereth Israel Synagogue, Shaar Ha -Rahamin Synagogue, Beth El Synagogue, Panvel, Etz Haim Synagogue, Dongri and Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue, Thane and also all the Trustees from the Jewish Cemetery Trust, Worli.

Mr David Moses Talegaonkar, the President of S.E.K.School welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending the ceremony, travelling far and wide . Mr Ezriel (Viju) Penkar narrated the difficult period of Covid which all the Institutions faced and thanked the Almighty for having led us out from these difficult times .

Mr. Ezriel Penkar--- also mentioned the fabulous and superb job undertaken by the Rahamin Charikar (Babuji) and members of his family of cleaning, renovating of the cemetery and the hall, of installing, new lights, fans, etc in the cemetery at their own costs. Mr. Penkar also acknowledged the work, efforts and time put in by Mr. David Talegaonkar and Mr Samuel Wasker alongwith their Trustees in the work undertaken by the Charikar family

Infact the S.E.K.School was the first institution to felicitate Mr. Rahamin (Babuji) Charikar for his contribution in the work undertaken to clean and refurbish the Jewish Cemetery at Worli, and a bouquet of flowers was handed over to Mr. Charikar on behalf of the school by all the Trustees of the Cemetery trust present. Here below are some of the photographs taken during the ceremony.





