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Friendly E-newsletter for our wonderful Bene-Israel community

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Please participate with us by sending us matter of your interest, poems, cartoons, stories or just your experiences. If you have recently read a book, send a short review. You can also send about your work and what other can learn from your experience.

This is an extra page we have added due to the situation on Coronavirus.

We all are in the same situation. Nothing new to talk about. These days many of you must have seen the image of Sylvia Browne's book "End of Days" that deals with Predictions & Prophecies. She predicts this virus will disappear as quickly as it came. This raises our hope.

When talking about hope, just yesterday I received a beautiful story of four candles and it is a story we all should read.



4 candles burned slowly at night quiet and calm....A while later ;

The first candle said: "I am the candle of peace, but the world is full of anger and war. There is no need for me ".

- And so the candle of peace has extinguished...

The second candle said: "I'm the candle of faith, but no one thinks they need me anymore. There is no need for me"

- And so the candle of faith turned out...

The third candle said with sadness: "I am the candle of love, but the world no longer understands fondness. There is no need for me anymore ". And so is the candle of love went off.

Suddenly a little boy entered the room and saw three of the four candles were extinguished "

Why aren't you burning "? He asked, "you are supposed to keep shining until the end "

The fourth candle said: " Do not be afraid my dear child, I am the candle of hope. As long as I'm burning you can always light the other candles with my help." the child happily took the candle of hope, and ignited the peace, faith and love.

It doesn't matter which of the three candles is burning in your heart with much power, never let the candle of hope fade. With a little hope, each of us can live a life of peace, faith and love.

<i>Bene-Israel, their "caste name" is "Shaniwar Teli" (Saturday oilmen) owing to them not doing their traditional of oilseed pressing on Saturdays. WBWO</i>	Thank You India "World Bene-Israel Welfare Organization" shaniwarteli@gmail.com	SHANIWAR TELI Our Family e-Newsletter For Private circulation to Bene-Israel families world wide	
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Passover

Chag kasher ve-sameach!

Some basic information:

When is Seder held and why?

The Torah tells us (Exodus 12:15-16) to observe Passover for seven days and that the first day and seventh days will be a "sacred occasion." (*Yom Tov*). Because of this text, on the first day, the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, we hold Seder.

Why do some Jews have one Seder and others have two Seders?

The question of holding one or two Seders has to do with timing from when the Torah was written. When the Torah was written, the beginning of the new month was determined by observing the moon. This was done in Jerusalem. Word of the new moon did not always arrive in other cities outside of Israel in time to observe the holiday. For communities outside of Israel, the practices developed of observing an extra day of Yom Tov on major holidays to be sure those communities were in sync with Jerusalem. This led to holding two Seders in the Diaspora.

Is Passover 7 or 8 Days?

Lunar month is about 29 ½ days while a Hebrew month (which has to have a whole number of days) can have either 29 or 30 days. In the fourth century, we switched over to a calendar that is based on mathematical computations rather than astronomical observations and the original reason for the extra day no longer applied.

But the Babylonian Talmud (Beitzah 4b) advises Diaspora Jews to maintain *minhag avoteichem* ("the custom of your ancestors") and continue the practice of two-day *yom tov*.

So the answer is that in Israel and for most Reform Jews around the world, Pesach is seven days, but for many other Jews (including the ones who seem to print most calendars), it is eight days.



Why do we place an egg on the Seder plate?

That egg is never mentioned in the Hagadah, and is never eaten!

The answer is very simple:

No one knows!
There are many reasons given
Take your pick!

Memorial Day & Independence Day

72nd Yom Ha'atzmaut / Independence Day of Israel

28-29 April 2020 is the 72nd Independence Day of Israel. It is the national day of Israel, commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948. The day is marked by official and unofficial ceremonies and observances.



Israel Memorial Day / Yom HaZikaron

Yom HaZikaron, Israel Memorial Day, is observed the day before Israel Independence Day. On it the nation mourns the soldiers who have given their lives to protect the country, as well as victims of terror attacks. It will next be observed on April 28, 2020.

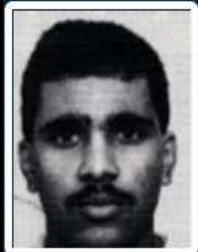


ऐ मेरे वतन के लोगों, ज़रा आँख में भर लो पानी, कुछ याद उन्हें भी कर लो, जो लौट के घर ना आये

Bene-Israeli Soldiers fell in Israeli war for existence.



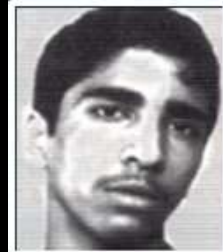
Egal Talkar



Yoel Bonhkar



Avi Pezarkar



Shaul Penkar



Hanan Malakar



Sharon
Shankar



Elkan
Navgaokar



Yafa Penkar

Above names are randomly chosen from the Israeli Defense website <https://www.izkor.gov.il/en/>

Names of all fallen soldiers for Israel are listed at this site that one can look up by names. The details of the soldier, their parents, the place of burial are all listed at this website.



**ENSURE YOU GET YOUR COPY OF THIS BOOK
A MUST FOR EVERY BENE-ISRAEL**

A book is ready for publication listing all names with pictures and details of all the Bene-Israel soldiers and their family who fell in India and Israel during various wars. The author of the book, Mr. Nissim Moses (Talkar) is looking for a donation of 1,000 NIS for publishing this book from our 25 Bene-Israel families.
Names of every donor's name will be included in the publication.

1000 NIS = \$295 = £235 = CAD 390 = 440 AUD

Every donor will GET one published book free of cost.

(Please don't send any money)

Please just **consent** to the amount that you will donate for this book at shaniwarteli@gmail.com

We will inform you when to transfer the payment to the publisher

For full details on Mr. Nissim Moses, Historian-Indian Jews and Bene Israel Heritage & Genealogy Research see our last issue.

**ENSURE YOU GET YOUR COPY OF THIS BOOK
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Mr. Nissim Moses (Talkar) published first part of his research in his book (picture) where he explains origin of Bene-Israel surnames /family names. Articles on further research on this topic are now ready which further proves direct link of Bene-Israel ancestors main stream Jews from Mesopotamia.

Be updated with the latest research to give lectures on BI Jews

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**Indian Jewish
Warriors**

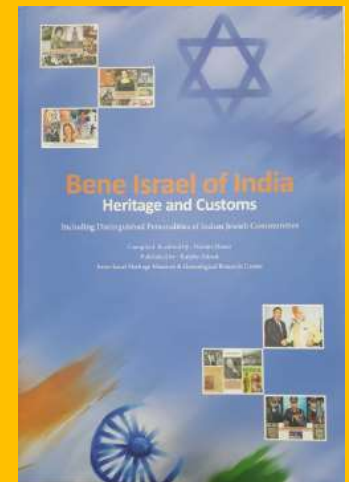
**& Contribution of Jewish
Women to Modern India**

**Compiled & Edited
by**

Nissim Moses

**Historian, Indian Jewish Heritage
& Bene-Israel
Genealogy Research**

(Above is not the final cover
deign)(About 450 pages)



(450 pages)

Coronavirus: Chief rabbi issues ruling to stop kissing mezuzahs

<https://www.israelhayom.com/2020/03/04/coronavirus-chief-rabbi-issues-ruling-to-stop-kissing-mezuzahs/>

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Minyan: The Congregational Quorum

Only in a group of 10 or more is there sufficient sanctity to recite certain public prayers.

By Rabbi Abraham Millgram

What constitutes a congregation?

The answer is a *minyan*, a minimum of 10 adult Jews (an adult Jew is any Jewish male who has passed his 13th birthday). The number 10 was derived from the first verse of [Psalm 82](#), which reads:

“God stands in the congregation of God.”

The word *edah* (congregation) is also applied to the 10 spies who, in the days of Moses, rendered a negative report on the land of Canaan. Hence it was established that a “congregation of God” consists of at least 10 men.

Read the full article at:

https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/minyan-the-congregational-quorum/?utm_source=mjl_maropost&utm_campaign=MJL&utm_medium=email&mpweb=1161-17650-422123

Email letter from Mr. Ephraim Gadkar

Please see below links to various Bene-Israel tunes and songs that we can find on internet. There are many more songs that are still not on the internet. I found “Mazza Yosef” but could not find “Sukhi Purish” and many other lovely songs of our Bene-Israel Heritage.

Some of our BI leaders are collecting award after award for last 30 years claiming they work to preserve “Heritage’. I am ashamed of such leaders who shamelessly accept such awards. They had 50 years to collect our Marathi Jewish Marathi Bene-Israel songs and tunes and place them on YouTube, but have done nothing about it. Through this letter I want to request our Bene-Israel youngsters to learn these tunes and songs and make an album out of it and sing then during Bene-Israel functions. Please also make these songs and tunes available on Youtube.

Bene Israel Traditional Aleph Beth song	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kN9TjTYIpfl
Tunes used by Bene-Israel Eli Eli yaa hoo	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNIWZa7U--A https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rg9U10fht2A
Rabbi Romiel Daniel	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbpUDmaM-Vg
Mazza Yosef	https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Bene+Israel+Music&&view=detail&mid=CE4247BA6E79B76D85C8CE4247BA6E79B76D85C8&&FORM=VRD GAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DBene%2BIsrael%2BMusic%26FORM%3DVDMHRS
Eliyahoo – wat tuzi pahata	https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Bene+Israel+Music&&view=detail&mid=960305B3B1D0FFC74BC4960305B3B1D0FFC74BC4&&FORM=VRD GAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DBene%2BIsrael%2BMusic%26FORM%3DVDMHRS
Adon Olam	https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Bene+Israel+Music&&view=detail&mid=E71B43AD885E583BF2A9E71B43AD885E583BF2A9&&FORM=VRD GAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DBene%2BIsrael%2BMusic%26FORM%3DVDMHRS
Purim Song	https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Bene-Israel+Jewish+songs&qpv t=Bene-Israel+Jewish+songs&view=detail&mid=088B9FE848315E2FE6FD088B9FE848315E2FE6FD&&FORM=VRD GAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DBene-Israel%2BJewish%2Bsongs%26qpv t%3DBene-Israel%2BJewish%2Bsongs%2B%26FORM%3DVDMHRS
Aa-naa-nu & El -Baruch	https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=songs+of+Bene-Israel+people+from+India+&&view=detail&mid=49B41D02D990685075D649B41D02D990685075D6&&FORM=VRD GAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dsongs%2Bof%2BBene-Israel%2Bpeople%2Bfrom%2BIndia%2B%26FORM%3DHDRSC3
Easai Anna (beautiful Cochin-Indian Tune)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaFwnyLRgQs
Nava Mikol	https://www.youtube.com/embed/t_ foatIj pFM

Letter from the Editor	Letters from the readers (continued from above)	Letter from Creator
Dear our Bene-Israel Readers, The last few weeks and more recent days have been understandably concerning with the continuing spread of coronavirus. But it is at times like this when we realize just how much our Doctors, Nurses, Magen David Adom (Red Cross, Emergency Services) The Ministry of Health represent the very best for us and the society. Along with others we especially salute all our Bene-Israel Doctors Nurses all over the world who are part of this enormous medical service. It is our responsibility to stay at home. It also reminds us how important our home and family is. We have neglected this. It has forced us back into our house so we can strength our family unity. At this critical time we all have to learn to change our life styles. All those who were brought up in India and our elderly people will remember the holidays spent with our siblings not in front of the TV and computers but played games like scrabble, monopoly, Ludo, chess, carom, cards, snake and ladders etc. Let's all get back to our old good days which we all shared and make our house a home. Dr. Shulmith Solomon Charikar	We have receives many compliments. Below are few of them summarized; Congratulations on an interesting and informative premiere newsletter. Look forward to future issues. Micah Joseph (email) Congratulations for the newsletter. I read with great interest and found to be informative as also giving insight of various activities of BI around the world. Liked the idea of taking interview of people in who have made our community proud by achievement in their respective field. I once again Congratulate you your effort and hope you will continue to give us news of BI community spread in various community. Benhur Bhastakar (WhatsApp) Congratulation on a wonderful publication. Keep it up. Nissim Moses (over phone) A good initiative to network with Bene Israelis worldwide.Elijah Jacob (whatapp) Kol Ha kavod Erna & Sam Daniel (USA) Kol ha kavod Ruth Greenfield Many More but we are unable to add every one. Please excuse us.	Dear Readers, When it was announced all the synagogues were closed to the Jews to save the Jews people from Coronavirus, the first question that comes to one's mind was, is this correct? Don't we all pray every day to our God that we trust him blindly? Closing the synagogues, was it not showing dwindling trust in our God? Like when Moshe went up the mountain? When I investigated further I found not just the Jews but Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Buddhist were keeping away from their own synagogues; worship houses. These thoughts took me to John Bowker's definition of religion; "Religion is set of rules that set of people share practices believe & follow from birth to death" in his famous book "World Religions" Religion therefore has nothing to do with God. God is everywhere and one can pray to their God from anywhere. When you really need your God, you can call your God from anywhere and God always answers you. Elijah (Leo) Daniels ,

Our Bene-Israel's "*LIVING LEGEND*"

Elijah is a person I know from his teen days. He was one of the strongest motivations for us to re-start the JRU Youth Group during early 1980's. He was always there guiding the managing committee of the JRUYG year after year in different positions he held from treasurer secretary and the President.