Australia

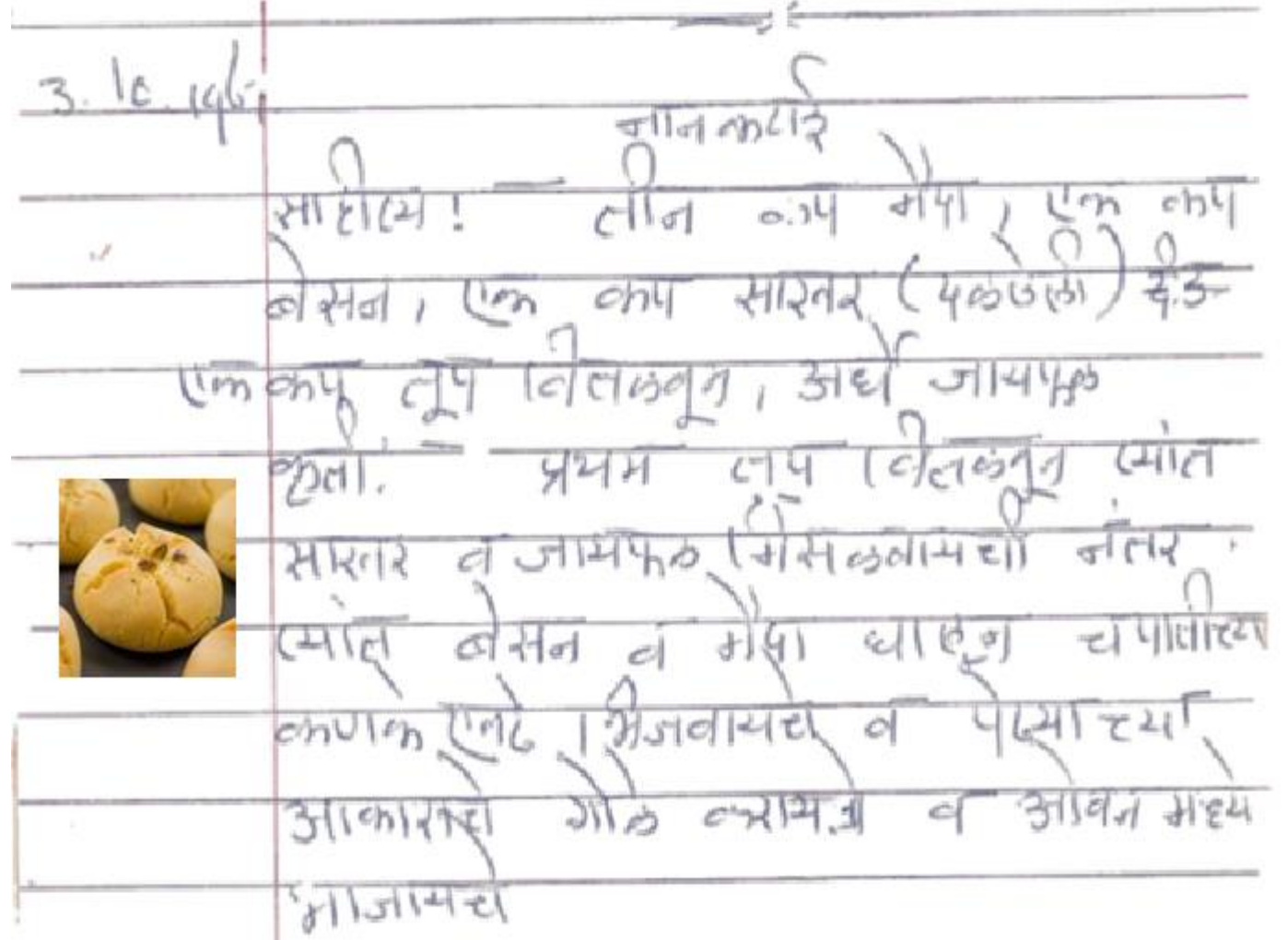
Solomon Eurlkar



A few more months have gone by and we in Australia are getting back to some sort of normality. I have been thinking about what to share next with our community. Luckily Salome started going through a few documents that her mum Mrs. Rebecca Cherry who was from the Malekar family gave her many years ago. There were a lot of recipes that they used in their family homes which go back between 50 to 60 years ago.

What fascinated us was that these recipes were put together using original Indian terminologies that were pre-metric for quantities, ingredient's etc. We have now started to find and track down the different Marathi translations. Salome is putting together a book for our children which will include the different recipes that go back a few generations. A great way to pass down our Bene Israel family recipes to the younger generation.

Scanned and shared is one of the recipes that we found in Salome's mum's book that used current terminologies'.



3. 16. 1961

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वेसन, एक कप सारनर (यळउली) दूड
एक कप लूप विलकवून, अर्ध जायफळ
कृता. - प्रथम लूप विलकवून मोल
सारनर व जायफळ गिरेसळवामची नंतर
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भाजवायचे



Eliat

Moshe Digodkar



On Tu'bishvat day in **Shaare Shalom Synagogue** they performed a Malida along with a small party.

On 16/3 Purim evening there is a party in Amutat Sitar with children fancy dress party and Music with Puran Poli ,Snacks and drinks.
On 17th of March in Shaare Shalom Synagogue they had singers party with Puran Poli, Snacks and drinks.



What is the Difference between the Hanukkiah and the Menorah?

The difference between the Hanukkiah and the (Temple) Menorah lies in the number of candles each holds as well as the purpose and time of year each is used. The Hanukkiah is a type of menorah or candelabra that holds 9 candles and has 8 branches. The Menorah is a similar candelabra with branches. However, it is a 7-lamp candelabra with 6 branches.



A menorah is an ancient type of lampstand originally described in the Bible as the golden lampstand Moses used in a portable sanctuary in the wilderness and, eventually, in the Temple in Jerusalem. This Menorah used fresh olive oil to light its lamps. Today, it is the emblem on Israel's coat of arms.



Information



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During Jan 2022 Moshe took the issue of the conditions of Bene-Israel cemeteries in India to the Israeli television channel # 14 Now / Present (Hebrew: עכשיו 14). They took example of the Panvel cemetery where the cemetery is in very miserable state. Further a Muslim contractor, as per Moshe; the contractor has destroyed most of the graves to get the land ready for building six building on the cemetery. The question that was asked Jewish cemetery in Europe is messed with, the state gets involved and so why not in India. On Friday 11 Feb. 2022 10 AM a demonstration in front of the Israeli Embassy was planned to bring to the attention of the Indian government the issue of protection of Bene-Israel cemeteries in India.

A demonstration was planned in front of the Indian embassy on Friday 11.2.2022 to protest to save the Bene-Israel cemeteries in India.

Buses were arranged from Ashdod Lod and Ramle but that morning a confusing fake message was received informing people that the demonstration was cancelled. The buses remained empty.



However about 15 to 20 people arrived and there was a demonstration held. So far embassy has not reacted nor did any one came out to meet the protesters.

Mazgao cemetery where Mr. HS Kehemkar's grave lays, a Kelly family claims they will not allow anyone to enter.

In Panvel it seems the cemetery was sold by some of our own people to a Muslim contractor to build tall buildings.

These matters definitely need some investigation and local protection.



ORT

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Johnny Jhiradkar (9819137437)



Mr. Johnny E Jhirad took charge as **Dean Ort India** from December 2021.

Ort India conducted a survey among people to find interest in **Career Guidance Workshop, Aptitude Assessment, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence** during January 2022. A typical interest of 20 to 25 Jewish students for each of the courses emerged.

The **Career Guidance Workshop** was conducted on 20th February 2022. Participants got some practical and insightful tips to choose and enhance their careers. The guidance session for **Aptitude, IQ, EQ, Personality and Liking assessment** was held on 6th March 2022. The assessment questionnaire has been sent to participants. After their response, individual career guidance sessions will take place online or offline as per choice.

A **Cybersecurity course** is ready for announcement. **Work on Digital Marketing, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence** and **Cyber Law courses** is under progress. The above Assessments and courses are available throughout the year and all interested will get admissions in the next available batches.

In line with **World Ort**, Ort India is planning for the celebration of **Ort Day in a hybrid manner**. The offline session will be on Sunday the 3rd April 2022 and the online part will be conducted on 6th April 2022. The offline session will have a quiz on Ort India; a **My Ort Connection** talk by a few Ort India scholars and lots of entertainment. The online session will have a quiz on World Ort, Ort History lesson, My Ort connection, and few research presentations from info and photos from Ort Archive. There will be prizes for winners as well as participants.



We at Shaniwar-Teli take great pleasure in congratulating

Mr. Johnny E Jhirad

For his appointment as Dean of Ort India.

As we know Johnny, he is a no nonsense dedicated manager who judges himself for the positive results his team achieves.

We are confident he will reach new heavens in his goals.

May God Bless Johnny and give him strength.

Taglit Birthright is tentatively planned from 10th June onwards. More than 50 students have applied so far.

Scholarships forms received so far for the academic year 2021-22 are processed and scholarships have been granted for classroom and online studies. Rest will be completed by end March 2022. 40 Laptops have been sponsored so far.

Sivanah D Ashtamkar Johnny E Jhirad



**Ort India Staff Team Celebrates Women's Day.
A Team Building Activity.**



O.R.T –India will be sponsoring an educational Essay competition in English Hindi and Hebrew. See details are at the end of this issue. This essay will encourage writes to explore the background of the Bene-Israel community to predict the future. Total \$ 600 to win.

ORT India is offering an Advanced bootcamp in Cybersecurity in collaboration with IIT Jodhpur, Whizhack and Israeli Defense personnel.

This is an online six months part time course with a lot of emphasis on practical's and job orientation. Batch starts on 26th March 2022. This is the 5th batch and 99% students got jobs after doing the course.

Prerequisite for the program is last year of any graduation and above and an interview process.

Fees are Rs.2,36,000/-

Special price for Ort students Rs.2, 00,000/- including GST.

Initially Ort will pay Rs. 1, 00,000/- and the student will pay Rs.1, 00,000/- to Whizhack.

On production of passing Certificate ORT will pay Rs.1,00,000/- to the student provided there are no other scholarships amounts received in the year.

If there are other scholarship amount the same will be deducted from the Rs.2,00,000/- scholarship for this course.

Please contact Elkan on (9769344366) or Shilpa (9773044850) on or before 20th March 2022 latest if you want to join the course and regarding scholarship.