During 80's after his degree he was employed as Production Manager for Pfizer India Ltd. with a bright future ahead. Then one day he comes to my office at Voltas out of the blue to ask me if he should leave the job at Pfizer's and works for the interest of the community. Shocked, I said he will stop thinking about such nonsense right now. People don't get jobs and you want to kick a sweet position!? Especially because Elijah's dad uses to visit me several times at Voltas and I would take him for lunch and therefore I did not want Elijah to make any mistake.

But that evening when I spoke to Solomon Elijah (our Ex-President of YG), he told me to let Elijah do it as he was really most happy working with his community. This was so clear to all of us in the managing committee; his dedication and caring for old people, his concern towards education his love for the synagogue and giving sermons. But in no way I was personally ready to approve Elijah's wish though I knew, he will be happy only with the community. But finally he left Pfizer's and became the **Country Manager of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in India** and (AJJDC) and **Executive Director of the AJDC-India office in Mumbai**. He will be retiring next year. He will leave behind him wonderful work he has done for the Bene-Israel community and many BI senior citizens blessing him for his deeds.

AJDC is the leading global Jewish humanitarian organization, working in 70 countries to lift lives and strengthen communities. They rescue Jews in danger, provide aid to vulnerable Jews, develop innovative solutions to Israel's most complex social challenges, cultivate a Jewish future, and lead the Jewish community's response to crises. For over 100 years, their work has put the timeless Jewish value of mutual responsibility into action, making JDC essential to the survival of millions of people and the advancement of Jewish life across the globe. www.JDC.org.

Where else could Elijah find his job satisfaction but JCD! And we know what a wonderful job Elijah does for our community. Especially the work with Bene-Israel old age home and its resident's upkeep to give our elderly respect and dignity. Just what Elijah lives for! Ten percent of Elijah's salary is automatically donated towards Farmers Benevolent Fund to help them over the drought crisis which has led to many suicides among them.

That is why Elijah is my Hero!! I am proud of him.

Elijah (Leo) Daniels

For Life time Devoted Service
to the Bene-Israel
community

Elijah Jacob
earns our
KING's CROWN





Elijah Jacob **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AJDC-INDIA**

Elijah Jacob was born in Bombay, India to a Jewish family deeply committed to Jewish communal life. Elijah has been active in Jewish leadership since his youth, and in 1993, he was asked to head AJDC's India office.

He has helped establish a Home for the Elderly—Bayiti and started the Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Center in Mumbai. The JCC currently serves as a hub for Jewish communal activity in Mumbai and Thane.

In addition to his role within JDC, Elijah is an avid reader and writer and contributes articles on a range of current Jewish issues. He has compiled and edited the "Jewish Landmarks of India" publication which was released in India and Hong Kong in September 2011 and 'Bene Israeli Kirtans' which was released in September 2016.

Elijah began his career with the JDC after working as a chemical technologist, a field in which he holds degrees of Science and Chemical Technology from Bombay University. He is fluent in English, Hindi, and Marathi and enjoys a working knowledge of Hebrew and Gujarati.

Elijah is a recipient of the 'Ner Tamid' Award conferred upon him by the Union for Progressive Judaism in recognition of his outstanding work for the Jewish Religious Union's Rodef Shalom synagogue. A special plaque was awarded to him by the Central Organisation of Indian Jews in Israel for community service.

Elijah is married to Annie whom he met in the Jewish Religious Union Youth group and they are proud parents of two children – Jennifer and Ronel.

Who Is Your Hero?

Readers, If you have your hero from the Bene-Israel community, please send us his/her picture and details and why is he/she your hero.

Your hero should have worked for the good of the Bene-Israel community.

The person should not have criminal records of any reason (finance corruption crime robbery and likes)

RESUME

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PROFESSIONAL / EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Post Graduate Certificate in Management of NGOs and Non-profit organizations from the Golda Meir Training Institute, Haifa , Israel in 1995.

B.Sc.- Technology Degree from Bombay University with specialization in Pharmaceuticals & Fine Chemicals in 1984

B.Sc. - degree from Bombay University, majoring in Chemistry in 1981.

EMPLOYMENT AND ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. From January 1993 till date . Country Manager of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), India. Presently Executive Director of the AJDC-India office in Mumbai.

Job Profile:

Overseeing the Relief / Welfare, Informal Jewish Education, Community services and development activities, office and budget planning operations of India.

Achievements:

Independently handled and executed the set-up of Bayiti -old-age home in 1996 and the Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Centre in 1999 under the aegis of AJJDC, New York. Devised, steered and led training programmers for community leaders, staff and youth in community development, goals and goal setting, leadership and leadership styles, time management, etc.

Organised fund raising events for emergency medical fund, old age home for destitute and meals on wheels project for elderly indigent.

Conceptualised tour itinerary for board members of AJJDC, New York during their visits to India in 1996, 1999, 2001, 2005 and 2006

Identified partners to work towards disaster mitigation during Gujarat Earthquake in Jan 2001 & Tsunami during Dec 2005 for the AJJDC's international development programme and supervised the various projects set up in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Sri Lanka.

2. March 1991 to January 1993 - Manager, Contract Manufacturing for Marico Industries Ltd.

Job Profile: Production, development & quality control of new products viz. Hair and Care, SIL jams, Revive instant starch ,Comfort fabric softner .

Developing outsourcing/sub- contract facilities for existing products, viz. Parachute, Saffola and Sundrop edible oils.

3. October 1984 to March 1991 - Production Manager for Pfizer India Ltd.

Job Profile: In-charge of production of non-sterile products viz. tablets, capsules and liquid orals .FDA approval in tablet manufacturing.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Represented India at the 1999, 2001, 2005, 2006 and 2007 American Jewish Committee Annual Meetings in Washington D.C.

Indian Delegate at the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers' Meeting in Jerusalem, Israel in September 2005

Nahum Goldman Fellow . February 2004

Ford Fellowship for Emerging Professionals - May 2003

Sherman Fellow, Brandeis University, Boston in the September 2000

President & Executive Advisor to the Jewish Religious Union Youth Group from 1986 to 1990 Patrol Leader of the 23rd East Bombay Scout Division from 1974 to 1976

MILESTONES

Founding Member of the Jewish Religious Union Youth Group

TATA Scholarship for academic excellence during 1981-82

Youth delegate representation from India at the Sephardic Educational Seminar held at Jerusalem, Israel in April 1987 for training young leaders

Represented India at the European Union Jewish Students Summer University in September 1989.

AWARDS

Winner of Best Project Report submitted to Qimpro Consultants Pvt. Ltd. an Indian affiliate of Juran Institute Inc., USA for Marico Industries Ltd. in October 1992. Community Service plaque from the Central Organization of

Indian Jews in Israel in 2001.

'Ner Tamid Award' from the Union for Progressive Judaism for Community Service and volunteer efforts for the Jewish Religious Union, Mumbai in 2004.

PUBLICATIONS

Editor of 'Impact '-a Jewish youth newsletter from 1980 to 1986 .

Editor of 'Jewish landmarks of India.'-2011 Publication.

Editorial Board member of "Kol India" –AJDC quarterly newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Vice- President of the Shalom Alumni Club under the aegis of the Israeli Consulate, Trustee of the Indian Joint Trust-Indian arm of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, New York, USA.

Chairman –Services Committee of the Jewish Religious Union, Mumbai.

Life member of the Jewish Religious Union and Tiferet Israel Synagogue.

Jewish Wisdom: *In Israel, in order to be a realist you must believe in miracles*

Our Young Bene-Israel Talents

Dr. Alisha Isaac Gudkar 24, completed her ***"Bachelor of Dental Surgery"*** in 2017 with first class from M.G.M Dental College and Hospital in Mumbai, India. She was employed as an associate dentist in private dental clinic where she received hands-on experience and later opened her own clinic.

Alisha's parents explain proudly, since her infancy she was extremely fast in grasping new concepts and was creative with them as well. Perhaps this quality of her inspired her to apply to the University of Melbourne in Australia for the ***"Master of Clinical Audiology"***, where she was accepted and will start her semester during Feb. 2020.

Audiology is a branch of science dealing with audio waves. Alisha's intention is to apply ***audiology technology to dental care***. With this degree she aspires to establish a clinic which provides both ***dental and auditory services*** in India, Israel or Australia. She one day hopes to be a role model for people who are worried about taking risks and making drastic changes in their professional life.

Alisha is daughter of proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac & Berukha Daniel Gudkar and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel (late) & Mozel Isaac Gudkar and Late Mr. & Mrs. Isaiah (late) & Yacobeth Isaac Talker.



Our Brave daughter Naama and her Cello

Naama Solomon, 11, from Yavne, Israel plays cello since age 8. Late Mr. Michael Solomon, Naama's father always encouraged her to take up this special musical instrument as cello music was close to his heart.

Naama was invited by Indian Embassy in Israel to play the national anthem of India on cello on 15th Aug 2019

https://www.facebook.com/jacso/videos/pcb.10156698575802309/10156698570187309/?type=3&_tn=HH-
[R&eid=ARBXrpAoAy4zOiw_9WidmOxatRTP5cDLdXXf5enovMbqdMESiPioB0ygYESQnfPXXbvB70xDqGYsn_DM](https://www.facebook.com/jacso/videos/pcb.10156698575802309/10156698570187309/?type=3&_tn=HH-)

Even though she lost her father a month early, she performed exceptionally, in memory of her father.

Her mother Jacqueline now supports and encourages Naama and her elder sister Noa. ***God bless the family.*** Amen!





Purim & Holi The Spirit of Enthusiasm

Jacqueline Solomon



While Jewish around the world are celebrating Purim, the same time millions of Indians around the world celebrate Holi. These 2 Holidays always come on the same day every year. I just can't fail to see the resemblance of the festivals – much more than the fact they fall on the same day in Jewish and Hindu calendar. Both the Festivals are one of the most joyous and fun holidays celebrated with much enthusiasm by the young and the old.