For any clarification regarding the course you can contact Ms. Banerjee of IIT Jodhpur on (8447223249).

City of Ramle

Ramla (Hebrew: רַמְלָה, Ramla; Arabic: الرملة, ar-Ramlah), also spelled Ramle, Ramlah,[2] Remle and historically sometimes **Rama**, is a city in the Central District of Israel.

Elkan Judah



When I came on *Taglit* in 1983 Mr. Sassoon Palkar of Ramle told me that it is best for ever Bene-Israel to choose to live in Ramle. He said the name of the city is "RAMA" as Lord Ram in the Hindus and blessed by Lord Ram and every Indian who will live in Ramle will always prosper. He believed that in Ramle the soul's both Israel and India protects the Bene-Israel community like 'Elijah Rock'.



Traffic island in name of the Beni-Israel soldiers fallen in protecting Israel.



Ramla is located near Lod, near Rishon LeZion, 20 kilometers east of Tel Aviv. Ramla is a mixed city with a Jewish and Arab population. Hundreds of Bene-Israel families live in Ramle.

The name Ramla is translated from Arabic as "sand". This is the only city in Eretz-Israel, founded by the Arabs. It was built in 716 by the Caliph Sulayman, who was planning to move the capital from Lidda to Ramla. The Crusaders turned Ramla into their fortress. In 1187 the city was captured by Salladin, then he again returned it to the Crusaders.

In 1799, Napoleon's headquarters were located here. About a third of the city's population are repatriates who came from the CIS countries in the 1990s.

Ramla has a technology college & a branch of the Bar-Ilan University.



Indian flag painted on the famous water tank near Miclala Ramla on the road towards beryacov before the Indian Synagogue Beth-El in Ramla

Etz Haeem Prayer Hall, Khadak 1908

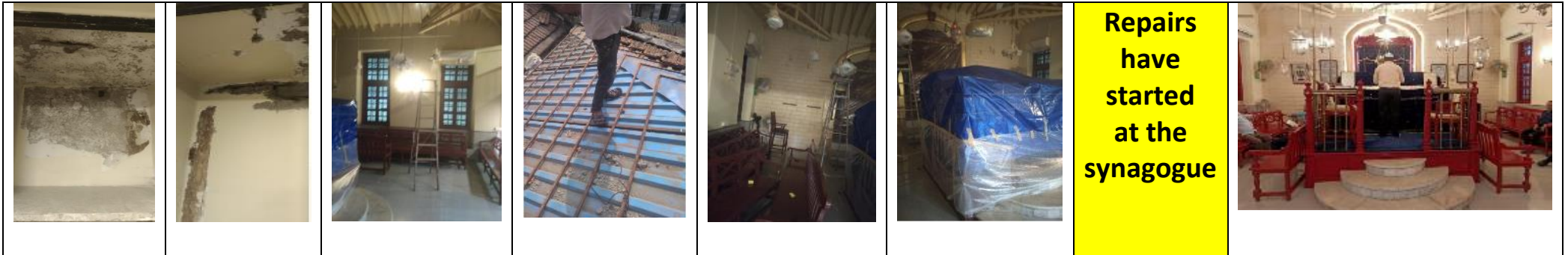
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Repairs completed in the synagogue

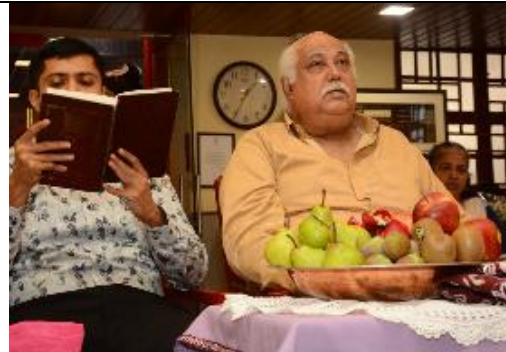


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Felicitation done by The Share Reason Synagogue, Khadak of Mr. Gershon Nigrekar and Mr. Daniel Bamnolkar who are helping one and all at The Worli Jewish Cemetery on 06.02.2022

We request all our Community Brethren to donate generously for the Noble cause of Synagogue repairs. This Synagogue is 180 years old. Our forefathers have prayed in this Synagogue. So why think over so much. Do the Mitzva of donating. Shalom & WB
Regards, Sinora Kolatkar Cell No. 9821400036



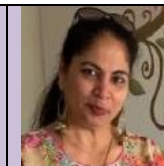
IOBI- India

We requested IOBI- India to send us information about their activities in last three months. We have received the following response.

IOBI was dissolved. It does not exist anymore.

IOBI was formed in Mumbai in Sir Elly Kadoorie School by the “*Indian Jewish Federation*” in January 2017, when we had the International Bene Israel Conference in Mumbai. It was then decided that the next International Bene Israel Conference will be held in Israel. They have failed to hold the conference for the last three years and hence we resigned and the posts were handed over to the Bene Israelis in Israel (BII). With India not included the use of International for a Indian origin community is illegal by Indian law.

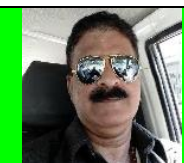
BII- Israel



We requested BII- Israel to send us information about their activities in last three months but there was no response. We only write about activities done to with / help Bene-Israel people. While requesting we specifically ask for activities done for benefit of the Bene-Israel people. If Bene-Israel groups have activities with aliens then it is ignored.

BJP's Jewish Minority Leader in Maharashtra

**Sassoon Phanspurkar
Shifron Pezarkar (for Pune)**



We had asked for the update on last three months but nothing was sent.



Shirley Palkar & Oren Benjamin Social Service

Official Representatives of Jewish Agency for Aaliyah from India



We had asked for the update on last three months but nothing was sent. We understand they have not been to India for last over one year and there are a lot of problems with filling the immigration forms by senior citizens waiting for immigration. We had asked Oren when will they be traveling to India but we have received no response.

IJHC

Ruth Greenfield



We requested IJFC to send us information about their activities in last three months but there was no response. We only write about activities done to with / help Bene-Israel people. While requesting we specifically ask for activities done for benefit of the Bene-Israel people. If Bene-Israel groups have activities with aliens then it is ignored.

Thane-Shaar Hashamain (Gateway to Heaven) Synagogue

Sami/Samuel Daniel



No information was sent

AJDC India

 Keshar - Connecting our Jewish Community  						
April 2022 Adar - Nissan 5782						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Parashat Shavua - 5:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - 7:30pm	4 Beginner's Hebrew - 5:00pm	5 Yoga by Rebecca Ramrajkar - 5:00pm	6 Orot Ha'Torah Nissan- 6:00pm by Rebecca Ramrajkar	7 Meraki Art Class By Rahel Benjamin-Rex - 5:00pm	8 Erev Shabbat	9 Shabbat Shalom
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17	18 Beginner's Hebrew - 5:00pm	19 Kaballah Class by Judah Kolet 6:00pm	20 Yoga by Rebecca Ramrajkar - 5:00pm	21 Meraki Art Class By Rahel Benjamin-Rex - 5:00pm	22 Erev Shabbat Pesach	23
24 Parashat Shavua - 5:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - 7:30pm	25 Beginner's Hebrew - 5:00pm	26 Yoga by Rebecca Ramrajkar - 5:00pm	27 Yom HaShoah by Rebecca Ramrajkar Holocaust Remembrance Eve	28 Meraki Art Class By Rahel Benjamin-Rex - 5:00pm	29	30

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Indian Jewish Association of Australia & New Zealand Inc.

[Indian Jewish Association of Australia & New Zealand – Celebrating Indian Jewish Heritage \(ijaanz.org\)](http://ijaanz.org)



The Indian Jewish Association of Australia and New Zealand Inc. (IJAANZ) was incorporated in May 2021. This is the first time ever a group of Indian Jews in the Australasia have come together under one head.