1. Triumph of good over evil: While Purim commemorates the miraculous salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia. Holi is the celebration of various legends who were saved miraculously and defeated the devils.
2. Color and Costumes: Great excitement is seen on the streets for both Holi and Purim where people get crazy and whacky. During Holi, bright colors (gulal – colored powder) are applied to each other which makes it difficult to recognize the person around you. One of the most significant characteristic of Purim is to disguise one self. To be some one else. People go around on the streets in colorful costumes thus making it difficult to recognize them.
3. Food : Food is a part of any festival be it in India or Israel , more so when we are talking about an Indian Jewish household– it's a

custom in a bene Israeli household to have Puran Polis – a sweet flat bread made of chickpea lentils and wheat flour. It is also a popular dessert in India during Holi.

4. Drink – It is an obligation during Purim to drink wine until one doesn't know himself. In Holi, it's a custom to drink Bhang – culled from the leaves and buds of cannabis – to escalate the spirit of the festival thus not recognizing any restrictions.
5. Welcoming Spring – Both the festivals are welcoming the change in the season, fields in full bloom , days getting warmer – perfect time to celebrate the day outside and enjoy the lovely weather.
6. Enjoy the season, holiday and the spirit of enthusiasm – no matter where you are....Have Fun...Celebrate Life! Gift Baskets – Gift baskets are exchanged during these holidays between relatives and friends thus helping to revitalize the relationships and strengthening emotional bonds between people.

Enjoy the season, holiday and the spirit of enthusiasm – no matter where you are....Have Fun...Celebrate Life!

(We wish Jacqueline the author of this beautiful article and her children Noa & Naama a wonder life and let all their dreams come true. Amen)

9 Things You Didn't Know About Purim

1. Esther was a vegetarian (or at least a flexitarian).
2. You're supposed to find a go-between to deliver your mishloach manot, the gift baskets traditionally exchanged with friends and family on Purim.
3. The Book of Esther is one of just two biblical books that do not include God's name.
4. Oznei Haman (Hamantaschen) might have been designed to symbolize Haman's hat or his ears or pockets. Or something a little more womanly.
5. In 1945, a group of American GI's held belated Purim services inside Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels' confiscated castle.
6. The Book of Esther, which many scholars theorize is fictional, may be an adaptation of a Babylonian story.
7. The Jewish calendar has a regular leap year with two months of Adar (but only one Purim, which falls during the second Adar).
8. Purim is celebrated one day later inside walled cities than it is everywhere else.
9. Just after the 1991 Gulf War, Israel's most popular Purim costume was of the Israel Defense Forces spokesman (Nachman Shai's) whose face appeared on TV every time a Scud missile alert sounded — and people snacked on "Saddamtaschen" instead of hamantaschen.

We can add the 10th.

10. Purim always fall on the same day as Holi in India. Both Purim & Holi celebrate success of good over evil.

For more information see: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/9-things-you-didnt-know-about-purim/>

Agarwarkar: I never understood why does Purim always come with Holi?

Doodkar: Because Hiranyakashipu and Haman is the same person. Both are expected to be living in period 492 B.C.–460 B.C.

Agarwarkar: What are you saying? You mean Hindu's and Jew's are the same people?

Doodkar: Who said that?

Agarwarkar: You just said Hiranyakashipu and Haman are the same?

Doodkar: So when did I say Hindu's and Jewish are the same people?

Aharwarkar (confused): So what are you saying.

Doodkar: I said Hiranyakashipu and Haman were the same person!

Agarwarkar: How can you claim this?

Doodkar: Prove me wrong!!

ISRAEL – BONDING

Tu B'Shevat (Tu Bishvat) is the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat, known as “New Year for Trees” in Jewish communities.

Children born to Bene-Israel parents in Israel seem to have a special bonding to **Tu B'Shevat**. The young Bene-Israel are making an effort to make this **a day a national holiday in Israel** (like the Memuna holiday for immigrants coming from Moroccan Jews). About 32,000 Bene-Israel live in Israel while Moroccan population is 1 million (1% of Israeli population). The **Malida** ceremony of the Bene Israel's is an **important ritual of Bene-Israel**.

Israel offers two kinds of holidays; National holidays and in addition 2 holidays that individual can choose to take amongst Purim, Tish a Ab, Lagaba Omer & Memuna. Israel could add Tu B'Shevat as another option to this list, for the sake of Bene-Israel community.

In the link below young Bene-Israel children speak about this festival in Hebrew and how they grew up with the wonderful fragrance of Malida year after year. <https://youtu.be/IZb8TPaouis>.



10TH Feb 2020: A very well-organized Celebration of the Tu Be Shvat Festival was organized in joint cooperation of Embassy of India, The Bibleland Museum & various Indian Jewish Organizations in Israel. The Function was held in Parallel in seventy other countries Internationally by the BI Community.

We have received many pictures and information about several Malida ceremonies in BI synagogues and home but it is impossible to publish all of them. For above ceremony, we were told, it will be shared internationally for the first time. However we did not get any reply as to how the time in different countries could be adjusted. 8 PM Israel = 11.30 PM India = 13 PM New Jersey / Toronto = 6 AM Los Angeles = 5 AM Melbourne.

Malekar: What a wonderful thought to celebrate the new year of the trees!!

Charikar: Don't tell me you don't know?

Malaker: What?

Charikar (whispering): Actually the secret is that it is celebrated to thank the trees for growing apples, for Adam & Eve to eat!! If not, none of us would be here!!

Maleker: Ha Ha Ha Well said Charikar!

How many Israeli's visit India per year
= 70,700 (2018)

How many Indian's visit Israel
= 90,800 (2018)

Answer to a question always asked by Bene Israel's in Israel

There is always a remark by Bene-Israel that Ethiopians came to Israel only in 80's still they have members in the Knesset, but we are here since 1952 but never were represented in the Knesset!!

Answer: The reason is clear. Ethiopian population in 2019 was 1.25 million, even more than the Moroccan.

Population of Israel by country of origin of immigrant

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/total-immigration-to-israel-by-country-of-origin>

Russia/Ukraine (Former USSR)	1,557,698
Morocco, Algeria & Tunisia	361,339*
Romania	276,834*
Poland	173,907*
Iraq	131,013*
United States	110,237
Ethiopia	92,912
France	71,987
Iran	80,863*
Argentina	61,695
Turkey	63,837
Yemen	51,518*

Bulgaria	44,472*
Egypt and Sudan	37,953*
Libya	36,088*
United Kingdom	35,540
Hungary	32,662*
India	28,939*
Czechoslovakia (Former)	24,620*
South Africa	20,730
Germany	20,381*
Yugoslavia (Former)	10,871*
Syria	10,239*
Total	3,374,420

Migrants : 3,374,000 + Arabs 1,617,000 + Israeli 2,987,000

Total Population (2015) : 7,978,496

* = Numbers for 2016 and 2017 have not yet been released

Sources: [Israel Central Bureau of Statistics](#); [Israel Central Bureau of Statistics](#)

How Did We Get Our the name “Bene-Israel” from Shaniwar Teli ?

There are different explanations to this question. We are giving two most popular beliefs. Let us know which one do you believe and why? Also let us know if you have another explanation at shaniwarteli@gmail.com

First Explanation: Late Mr. Simon Isaac Awaskar from Pune/Haifa.

In Quran Jews are referred to as Bene-Israel (Children of Israel). Islam came to India through both peaceful and violent means. It came peacefully through traders and violently through invasions.

Mongol Empire and later Qaraunas (of Mongol & Turkistan decent from Afghanistan) launched several invasions in to the Indian subcontinent from 1221 to 1327. It is well evident from the scriptures and architecture of those days that every country that was conquered including India, the first duty of Islam was to build a mosque in which Allah would be worshipped. Each mosque had their holy book Quran. In Quran were mentioned children of Israel as Bene-Israel.

Social impact of Islam on Hindu caste system was immensely positive. Although it was a different religious, Islam is commonly believed to provide for the "equality" of all believers. Millions of Hindu's stuck for 1500 years in lower castes and untouchables, with no hope to progress, found positive optimism in changing their faith. By converting their religion a sweeper could open a business or a famer could join the army. This flexibility was strictly forbidden in Hinduism that harshly followed caste system. Converting to Islam spread hopefulness and positivity amongst lower caste Hindus who had been suppressed for over 1500 years.

During 1500 to 1700 whenever Islam approached Shaniwar Teli's (caste) for conversion, they refused as they did not suffer from the caste system. They performed occupation of their own choice; oil pressing and farming. By this time David (Rahabi) a Jew from Cochin had discovered the ShaniwarTeli's as Yehudi or Children of Israel. When Muslim religious leaders heard of this; they knew the “children of Israel” from Quran as Bene-Israel. Though Hindus could not live in Muslim areas, Bene-Israel was welcome! It were the Muslim's who correctly gave us the name **“Bene-Israel” (as per Quran)** to the **Shaniwar Teli's** after 2000 years.



Islam came as a blessing for the lower caste Hindu populations.

Second Explanation: **Mr. Nissim Moses,**
Historian-Indian Jews & Bene Israel Heritage & Genealogy Research

There was a large group of senior Bene Israel Officers in the Bombay Contingent of the Presidency Armies of the British East India Company. The British suffered a resounding defeat and many soldiers lost their lives and many were taken captive. The Indian soldiers formed a large and significant portion of the East India Company Armies.

After the battle Tipu Sultan had a summary trial after holding the captives as his prisoners at Seringapatam. Many Indian Soldiers were summarily executed for joining the British Forces.

During the trial the five Divekar Brothers were brought before him. Noting that they were not Hindu he asked them who they were. The brothers knowing the Hatred that The Muslims had for The Term “Yahudi” decided to call themselves “Bene Israel”.

Tipu’s mother (Fatima Fakhr-un-Nisa)sitting in the women’s gallery hearing this sent a message to her son, not to harm them as they are mentioned in the Koran as the People of Moses the Prophet. So Tipu saved their lives.

The name “Bene-Israel” used by Divekar Brothers stuck.

Please see the full article at:

<https://www.facebook.com/nissim.moses/posts/10158039070033703>



Tipu Sultan (born Sultan Fateh Ali Sahab Tipu, 20 November 1750 – 4 May 1799), also known as Tipu Sahab or the Tiger of Mysore, was the ruler of the Kingdom of Mysore and a pioneer of rocket artillery.

A family of Tupu Sultan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_0HyA9HkW0

Conclusion:

Any explanation you accept, both conclude that the name given to us as “Bene-Israel” came from Quran/Koran.

In discussion with *Israel Chaim* (...are you Jewish Enough?!)

A stage I went through many years ago in my search for Jewish truth & Judaism & benefited a lot from the following .Maybe you could too!

Dear Rabbi, I am Jewish, but not Orthodox. I do not follow all 613 commandments all the time. I do not say all the prayers. I don't keep completely kosher and I occasionally speak improper words and think improper thoughts.

As a first born male I was redeemed from a kohen by my father. I did have a brit milah and pidyon haben (redemption of the first-born), and I was bar-mitzvah at 13. I try to attend synagogue regularly for Shabbat on Friday nights, and all Jewish holidays. I fast for most of Yom Kippur. I do not celebrate non-Jewish holidays with my non-Jewish friends, and would not ever consider changing to a different religion.

At synagogue we do not say all the traditional prayers, and we add a few "new" English prayers. I avoid pork, eating meat with milk, and other such kosher rules, but I don't necessarily eat only kosher food. I rarely say a blessing over the food I eat, mainly because it's rarely kosher, and I don't know all the appropriate blessings.

My question is this: Am I doing any good at all? Do abbreviated prayers, selective mitzvahs, and acknowledged Jewish identity reap any reward at all? Or by being "Jewish Lite" am I no "better" than someone who is completely non-observant?

I just need to feel that somehow I am contributing the greater good of Judaism by being somewhat observant instead of non-observant. Please let me know if I am making any difference by doing the little I do. Thank you.