Other groups should take good lessons from them. The have already announced its registration details and list of rules and regulations including details of **elections** aims and what they want to achieve on their website.

[Microsoft Word - Model Rules for an Incorporated Association IJAA 5 Jun 2021.doc \(ijaanz.org\)](#)

Governance

Chair: Yoel Samson

Secretary: Nathan Elijah

Treasurer: Michael Foxen

Committee Member: Angelica Jacob

Committee Member: Solomon Erulkar

Committee Member: Samuel Mordechai

Piyyut - India (פיוט) Songs from Tanakh in Bene-Israel Indian Tunes

Avichai Bhastakar

This group saves Bene-Israel tunes for the future. Avichai is born in Israel but is strongly attached to Bene-Israel Heritage.



I wanted to share with you about a project I'm in the middle of working on.

I write musical notes on piyyutim and passages from the Rosh Ashana and Yom Kippur in the style of our Bene-Israel. I have already about 30 musical notes.

We need donation for this project. Please send the donation to the details below.

We are also working on the project of translating Mr. Haim Kehimkar's book into Hebrew. Please help us complete this project by donation.

We have collected hundreds of Marathi prayer books that we need to scan and place in a virtual library on the internet. Please help us with your donations.

For donations. Note for the preservation of poetry and customs of India.

Avihay Bastekar

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We have another project of writing musical notes for songs of Selihot and Yom Kippur. We will be happy for donations for this project. Each contribution over 1000 Shekel will be mentioned in the book for family success or medicine or for the memory of the deceased. Please help to save our heritage.

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כשאומרים לכם 'הודו' מה הדבר הראשון שעולה לכם לראש? כשאומרים לכם 'בני ישראל' מה התמונה שעולה לכם עכשיו לראש... וכשאומרים לכם 'הודו בני ישראל', אומר לכם משהו? רוב קהילות ישראל לא מכירות את יהודי הודו מקהילת הבני ישראל. קהילת יהודי הודו עשירה במנהגים, אוכל פיוטים ושירה. אנחנו קהילה כמעט שקופה ושקטה שבטבע שלנו כמעט ולא נשמעים. בעת העלייה לארץ בשנות ה-50 תחת כור היתוך, התאחדו כל הקהילות השונות ברוח ארצישראלית. המנהגים הישנים והמנגינות העתיקות נדחקו לצד, ולאט לאט החלו להיעלם. אלו ניגונים ייחודיים שעברו בין אב לבן כמה מאות דורות. וכיום בעיקר רק המבוגרים שגדלו בהודו יודעים במדויק את המנגינות. בקרב הצעירים, לצערנו זה הולך ונשכח. הספר לפניכם, הוא ספר הראשון מסוגו שבו כתוב את תווי הנגינה הייחודיים של אותם ניגונים הנעלמים. עם תווים אלו, ניתן יהיה לחזור במדויק למנגינות של הימים הנוראים בנוסח קהילת בני ישראל. הספר מהווה אבן מהפסיפס הגדול של כלל קהילות ישראל. הוא נוגע לכל אחד ואחת מאתנו השייך לעם ישראל ומסורת ישראל.

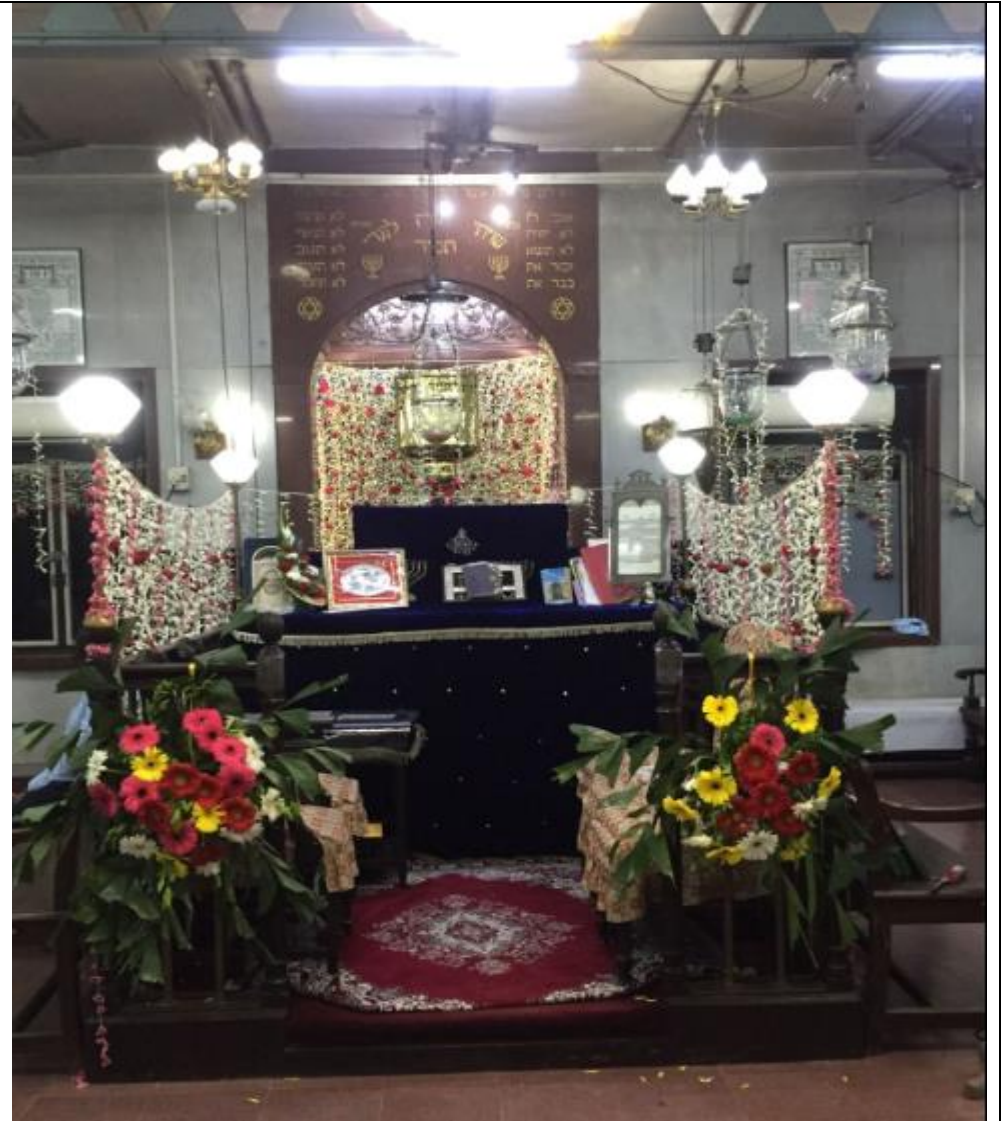
אביחי רחמים בסטקר (33) בן להוריו רחמים אברהם ורוזי בסטקר. נשוי לליאורה יהודית. גדל במצפה רמון תלמיד של הרב דוד אביחיל וחרב רון אלכסנברג למד בשיבת 'ניר' קרית ארבע אצל הרב דב ליאור וחרב וולדמן. התגייס להנדסה קרבית. סיים תואר בביוטכנולוגיה ממוריו ד"ר אליהו מועלם. עוסק בעשור האחרון בתיעוד מנהגי יוצאי הודו קהילת בני ישראל. ספר זה, הוא ראשון מסדרת הספרים שאביחי הוציא.



מחיר לצרכן: 75 ₪

Tifereth Israel Synagogue ,136th. Anniversary

Sunday 20th March. 2022 Tifereth Israel Synagogue celebrated its anniversary. Taking advantage of this occasion the synagogue felicitated **Mr. Rahamin Jacob Charikar** for his dedicated work with his son **Sion Rahamim Charikar** in beautifying Worli cemetery, using their own funds.