Answer

You and I have a lot in common. I am also Jewish. I also had a *brit*, (but not a *pidyon haben* — redemption of the first-born — my parents only did that for my older brother). I was also bar-mitzvah at age 13. Like you, I also don't think of myself as "Orthodox" (although most people would call me that). Rather, I think of myself as a Jew who tries to observe the Torah which G-d gave us. But, like you, I often succumb to the inexorable onslaught of human failings — laziness, desire, convenience, etc.

You wrote that you occasionally speak improper words. Did you know that more than one-third of the Yom Kippur penitential prayers are devoted to asking G-d to forgive us for sins committed through speech? Regarding proper thoughts, King David prayed: "Create within me a pure heart, G-d."

The bottom line: Everyone fails. Nobody is perfect. So, I think my answer to your question should be evident by now. Any mitzvahs which you perform are certainly praiseworthy and should be encouraged. (Obviously, a mitzvah shouldn't be done at the expense of a transgression. Examples: Friday night after sunset, lighting Shabbat candles is no longer a mitzvah but rather a transgression. The same goes for driving to synagogue. In such a case, the way to express your Jewish identity is to stay home!) Furthermore, your deeds can influence others, without your even knowing it; for example a Jewish friend may stop eating pork because of your example. Or, he may simply tell another person "I have a friend who doesn't eat pork," and that third party, whom you may never even meet, may decide to re-think his own level of observance.

There is a danger of being "Jewish Lite," however. It could furnish you with a feeling of being "comfortable" with your observance level. That should never happen to anyone. We all need to continually strive to grow, study and learn more and more about the Torah. Therefore, you should feel happy about the Jewish things that you do, but you shouldn't think of yourself as being at a *fixed* level of observance. Realize that you can add, if even just one mitzvah a year. Example: Get a *tzedaka* (charity) box in your house and put in a coin (even a small one) every day (except Shabbat and Holidays). Perhaps the most important thing for you now is to study Torah on a daily, or at least weekly, basis. If you tell me where you live I can try to suggest some possible study partners for you. What do you think?

Measuring Religiosity



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How Jewish are you.

Take a test:

<https://www.gotoguidz.com/how-jewish-are-you-6>

Send your relations
to the author:

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EDUCATION IN ISRAEL IN ENGLISH

With time Israel education system has started offering education in English, besides Hebrew. Here are some of them where our Bene-Israel students who have studied in English can continue in Israel.

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Varulkar: I am thinking of going to Israel for higher studies.

Kharilkar: But they teach everything in Hebrew!

Varulkar: What? English too?? !!

Mazgaokar: You know my Mom's brother works in Israeli's Ben Gurion University!

Kolabkar: Really, Wow!! What does he do there?

Mazgaokar: He is a gate keeper!!



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When we asked Jacob about GPM he sent us an American English well writer meticulous & sophisticated summery of their activities that perhaps only an American would understand. It would say nothing to a common Indian man especially when their mother tongue is not English. So I tried to put it in our kind of British-Indian English for ease of our understanding his brilliant work since 2012.

I recommend first you see this video;

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgxwGDDgXSZFzRRztdhgGsBmQnkDr?projector=1>

Providing daily cost free food drinking water education medication & dental care to thousands of slums children constantly since 2012 needs intense devotion and love for offering selfless social service. Currently GPM is operating in Kalwa (Thane) and in the Dahanu and Mokhada districts of Palghar and offers four offices for women's employment and an office providing agricultural support to farmers in rural Maharashtra.

GPM is a 'Jewish inspired' organization that works closely with the Mumbai JCC and AJDC, Israeli and international Jewish and non-Jewish organizations.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Jacob Sztokman for his and his team's magnificent achievements. You could plan to visit them by making pre appointments.

On GPM website (www.gabrielprojectmumbai.org) you can also find more information and blog for additional information year by year.



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URGENT APPEAL for Donation of only \$70/- (On-line Donations- Link below)



Dear Leo and Readers of Shaniwar Teli e-newsletter,

Last week I told you about the vital work that GPM is doing [to prevent the COVID19](#) virus spread in the Kalwa slums. ***But it gets worse.*** Now, after a general lock-down and curfew in India, we are seeing entire families ***literally starving!***

For many families there is no work and no money to buy food. Entire families are begging their neighbors for basic sustenance. As every day passes in which these families are trapped in lock down the children are at risk of ***starving to death!*** Families have approached us at GPM and our local staff are inundated with people ***begging for food!*** They simply don't have food to eat...nothing!

GPM is working tirelessly on this new emergency under unprecedented circumstances. We are committed to protecting these families in need with their basic. We know the community and our staff knows the families!

Please help us help these families! Each family will receive a food package - for the next 2 weeks- that costs us approximately \$70 (\$35 a week). Each family will receive: Wheat flour, Rice, Lentils (daal), Chickpeas, Beans, Onions, Potatoes, Milk, Salt, Sugar, Oil, Masala, Soap and in some cases wood for cooking.

We are appealing to you for urgent assistance to stop families from *starving to death!*

While the Corona virus threat wreaks havoc through the slums we work in, please help support the nutrition program and we will also continue to provide safe drinking water, medical assistance, and the emergency measures that we are taking to prevent the Corona virus from engulfing the Kalwa slum.

Please donate here to this emergency nutrition fund:

https://rootfunding.com/campaigns/gpm_corona_virus_campaign

With much thanks and gratitude and **wishing you all good health,**

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How “UKADLELE CHANN” (Boiled Hummus) is connected to our Heritage.

Bene-Israel family boiling chickpea on Fridays is an unbroken tradition. However no one seems to know from where this tradition came. Why do only Bene-Israel's prepare this munch on Friday's.

When we visit malls in Israel on Friday's amongst hawker's selling munches you will always find a food stall selling boiled chickpeas. They serve you a bowl of boiled chickpeas sprinkling some spices on it. Traditionally these hawkers are always selling boiled chickpeas in the flea markets and shook of Israel.

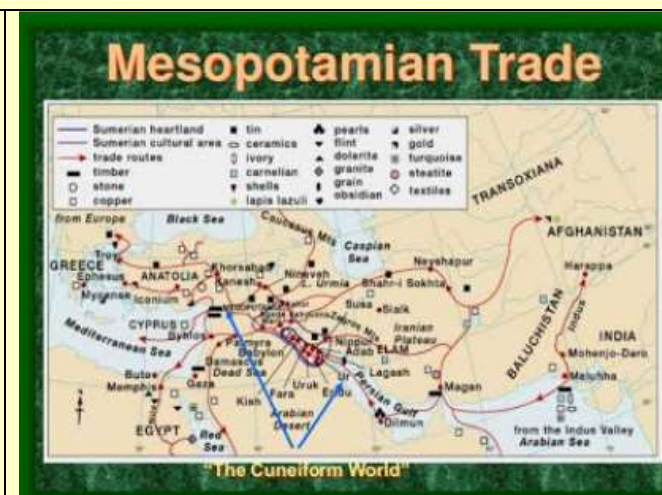
Is there some connection between Bene-Israel's Ukadlele Chana and our origin in Middle-East?



Chickpeas are earliest cultivated legumes from Mesopotamia in Middle-East, the land of Abraham. Hummus, as it is known in the middle-east is 7500 years old (-73 BC). Traders moved to India through Afghanistan (red path on the map). That is why chickpeas in Indian were known as **Kabuli Chana**. The trade between Kabul and India started in in -305 BC. In -175 BC when the ship of Bene-Israel ancestors capsized, Kabuli Chana was available in the Indian markets and when our first ancestors found their familiar Hummus in local Indian market, they started boiling it on Fridays as they always did in olden days from Mesopotamia to Egypt.

Therefore perhaps this tradition of “Ukadlele Chana” like “Shaniwar Teli” is a tradition that went down in Bene-Israel families from their parents in the Middle-East and form a link definitely to their Jewish ancestors.

On checking with various communities in Israel I found Arab, Yemenite, Iranian, Assyrian, Azerbaijani, Armenian, Georgian, Kurdish, Cypriot and Turkish all boil chickpeas on Fridays from times unknown.



“Ukadlele Chana” (Boiled Hummus) like “Shaniwar Teli” is indisputable proof of our origin from the land of Abraham.

India's Silent Chickpea Revolution

India started producing “Desi Chickpeas” chana only in the 18th century. The desi chana are smaller than the Kabuli chana. The adaptation of chickpea or chana as a winter crop in Andhra Pradesh (AP) due to the warm temperature brought good financial gains for the AP farmers. Before 18th century India sold Kabuli

chana from land of Abraham that Bene-Israel ancestors boiled on Friday's , as was done in their land.

Boiled Chana – Hummus sold all over Middle East



Asitivkar: How was your weekend Galsurkar?
Galsurkar (defated): eh ..well.... it was ok.
Asitivkar: So why are you so low?
Galsurkar: Well, it was not like every shabbath.
Asitvkar: Why?
Galsurkar: Rachel did not boil chana this weekend.
Ashitvkar: Oh... nevermind. So what? But why did she not boil them?
Galsurkar: er..I forgot the chana packet at my mother's place. So Rachel was busy boiling me.



Next week, to make up to his family Galsurkar gave his wife a new recipe (sent by Erna & Sam Daniel from USA) to his wife and they all enjoyed it together on Friday.

Parmesan Roasted Chickpeas

https://www.kosher.com/shows/video/683/parmesan-roasted-chickpeas?utm_campaign=941a530418-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_08_03_26&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Kosher.com%20Signups&utm_term=0_df5d3b231c-941a530418-194730593

Name of some Bene-Israel Synagogues and their meaning

Erna & Sam Daniel

בית הכנסת מגן אבות
Magen Aboth Synagogue.
A Shield to the Patriarchs Synagogue.

בית הכנסת בית אל
Beth El Synagogue.
House of God Synagogue.

בית הכנסת בית האלהים
Beth Ha-Elohim Synagogue.
House of Lord Synagogue.

בית הכנסת מגן אברהם
Magen Abraham Synagogue.
The Shield of Avraham Synagogue

בית הכנסת סכת שלומו
Succoth Shelomo Synagogue.
His Protection of Peace Synagogue.

בית הכנסת שער הרחמים
Shaar Ha-Rahamim Synagogue.
Gate of Mercy Synagogue.

בית הכנסת שער השמים
Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue.
Gate of Heaven Synagogue.

בית הכנסת שער רצון
Shaare Rason Synagogue
Gates of Favor Synagogue

בית הכנסת מגן חסידים
Magen Hassidim Synagogue.
A Shield to the Pious Synagogue

בית הכנסת תפארת ישראל
Tiphereth Israel Synagogue.
The Glory of Israel Synagogue.

בית תפילה עץ חיים
Etz Chaim Prayer Hall.
A Tree of Life Prayer Hall.



Esther.... You know all my life I thought the meaning of my synagogues name "Shaar Ha-Ranamin" means " Lion of Rahamim Uncle !!! "
Ruth: en.... You better don't ask what I thought of the name of my synagogue "Magen Abraham"....
"Back side of Abraham" ha ha ha ...

Our representatives are working on list of all the Bene-Israel Synagogues listing them by date when they were built. We hope to print them in next issue.



Did you know **Crayola** colors were created & started by a Jewish family living in New York in 1805?

So what were Bene Israel's doing in 1805?

Bene-Israel's were already discovered by David Ezekiel Rahabi (1694–1772), of Cochin. Though British ruled India from 1858-1947, English East India Company existed from 1600–1858. So knowing BI perhaps in 1805 they were discussing about collection donation for making a new synagogue.

Shaniwar Teli Jokes

By Rabbi Sad Sack

During year -186 BC, 9 years after the boat sank at Navgao and first Bene-Israel children were old enough to ask questions.....

Mom, Dad
claims he
came from
the land of
milk and
honey



Yes, I have heard that
before! Ask him why did
he not go back? Beause
here he gets milk honey
samosa batata vada jelebi
pani puri batata puri
kachori and mango lassi .
He is not an idiot to go back

Palkar: Mr. Talkar, what is the definition of an "accountant" and a 'Jewish accountant' ?