Four Indian Weddings in Israel in March 2022



Indian bride American Groom



Indian Groom Ethiopian Bride



Indian Groom Russian Bride



Indian Girl Hasidic Boy

Win \$ 100

This month of March 2022 we were invited to four different wedding. All four were related to us some way or the other. Each was a different wedding, performed in different ways with songs in various tunes with traditions of different diasporas. The only thing that was common was the marriage Chuppah, the glass breaking ceremony for Jerusalem and the Ketubha.

The first marriage was between a first generation Bene-Israel girl and a second generation American boy. They performed Hinna ceremony in our Indian way and a week later marriage in regular Israeli way. The second marriage was between a Bene-Israel boy and an Ethiopian girl. They too performed Hinna but in kind of Indian and Ethiopian fusion ceremony. Later marriage in Israeli way. The third marriage was between a third generation Bene-Israel boy with a second generation Jewish girl from Uzbekistan. They had no Hinna ceremony. Just marriage in Israeli way. The fourth marriage was between a second generations Bene-Israel religious girl with a third generation religious Yemenite boy. They too had no Hinna, just marriage is an extremely orthodox tradition. Men & women sat separately.

Observing all these melting and mingling of different cultures one wonders what will become of Bene-Israel community 100 years from now. To get an answer we decided to have an essay competition. Please see the details below. Participate and win \$ 100/-.

Essay Competition

Topic	: Bene-Israel Community in 2122 (100 years from now)
Language	: English
Words	: up to 1000 words
Open to	: All Bene-Israel community
Age	: All ages
Last submission day	: June 30, 2022
Submission to	: shaniwarteli@gmail.com Write your full name, email, address and phone number on the first page.
Results	: Will be announced in Shaniwar Teli issue of 1.10.2022
Judge	: Mr. Johnny E Jhirad, Dean, Ort India
Prizes	: First Prize - \$ 100 : Second Prize - \$ 50 : Third Prize - \$ 50
Winning essays will be printed in the Shaniwar Teli issue of 1.10.2022	

Background:

Our Bene-Israel community ancestors were washed on to Konkan shores around 175 BCE. Locals named us "Shaniwar Teli" as we did not work on Sabbath. This name made us to be rediscovered as Jews and later immigrate to Israel. The first few generations of the immigrants to Israel built their own synagogues and kept their traditions. With time children born in Israel grew up as Israeli's. Racing your imaginations you have to write about what and where will be our Bene-Israel community by year 2100; 80 years from now.

This competition is sponsored by O.R.T India and organized by Shaniwar Teli e-newsletter for Bene-Israel. Through this competition we would like our community members to race their imagination horses and educate all of us of what can be expected of our community future.

निबंध स्पर्धा

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आपल्याला "शनिवार तेली" असे नांव दिले. कारण आपण शनिवारी काम करीत नव्हतो. या नांवाने आपण ज्यू

असल्याचा पुरावा सापडला आणि तोच पुढे इस्राएलला स्थलांतरित होण्यासाठी उपयोगी आला.

प्रथम आलेल्या नवागतांच्या पिढीने त्यांची स्वतंत्र प्रार्थनालये

बांधली आणि त्यांच्या परंपरा चालू ठेवल्या. कालांतराने इस्राएल मध्ये जन्मलेली त्यांची मुले ही इस्राएली म्हणूनच वाढली.

ही स्पर्धा ओ.आर.टी. इंडिया प्रायोजित असून शनिवार तेली ई-न्यूजलेटरद्वारे बेने-इस्रायलसाठी आयोजित केली आहे. या स्पर्धेच्या माध्यमातून आम्ही

आमच्या समुदायाच्या सदस्यांनी त्यांच्या कल्पनेचे घोडे चालवावेत आणि आपल्या समुदायाच्या भविष्याबद्दल काय अपेक्षा केली जाऊ शकते याबद्दल आम्हा

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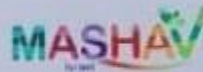
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