Talkar : Simple Mr. Palkar! Accountant keeps your accounts and you understand them. A Jewish accountant is someone who solves a problem, you didn't know you had, in a way, you will never understand. Only thing you will understand is the heavy fee you pay for a service that you will never grasp, after getting very personal 50% discount offered only to very special customers. You will be just thankful for that 50% discount, as it will be just the remaining money you had.

The Evolution of the Religious Practices of Judaism Today from the Primary Monotheistic Concept of Father Abraham

Nissim Moses

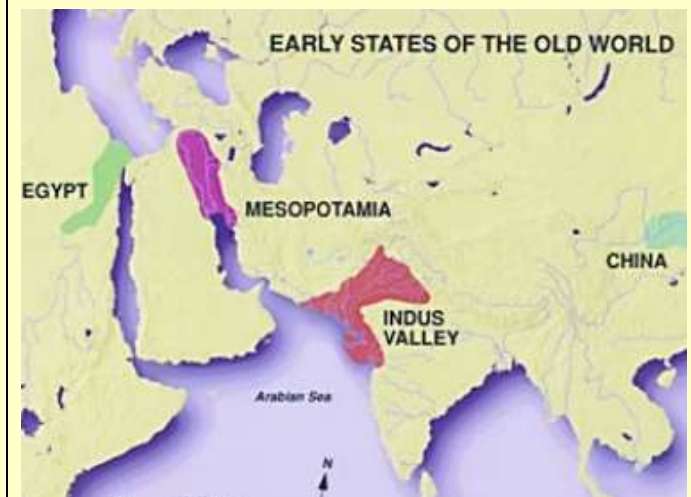
Historian-Indian Jews and Bene Israel Heritage & Genealogy Research

When Abraham left the city of Ur on the Southern tip of what was once known as Mesopotamia, he had just acquired the basic concepts of a newly evolving religion in the East-called Ancient Zoroastrianism of an Omni Powerful, Omni Potential, Omni Present, Eternal and all Attribute Encompassing Spiritual Being. This form of monotheism that he followed had besides this concept, no defined religious practices. When Jacob with his sons went down from the land of Canaan to Egypt, they still had no defined religious practices. It was only during their stay in Egypt that many Ancient Egyptian cultural, religious values and practices began creeping into the daily life of the Hebrews due to necessity and survival. Among them, the first was probably the calendar-for agricultural purposes. The author in his detailed study has observed that many of the practices of Judaism can be observed to be very closely similar to the practices of The Pharaoh Akhenaten** of the New Kingdom. See Ref-1.

The author in other studies performed; further determined that, Judaism in its post exodus period and its evolution process to modern Judaism; has borrowed heavily; adopted and adapted, from the philosophy, mythology, cultural and religious practices of other earlier Eastern Religions like Hinduism and Zoroastrianism (Parsees). See Ref-2. & Ref-3. These included the final adoption of the Zoroastrianism Calendar (note names of the months are the same).

This article studies in detail; in a comparative tabular process; the various common features of all the four religions and the probable time line of adoption or adaptation into Judaism in the evolution process.

Many a person, must be wondering how the Jewish people all over the world though following the same religion, have so many variations in the ritualistic practices in their various adopted countries around the world often derogating one another for deviation from the way they practice it. The author here in this abstract can draw one's attention to two extreme cases noticed by the author.



The People of Shevet Menashe from North East India though practicing Judaism, never lit a Shabbat Candle nor said Kiddush. The author in his studies has found that this custom is not mentioned in the Bible as it evolved only during the First Diaspora in Babylon or later. This community only took those ancestral Jewish customs prevalent in Israel at the time they left it.

The Bene Israel lit only one oil lamp for Shabbat for most of their stay in the diaspora in India. The author determined that the reason for this was that prayers were introduced after the start 2nd Diaspora (which was at the time of Antiochus Epiphanes) and about 100 years at least after the destruction of the 2nd Temple of by Pompey. The whole religious practice of Judaism changed from sacrificial ritualistic worship to pray based meditational worship. The logical reason for this change in practice was that the religious leadership at that time probably must have begun to realize, that in order for the Hebrews to continue to survive as a People and a Nation; a new method of bonding had to be instituted to replace the mandatory pilgrimage to Jerusalem as in Biblical days.

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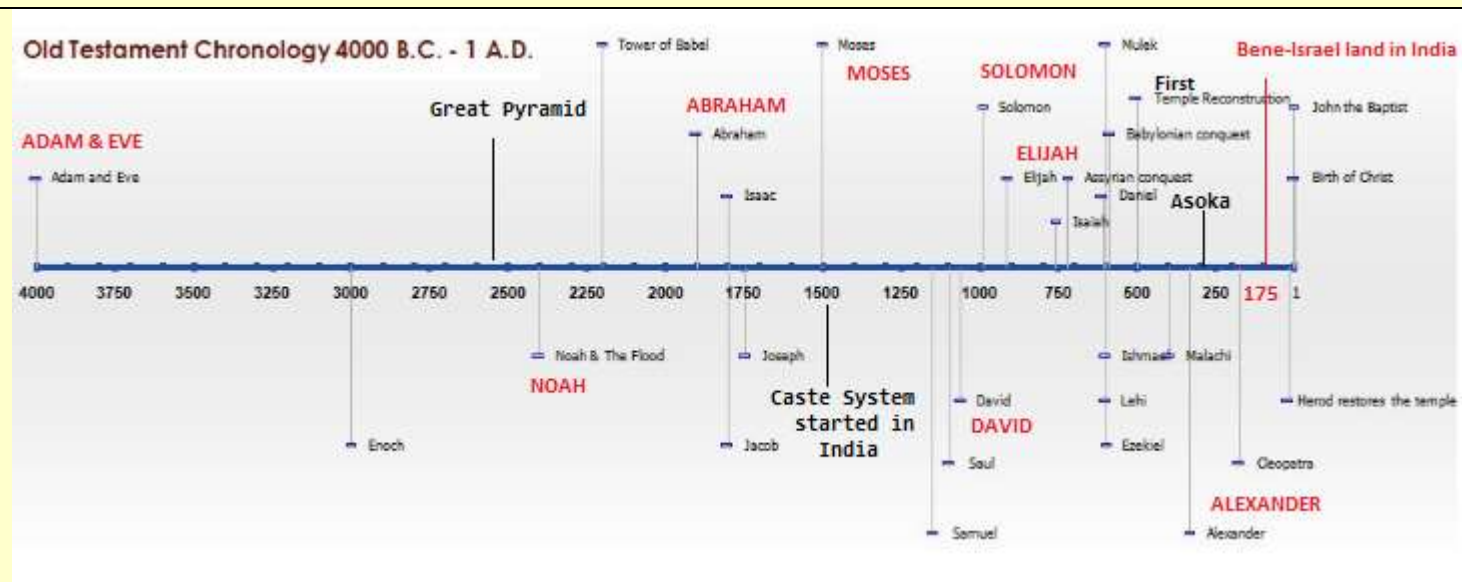
In Books-Heritage of Bene Israel Heritage of India Heritage & Customs both Hardcopy and Earlier CD Version (which has prayer Chant Recordings)

Similarities Between Hinduism and Judaism.

Roots of Judaism in Eastern Religious Concepts of Zoroastrianism (Parsee Religion).

New Article Below. Study Performed at suggestion of Ex. Ambassador (Retd. Ephraim Doweck)

Comparative Study of the Influence of Ancient Egyptian Religion on Judaism.



Mazgaoker:
Why do Jewish men get
circumcised?

Kurulkar:
Because Jewish women won't
touch anything unless it's 20% off.

Rabbi Sankar: Do you know Walwatkar that Abraham the father of the Jews lived for 175 years?

Mr. Walwatkar: Abraham was born in between 1638 BCE to 1813 BCE and then people lived only up to thirty years as per science.

Rabbi Sankar: Why? Are you saying our father Abraham was born with Down Syndrome disease??!!

Mr. Walwatkar: Eh...No No!! You know what Rabbi. You are correct. Actually he did lived 900 years not just 175!!

Rabbi Sankar: (Smiling) now you are talking! Don't ask questions..... May God open your mind to accept the truth and only the truth!

Canada

Abraham Samson



Canada has the most vibrant and the largest Indian Bene-Israeli (B.I.) Diaspora anywhere in the world (excluding Israel). About 150 families, most of them living in Toronto and Greater Toronto Area, few in Montreal and other cities in the west. Immigration to Canada was from India & Israel that began in the early 1960's and continues even today.

There are two Indian B.I. Congregations in Canada:

1. **Bene Israel Congregation – B.I.C** (in short), is Orthodox. (2012)
2. **Congregation BINA is Conservative (1979)**



Bene Israel Cong's Westmount Sephardic Shul, Rabbi Mordechai Sevy leader & some of their members

BENE ISRAEL CONGREGATION

Its brief history (chronology) will appear **in the next issue of this e-Newsletter.**

B.I.C. came into existence 8 years ago, when some members of Congregation BINA, quit and decided to form an orthodox Minyan. Today they have their own Synagogue [Westmount Sefardic Shul], a Rabbi as a spiritual leader, Sefer Torahs, Kisse shel Eliyahu (Brit Milah chair), Siddurims and so on. **I think, this is the only Bene Israel Indian synagogue outside of India and Israel.**(if otherwise, please let me know).



Megalith-Esther Reading



See below*



Purim 2020 at B.I.C



Purim 2020 at B.I.C



Purim 2020 at B.I.C

*Mazel Tov to Yochai ben Kenneth Elijah (Walwatkar) on his Bar mitzvah on January 30, he learnt to put on the Tefillin, was called to the Torah to read Parasha BO . He and his family emigrated to Canada (he was born here) from Israel in 2005.

Channukah : B.I. Channukah celebrations, traditions & its Unique tunes were featured on one of the Canadian TV channels : Click to hear : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0uiWzhB3NE>

CONGREGATION BINA – A BRIEF HISTORY

ANN SAMSON- Canada

In 1970, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Mosesz'l (Talkar) from Bombay visited Toronto to visit their son. On learning that most of the Bene Israel families did not attend High Holiday Services in local synagogues due to the high cost of tickets, he and his cousin, Elijah Hyamsz'l (Kehimkar), managed to organize services for the community. For many families it was the **first High Holiday Services** they attended since leaving India. In November 1978, a group of six families organized a social event at a local public high school. Encouraged by the response, and later the success of a Purim Social in March 1979 and a picnic in July 1979, six couples: Elijah and Erusha Hyamsz'l, Albert and Lizzie Mosesz'l, Solomon & Ann Samson (Killekar), Victor and Dianaz'l Abraham (Cheulkar), Ezekiel and Hannahz'l Reuben (Nawgaonkar), and Dr. George and Lavinaz'l Abraham (Cheulkar) **organized High Holiday Services according to Bene Israel tradition at the National Council of Jewish Women premises in Toronto in the fall of 1979.**

On March 31, **1981 Congregation BINA (Beth Israel of North America) was registered** by Albert Mosesz'l, Ann Samson and David Saulz'l who thus became the Official Founders and First Directors. **In 1982, BINA was granted Charitable Status.** High Holiday services, Hanukkah and Purim socials, B'nai Mitzvot and other community events have been held regularly. Donations and funds raised helped in acquiring 3 Sefar Torah. In 2018, High Holiday Services were moved to the sanctuary of the Lodzer Centre Congregation in Toronto. Congregation BINA has worked hard to gain recognition in the wider Toronto Jewish community by **joining the United Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (UJA)**, an umbrella organization. BINA has participated in various cultural, educational, social, and religious events with other Jewish congregations and organizations. In 1992, **Congregation BINA purchased cemetery plots** for its members through Toronto Hebrew Memorial Parks at the Pardes Shalom Cemetery and recently purchased more plots at the Pardes Chaim Cemetery.

In 2015, Congregation **BINA made a Legacy Donation** in order to ensure the future of the Indian Jewish Community in Toronto, by encouraging the younger generation to uphold the values and practices of Tzedakah, community and continuity. This endowment is administered by the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, which is part of UJA. **We recorded our story and signed the Book of Life and by doing so we have protected our most precious possessions: our memories of the past and our hopes for the future.**

Congregation BINA welcomes all Jewish families – Bene Israel, Cochín, Sephardic and Ashkenazi – as members. We have over 100 members whom we keep in touch with through our **quarterly newsletter**, Contact. 2019 marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of Congregation BINA, which makes it one of the oldest, continuous running Indian Jewish congregations in the diaspora.

For more information about our congregation or would like to participate in an upcoming event, please visit our website: <https://congregationbina.org/ca/>

Jewish population in Canada:

Christians, representing 67.3% of the population in 2011, are followed by people having no religion with 23.9%[1] of the total population. Other faiths include Muslims (3.2%), Hindus (1.5%), Sikhs (1.4%), Buddhists (1.1%), and **Jews (1.0%).**

(There is some dispute if Jews coming from Asia can be included in Jewish population. They were included as Hindu's as they came from India)

USA

Erna & Samuel Daniel Divekar

Siona's Blue World (OUR HIDDEN TALENTS)

Siona Benjamin's unique perspective as an [Indian-American-Jewish artist](#) has inspired her to create art that represents her transcultural and multicultural narrative. Often featuring blue characters, Siona's work illuminates vibrant colors, cultural & religious symbols in various mediums to create works that have synergy and meaning. Her art has been shown in galleries, museums & sacred spaces around the world. She was awarded two prestigious Fulbright Fellowships to explore the theme of multicultural art in Israel and India. She creates [art installations](#), [art commissions](#), and artworks for private and public spaces. As an [artist & speaker](#), she shares her personal journey through live speaking engagements.

- **Current commission for synagogue in Pennsylvania (PA):** Painting will be made into a Torah Ark curtain, art made in artist studio and printing to be done in India.
- Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, **California (CA):** "Blue Like Me: The Art of Siona Benjamin at the JCC, La Jolla CA (Feb 25 - May 31 2010) <https://www.sdcjc.org/gag/>

(We will be doing a feature on Siona Benjamin in our July issue)



<https://artsiona.com/about-siona-benjamin/>

Siona sits atop her 15-foot porcelain tiled floor designed for the Central Reform Congregation in St. Louis, Missouri (MO)

New York/ New Jersey:

Rabbi Romiel Daniel (first picture) with Chazzan and Cantor Mr. David Galsurkar during **Tu B'Shevat** Malida.



Rabbi Romiel Daniel who is the President of the Indian Jewish Congregation of U.S.A, as well as the President and the Rabbi of the Rego Park Jewish Center and his very talented wife organized and held a Tu B'shvat celebration at his Synagogue for our Bene Israel community. Thirty two members of the community and their families attended this Seder. Prayers were recited and two candles were lit by Mrs. Sophie Perry and Mrs. Erna Weber-Daniel, Rabbi Daniel made the following remarks :

"The New Year of Trees, TuB'Shvat is a day celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration. Seven fruit associated with the Land of Israel are eaten on this day which includes Wheat, Barley, Grapes, Figs, Pomegranates, Olives and Dates. Also we the Bene Israel do Eliyahu Hanavi ceremony invoking the blessings and protection of the Almighty and to give us good health and prosperity. For this we pray that G-d should send Elijah the

Prophet, whom all Bene Israel hold in high esteem to be our protector. During these prayers, invoked are the Blessings given by our patriarch Isaac to his son Jacob. One that he would always have richness and abundance and two that he would be fruitful and multiply and become a congregation of people.”

At the Eliyahoo Hanavi two Malida plates were ceremoniously carried in by two different Bene Israel. Noreen Daniel sang Psalm 100 in Marathi and Selina Modak recited Psalm 23. These Psalms were well recited and caught the attention of the audience. A delicious Kosher Chinese lunch was served. Everyone had an enjoyable time and it was especially beneficial for families to meet each other and catch up on the news and the happenings in the community. The Celebrations ended with the community singing the Birchat HaMazon.

The Indian Jewish Chicken Recipe You're Going to Crave (Thanks to Sam & Erna Daniels)

A simple dish with big flavors from the Jews of India. <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/the-indian-jewish-chicken-recipe-youre-going-to-crave/> enjoy with **Masala Mashed Potatoes** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XABGLr8t-x0> or with **Aloo Makala** <http://www.cookitsimply.com/recipe-0010-013k700.html>

New Zealand, Yoel Reuben	Received No Up-Date
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Thane Samson Awaskar	Pune Dr. Ruben Daniel`	Raigad District Adv. Herzl Bhonkar	Mumbai Leora Micah Joseph
	Received No Up-Date ***** A synagogue decides that god will protect them from the Corona Virus As a result, they all agree that they should not wear masks, because they trust god so much. Weeks later, they all are infected and die from the virus. They go to heaven and ask god, "why didn't you protect us?" God responded "I tried that's what the masks were for, but you won't take my help."	Received No Up-Date ***** Pulkar: Mum, I think it is all my fault that the world is facing coronavirus. Mum: Surprised; why ??!! Pulkar:On my way to work I yelled "please God do something about this terrible traffic!" and I think I might have prayed for Corona Virus... 3 months later a super virus clears all the traffic. Mum: You always do this. Silly mistakes. Why did you not ask to win a lottery!! They you had no reason to be in traffic!!	Nothing much happened. Most events got cancelled. Purim events at most places got cancelled. Now synagogue anniversary celebrations also got postponed / cancelled. Section 144 in force. No gathering of more than 4 people.
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1. Ramle & Lod 2. Dimona	Eilat Moshe Dighokar	Ashdod Yafet Pingle	IJHC Pinchas Yosef	Worli Cemetery
We are looking for a representative from this area and other places where BI's live	Eilat's economy is 100% based on tourist industries and Coronavirus has killed all tourism. All at home.	This is Bad here in Ashdod. The streets are empty. Not so many people on Friday. Usually our Synagogue Magen Hasidim is full but because of the strict restrictions from the government we had to do two minyans as more than 100 people are not allowed to pray. The situation is becoming from bad to worse. This report was sent on 17th March 2020 under Corona threat situation.	No up-date sent. ***** Pingle: (talking on the phone) My computer had a virus for a long time and yesterday it just disappeared. Penkar: How??!! Pingle: I think it heard that I was put in quarantine for coronavirus!!	We are looking for a representative from this group

ORT India

Johnny Jhirad

An update on the **Ort India scholarships program** is that a total of **120 students** have been given grant scholarships of total **66 lakh rupees** till march 1st 2020.

Approximately US \$90000.

These scholarships are given to **ALL students** not the meritorious.
In fact contrary to conventional wisdom we encourage the *laggards more*.



The Director knows the students and their families personally and they will keep coming every year so it's informal.



News from AJDC & EPJCC Nissim Pingle

During Feb, 2020, 7 members APJCC & EPJCC members visited Israel for their annual meeting.

A Palkar child asked his father, "**How were people born?**" So his Palkar said, "**Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on.**" The child then went to his mother Sinora and asked her the same question and she told him, "**We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now.**" The child ran back to his Palkar and said, "**You lied to me!**" His father Palkar smiled and replied, "**No, my son, your mom was talking about her side of the family.**"

BJP's Jewish Minority Leader in Maharashtra

Sassoon Phanspurkar

Following the detailed report in the last issue Mr. Phansapurkar with his team would like to thank

Mr. Shalom Galsurkar ,
Mr. Herzel Saimon,
Mr. Shimon Dighodkar,
Mr. Eliyahoo Dighodkar,
Mr.Hannock Malekar,
Mr. Joel Kurulkar,
Mr.Rannan

https://m.facebook.com/watch/?v=1822775741080136&_rdr

Sassoon has informed us that the Panvel Bene-Israel case is progressing. The team is following up on all the matters reported in the last issue.

Dealing with Coronavirus is right now their priority

IOBI

Yohan Pezarkar (John Perry)/ Sherona Varulkar



Exhibition: Jews of India: The History and Practices of the Bene Israel, Cochin and Baghdadi Jews.

December 15, 2019 marked the opening of this ground breaking exhibition in Freehold NJ, at the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, to a packed gallery. According to Alice Berman, President, Board of Directors of the Museum and also the Chair of the Exhibit Committee, this exhibition may be the only such exhibit outside India or Israel. While this exhibition was made possible by the tireless efforts of the museum and its volunteers, it would not have been possible without the enthusiasm, dedication, efforts and donations of Sophie and John Perry, who were instrumental in sowing the seeds of this exhibition. They have gifted the museum their personal and family heirlooms which include John Perry's parents' and grandmother's Bible, Zhumbar and Handi, Mezuzah, an antique Menorah, 100+ year old kirtan leaflets and Bene Israel religious books and about 15 -20 large boxes worth of precious memories and memorabilia, which the museum plans to exhibit on a rotating basis. The exhibit will be open through the end of summer 2020. The museum has a jam packed agenda with various speakers, presentations and films on the unique history of the Jewish communities in India.

The program for the opening began with welcome remarks from the Executive Director, Jessica Solomon and Board President, Alice Berman, blessings from Rabbi Avrohom Bernstein, Chabad of Freehold and Rabbi Robert Rubin, Congregation Beth Or. Then, David Galsurkar, took stage and held the audience spell bound with beautiful Bene Israel melodies of Nava Mi Kol, Eliyahu Ha Nabi, Ki Ish Mera and others. Singing lifts the spirit closer to God and David Galsurkar's beautiful voice transported the audience back to India, sitting in the pews of Magen Hassidim, Tifferet and Khadkavarchi Mashid, uniting our Jewish hearts to join our voices in prayer. It was followed by Sherona Varulkar who took the audience on a tour from the origins to present day journey of the Bene Israel, which was the high light of the opening. Gila Roseblatt of Cochini Jewish community and Nancy Hashem of Baghdadi Jewish community also spoke of their respective communities. Lastly, John Perry spoke of his days in Indian Express and his travels from India to Israel and USA. His days in IDF, after the fall of the Shah and before the rise of the Ayatollahs, how the Israeli Air Force and ELAL made daring trips to Iran to evacuate Iranian Jews. John Perry would use his Indian passport to enter Teheran airport and whisk away Iranian Jews, who were checked in for a flight to a secret African city, to an unmarked ELAL airplane parked at the end of a far runway. The operation was so risky that Sophie Perry was unaware of her husband traveling in hostile territory under the cover of darkness. John Perry had the audience on the edges of their seats.

Then, it was time to mingle, take in a historic exhibition and eat Malida prepared by Sophie Perry and Halva by Naomi Abraham. Sam and Erna Daniel, David and Edna Samson and Ophir Raymond made the trek from NYC and others came from farther away places to make this opening a truly Bene Israeli event. The Times Of Israel, NJ News and many other publications worldwide covered the news of this exhibition and opening. This is just the beginning and John Perry hopes that others in the community will join him and the museum in adding to this exhibit and taking it across North America to various Jewish museums and congregations. If you have any artifacts or Bene Israeli memorabilia, photos, books etc. you would like to donate or lend to this and future exhibits, please contact IOBI USA at the contact information below. We look forward to your participation in this endeavor.

Written by Sherona Varulkar (input by Shmuel Kurulkar). Email: jobibeneisraelUSA@gmail.com). Article provided courtesy of IOBI-USA

Note: This event was held during Dec, 2019 and this information should have come to the readers earlier in the last issue. However we received this information on 18th March 2020. We have requested IOBI to send us newer information too (for Jan Feb March) and are waiting for it. Some IOBI members have informed there was an IOBI meeting in India in Jan/Feb 2020 but we don't have any official update.

From John Peri, founder of IOBI (email)

Our organization, International Organization of Bene Israelis (IOBI) based in Israel is the central organization and we are in the process of forming chapters in various countries. Sherona will take over as the President of IOBI-US shortly. The next to be announced are chapters in Canada and India. The above article is released by IOBI- US Chapter. During next IOBI meeting in Israel, all the objectives of IOBI will be outlined to all the members.

Borlekar: Erulkar did you know it was our Pezarkar Uncle flew to Iran to bring out all the Irani Jews to Israel!

Erulkar: Eh...what, I never heard any Bene-Israel ever did such a courageous job.

Borlekar: But our Pezarkar uncle did it!!

Erulkar: So you mean Uncle Pezarkar went to the Supreme leader of Iran Sayyid Ali Hosseini Khamenei and told him "Let my people go"?

Borlekar: Eh.... eh... yes, well yes... I think so.

Erulkar: And Khamenei let them go?

Borlekar: Er... Yes, I think so. I was not there. But that is how Moshe did with pharaohs... in the movie, you know "Ten Commandments"

Erulkar: So where were all the Baghdadi Jews?

Borlekar: In El-Al... sorry Afrix flight until our Uncle Pezarkar ordered to close the doors.



BOOKS

First printed in 1889 (5649) Hebrew /Marathi Siddur is available page by page through the link below.

Thank you Sam and Erna Daniel. It can also be downloaded.

[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/75/The Daily Prayers translated from Hebrew to Marathi.pdf](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/75/The_Daily_Prayers_translated_from_Hebrew_to_Marathi.pdf)

Ashkenazi/Sefardi Torah Leining/Reading MP3 Audio: <http://torahreading.dafyomireview.com/>

Thank you Sam and Erna Daniel.

Umerdekar's Wife: "Noah In my dream, I saw you in a jewelry store and you bought me a diamond ring."

Umerdekar: "Yes, Naomi, I too had the same dream and I saw your dad paying the bill."

Australia

Solomon Erulkar

Following up on my last update from Australia **our Bene-Israel community was given more exposure** after our **first Bene Israel history presentation** to the local Jewish community. The community was fascinated with our presentation that has led to **publishing a cooking book** with recipes from our **Bene Israel homes** and Baghdadi Jews. The book also had stories and history that was collected from our families.

For me too it opened a door to tracking down my family history. It is important to make sure our children know about their heritage. I was fortunate enough to visit our **Bene Israel heritage sites and synagogues in India**. This led also to discover more about our parents and grandparents. Late Prof S.S. Reuben, my grandfather was the **Head of Department of Sir J.J College of Architecture in Mumbai from 1948 to 1959**. Dr. Abraham S Erulkar attended as doctor of **Mahatma Gandhi** during all his fasts in his capacity as **President of the Indian Medical Council**.

While most of us came to Melbourne after 1990 there have been a few families who made this journey a lot earlier. The **Elijah Walwatkar** families who came here in **1968 were Bene-Israel pioneers in Australia**. Some of our Bene-Israel families came here directly from India and Israel.

Our children have some connection with the **Melbourne Jewish community**, although limited. In their early years, they attended Sunday schools in the different Jewish community centers. Our children had their Bar/Bat Mitzvah events at various Jewish community centers. A few years ago, we had our **first Bene Israel wedding at the Kew Synagogue**. The ceremony was similar to the way it was done in India.

In my next update will forward a few more stories and recipes from the published book.

Wadawkar: Now that I have my software engineering degree from India, I am wondering where I should immigrate to; Australia, USA, UK, Canada or Israel?

Dhokarkar: You did not mention the best option.

Wadawkar: Where?

Dhokarkar: Staying in India!! Only idiots leave India!

Wadawkar: eh... but why?

Dhokarkar: In Canada you will die of freezing cold. In Australia you will die of heavy heat. In USA you will die of discrimination. In UK you will live with Muslims and in Israel you are total strange unless you know Hebrew.

Wadawkar: So you mean.....

Dhokarkar: Yes, I mean our India is the best. And India is the only place you will get “kaam wali bai” to work for your home! Clean it! Cook for you!

Poems

We are still *waiting* to hear from some of our Bene-Israel Poem writers.

*Take a kiss,
..... and keep it in your pocket*

*If you lose your way,
If someone hurts you,
If someone annoys you,
.....you have a kiss in your pocket*

*If you are sad
if tears,
like rain drops,
wet your eyelashes
..... you have a kiss in your pocket*

Translation of poem in Hebrew by Shlomit Cohen-Asif
From the book of poems in Hebrew on love and friendship
"A kiss in the Pocket"

*" When I got enough confidence,
the stage was gone.....
When I was sure of Losing,
I won.....
When I needed People the most,
they Left me.....
When I learnt to dry my Tears,
I found a shoulder to Cry on.....
When I mastered the Skill of Hating,
Someone started Loving me from the core of the Heart.....
And, while waiting for Light for Hours when I fell asleep,
the Sun came out.....
That's LIFE!!*

*No matter what you Plan,
you never know what Life has Planned for you.....
Success introduces you to the World.....
But Failure introduces the World to you.....
.....Always be Happy!!
Often when we lose Hope and think this is the end...
God smiles from above and says, "Relax Sweetheart;
It's just a Bend, not the End..!"*

Written by
Sophia Loren (Actress)

Poems



Quoted from article : **Pilgrim Practices of the Bene Israel: A bridge between Dharmic and Semitic Spiritual Experiences** (link below)
The cemetery of the Bene Israel lies adjacent to the slum, which has been gradually encroaching upon it. The local Bene Israel community claims to be defenceless against this encroachment, as there are only 20 families of modest means left in Panvel (Shri Moses Korlekar, personal interview). It is also no longer used, as seepage from the tank has begun to damage the graves. The cemetery was used for the last time in 2013, to bury **Rebecca Benjamin Chincholkar** beside her husband **Benjamin Aharon Chincholkar**, who died in 1983. The graves are a spot of minor pilgrimage, chiefly for the poems inscribed in Marathi on the headstones (Fig. 12).

Fig. 11: Graves of Rebecca Benjamin Chincholkar and Benjamin Aharon Chincholkar. © Raamesh Gowri Raghavan Link: [https://www.academia.edu/41771425/Pilgrim Practices of the Bene Israel A bridge between Dharmic and Semitic Spiritual Experiences](https://www.academia.edu/41771425/Pilgrim_Practices_of_the_Bene_Israel_A_bridge_between_Dharmic_and_Semitic_Spiritual_Experiences) (Above text & images used with permission of the authors).

Cartoon

by Rabbi Sad Sack



You know Mr. Walwaker, there is not much difference between us CEO's and street beggars. You see, he has no money. We too carry no money. He has no credit cards. We also don't carry any credit cards. All our expenses are covered by shareholders and all his expenses are covered by public. You see the similarities! Would you call it hilarious or an absurdity?!!

History of Sir Elly Kadoorie School

Haeem Samuel Kehimkar wrote the first book on the history of the Bene Israel: History of The Bene Israel of India. The manuscript was completed in 1897, but he was unable to secure the funds to publish it. It was finally published 50 years later in Jerusalem by the late Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger.

In 1875, Haeem Samuel Kehimkar founded the first Israelite primary school in Mazagaon in Bombay, under the auspices of the ***Bene Israelite Benevolent Society for Promoting Education***. The school was expanded into an Anglo-vernacular secondary school in 1881, and further developed into a high school in 1892 training its students for the matriculation examination of the University of Bombay under ***Bene Israelite Benevolent Society for Promoting Education***.

In 1932, Elly Kadoorie, a Bagdadi Jew, donated 150,000 rupees towards the renovation of the school building. The school was then **renamed** Sir Elly Kadoorie High School in Sir Elly's honour and reopened in 1934.

Most of the Bene-Israel did not know that the school was Haeem Kehimkar School and when they are told this fact; the first thought that come to their mind is the rename the school to ***Haeem Kehimkar's High School***.

Mr. Kehimkar devoted his life to the community and particularly to the advancement of Jewish education among the Bene Israel children.



Haeem Kehimkar
(1830 – 1909)

Haeem Kehimkar's High School

Padma Shri Award

David Abraham Cheulkar born in Thane in 1909 got a BA degree from University of Bombay in 1930 and later got a LLB law degree from Government Law Collage. During Jan 1937 he started his movie career and in his prime period 1959-1975, David was one of the best and the well-known anchor, compere and the host of the prominent award shows and other functions. In one of the speeches ***Jawaharlal Nehru***, the prime minister, said any of the events will be surely ***incomplete without David's speech***.

He was involved in promoting sports, and later became India's Olympic Games representative He was awarded the ***Padma Shri award*** in 1969 by Government of India. He never married and passed away in 1981 in Toronto, Canada.

Cheulkar, though not religiously devout, prayed briefly each day, and always observed Yom Kippur by fasting and by visiting synagogue for the Neilah service.



Why did the Bene-Israel ancestor's ship capsized where it did and not anywhere else?

Bene-Israel ancestors Ship Capsized while following a known traders path from Middle-East to China followed since before 300 BCE

Some 2,000 years ago when the Romans destroyed the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the Jews were dispersed, some proceeded northwards, others turned west to Salonika, Morocco and Spain, whilst still others moved eastwards to form a large community with its headquarters in Baghdad, Mesopotamia. They followed the route traders had been using for centuries.

This ancient community prospered in Hong Kong and sent its sons overseas to India, China, Europe and America. David Sassoon arrived in Bombay in 1832 and Elly Kadoori 1870's. Their parents too had taken the same path to reach Hong Kong and China as our ancestor's ship.

https://www.hongkongheritage.org/HKHeritageDocuments/The%20Kadoories%20-%20India/EN_The%20Kadoories.India.pdf



The Hong Kong Heritage Project (HKHP) is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to preserve history and promote heritage awareness in Hong Kong

Mr. Haeem Kehimkar did not have internet information in the 19th century but still all his predations were accurate.

1. Modern day research too estimates our ancestors arrived between -600 BC to +400 AD. If you take average of these two dates, your arrive at -200 BC. Mr. Kehimkar predicted -175 BC.
2. The route Jewish traders followed to East is the same that David Sassoon's ancestor's followed One of traders ship capsized in Arabian sea and reached Navgao.



Jokes on Bene-Israel *Rumors!!*

Aptaker: Basteker, I heard rumors that some Bene-Israel guy sold Sir Elly Kadoorie school!!

Bhastaker (surprised): Who!?

Aptaker : I don't know

Bhasteker: To whom?

Aptaker: I don't know.

Bhastekar: For how much?

Aptaker: I don't know?

Bhasstekar: Then what do you know?

Aptaker: I just told you. I heard rumors some Bene-Israel guy sold Sir Elly Kadoorie school!

On Friday Kasukar bought two fowls and went to Hazan Ramrajkar to cut them in Kosher way. Hazan Ramarajkar cut the first fowl. Meanwhile the second fowl freed itself and jumped out from the open window and disappeared.

Surprised Kasukar asked from surprised Ramarajkar to pay for the second fowl. Ramrajkar was in a jam! How could get out of it?

Thinking quickly Ramarajkar replied; Kasukar, the second foul was not Jewish. I can take money only for cutting Jewish fowls. Next time when you buy fowls, check if they are Jewish.

Next Friday Kasukar went to the market asking for two Jewish fowls. The seller told him all fowls are born Jewish. He reached Hazan Ramarajkar with two fowls and asked him to cut both. Hazan did his job and asked Kasukar to pay his fee for cutting his fowls. Kasukar replied; I have become a Christian for a week and you just cut Christian fowls. You take money only for cutting Jewish fowls, and walked away.

Johannes & Sharone Koreleker were flying to Australia but due to problem in the engine the plane landed on an isolated island. On landing the Pilot announced "This island is so isolated that no one will find us for the rest of our lives!" An hour later Sharone turns to Johannes and asks, "Joe did you pay our charity pledge cheque to ze Beth Shalom Synagogue yet?" "No, sweetheart," he responds.

Sharone then asks, "Joe, did pay our United Jewish Appeal pledge?"

"Oiy, no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the cheque," he says.

Sharone: Did you remember to send the check for the Synagogue Building Fund this month," she asks?

"Oiy, forgive me, Shar," begged Johannes. "I didn't send that one either."

Sharone grabs him and gives him the biggest kiss in 16 years.

Joe pulls away and asks her" So, why did you kiss me?"

Sharone quickly answers, "They'll find us!"

Banmunkar was happy to meet his childhood friend Palkar after forty years. Palkar was visiting India from Israel. They went to a bar in Sandas Road and both got a little tipsy. Banmunkar: You know Palkar, there are some Bene-Israel's who think they owe the Bene-Israel community. Palkar: There is a saying in Israel, listen carefully; the grave yards of Israel are full of people who thought Bene-Israel community cannot exist without them. But here we are and they are dead!! After a short silence both started laughing and both said together: Rest in Peace!! Cheers!!	Dandekar: I sold the Nagpur Bene-Israel cemetery today. Dudkar: They let you sell it? Dandekar: Who? Dudkar: Someone, I mean? Who is responsible? Dandekar: No one! Dudkar: You mean no one is responsible for all the cemeteries of Bene-Israel? Dandekar: Is there? I don't know of any one. So I sold it. Dudkar: Good!! One less headache. I will sell the Nasik one tomorrow to help the community have one more less headache! And both laugh.	Paprekar: I am so much in love with Annie. She is so beautiful so kind so young so fresh so shy so ooooh she makes me crazy. Hazan Jitiker: So you should get married to her. Paprekar: Yes, I know and that is what I want to do. Hazan Jitiker: So go ahead. What are you waiting for? Paprekar: At home they are objecting. Hazan Jitiker: Why? Who is objecting?! Paprekar: My wife and children! *** Wasakar: What If Sabbath came on Tuesday? Rabbi Plukar: Then Tuesday would be called Friday!!
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Ruby: Sandra I think my husband Benjamin is cheating on me. Sandra: Oh, you should ask someone to follow Benjamin and take pictures Ruby: Wow! It is very good idea. I will ask my boyfriend Reuven to do it! Sandra: ???!??!!		Mrs.Penkar: Hi Mrs.Birwadkar. How was the Malida yesterday? Mrs. Birwadkar: It was fine... I think. Mrs.Penker: Why are you hesitation? Did something happen? Mrs. Birwdakar: No. Nothing interesting happened. No fights no shouting no arguing no abusing. No gossiping!! Eh ...Very Boring!!
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What is New in Jewish Material World?

New automatic device for circumcision



Product is still not approved for Jewish circumcision.

It has been used for Muslim and Adult circumcision and for children in hospitals.

CAR MEZUZA

The **car mezuzah** arose from a belief by the modern day Jewish community that **cars**, like homes and other properties, need to be affixed with a **mezuzah**. Most people affix the **mezuzah** from a dashboard or hang it from an interior part of the **car's** door. Some may hang from the rearview mirror.



What is inside a Car Mezuzah? The types of scrolls that go into car mezuzahs typically are called journey protection scrolls.

Journey protection scrolls in the mezuzah for the car are usually written in Hebrew and English, and contain the verse, *"For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all the ways."*

Others may include the Traveler's Prayer in Hebrew, including Shin Dalt Yod, the first letters of Shomer Dlatot Israel or Guardian of the Doors of Israel, one of the names of God. This prayer of protection is meant to go along with you on your road trip, business trip and commute to work, picking kids up from school, or just running out to the corner market. Taking the word of God with you and expecting it to protect you can place a shield of the Lord's invisible hand around your car to protect you from harm — or such is the premise of the act of displaying car mezuzahs.

These protective scrolls can be power talismans for bringing you protection while you're on the street, highway, interstate, or elsewhere.

Health

Do I really Need a Massage Chair?

Before buying we all imagine how wonderful it would be to sit on the massage chair and watch TV while having a wonderful Shiatsu! But like all imaginations, we realize the other side of the story after buying the product. These chairs have large footprint and need electric point. You need to sacrifice large part of your living room, especially if the chair reclines. You get uncomfortable after massage of 30 to 45 minutes. Then you switch it off. But unlike the comfort of your sofa or TV chair, massage chairs are not really chairs. They are deeper and you sink in to them which make it uncomfortable to sit, when massage feature is off. Finally you will remove it to a separate room or in a corner where you will use it for few minutes for massage in a week and show to your guests.

What Features Should You Look For In A Massage Chair?

The point of a massage chair is to stimulate the therapeutic effects of a massage therapist;

Kneading - Called “Shiatsu” by some, kneading rolls from the center of the spine outward and feels like two hands alternately rubbing your back. A kneading massage is a great way to relieve stress and give your overworked back muscles a break.

Percussion/Tapping - Have you ever seen a massage therapist “karate chopping” someone’s back? A percussive massage really gets the blood flowing and feels amazing. It’s particularly good if you’ve been doing a lot of intense exercise.

Rolling - In my chiropractic office I have a \$2,800.00 table called a “Roller table.” It’s basically just wheels that roll up and down either side of your spine, gently moving the spinal bones and stretching your spine and muscles. Most quality massage chairs come with rolling action standard. And when you sit in one of these chairs and feel it push your spine back into position, you’ll understand why it’s so popular.



Full Recline - To truly get a deep tissue massage you need to put as much of your weight onto your massage chair as possible. Unfortunately, many of the popular massage chairs out there only recline to a paltry 135 degrees. For maximum benefits, I'd recommend you get a chair that reclines 170 to 180 degrees so that you can lay down and truly enjoy your massage. (This is particularly important if you suffer from sciatica and find sitting difficult or painful.)

Airbag Massage - This is truly an optional feature, but if you've ever experienced a good foot and calf massage, or arm massage, or seat massage you know how wonderful it can feel.

Many new chairs now come with additional innovative features, like mechanical foot rollers, zero gravity, inversion, extended roller tracks down the back, chromo therapy, music systems, and even head massagers! They are all pretty cool features, but you need to decide what is important to you and which features make the most sense to you.

How much Power does the chair use? Watts: 55 = 0.055 Kilowatts, cost per minute = \$ 0.0001 cost per day:0.5 cent, Cost per month: \$ 1.00

Rohekar: I took finally an appoint for next Tuesday at 11 PM for the massage. It is so difficult to get an appointment!

Morbekar: Massage??!! Who is giving massage in our village?

Rohekar: You don't know. Sapar (Barber) Saigaonkar!

Morbekar: What? The one who cuts hair?

Rohekar: Yes. He had ordered a new reclining barber chair from Amazon. But when he got the package, he had received an automatic massage chair!!

Morbekar: Oh... so Amazon refused to replace it?

Roheker: No, he wanted to complain but his wife Naomi stopped him. Now he charges \$ 10 for massage of 10 minutes on the chair and is making more money than his profession!!



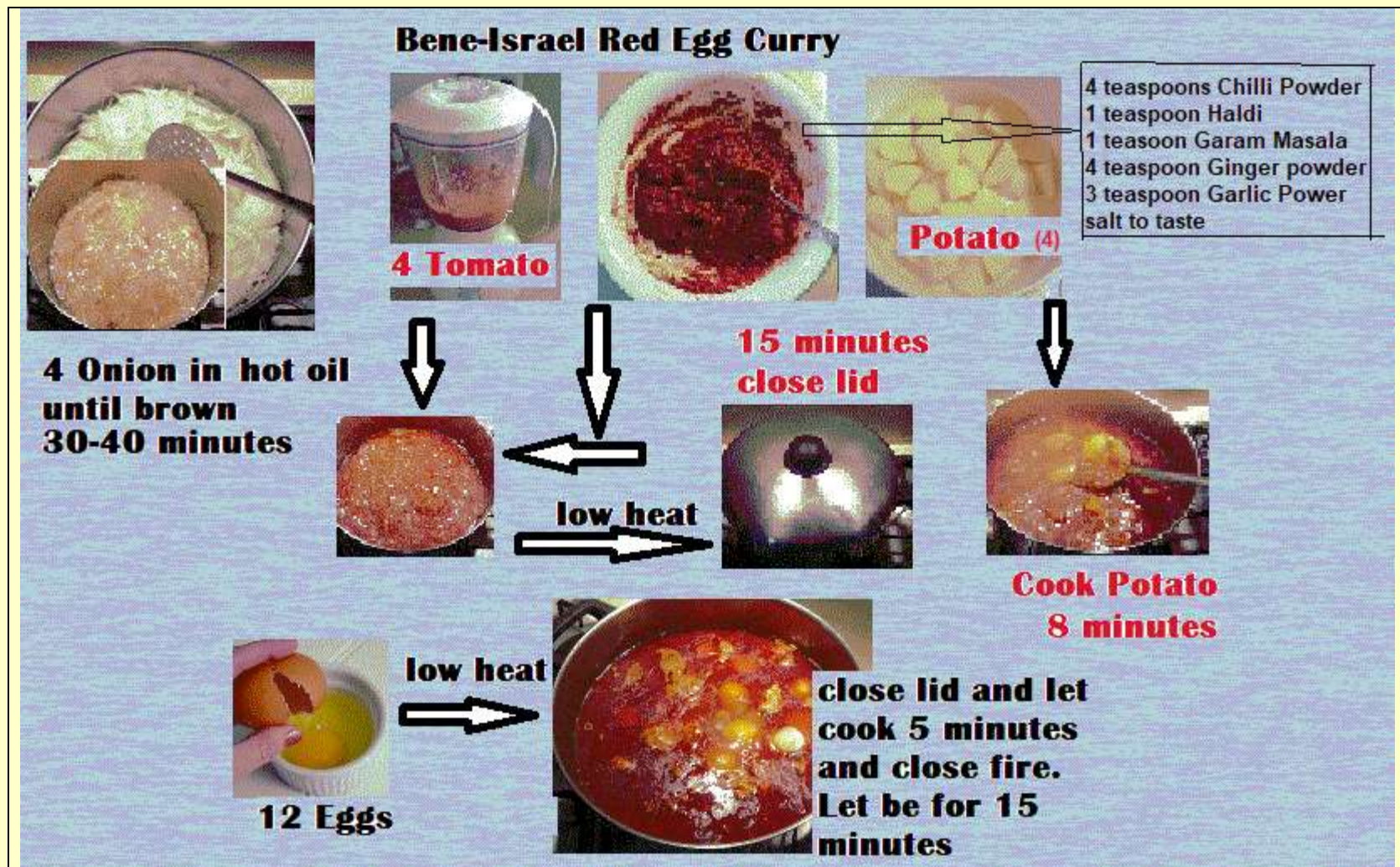
Did you know that the Massage Chair was first invented and manufactured by Barber Chair manufacturer?

Did you know that now cars and plane chairs come with Massage feature?

Did you know that no one should buy massage chair without your doctor's recommendation.

Did you know when you buy a massage chair you should make sure you buy a brand that offers service for several years in your area.

Cooking



Archaeology and Bene-Israel

Never had I thought we Bene-Israel have had anything to do with Archeology. Archeology was for the Egyptian Pyramid, Indian Mohon J Deboro caves or Buddhist Temples in Bangladesh. But here I was looking at a wonderful in-depth study researched written and published by two amazing Indian Hindu archaeologist from the University of Mumbai / Madras entitled (one of other 3 articles – see below).

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Close up of the graves at Bene-Israel Cemetery at Chandore



The Bene-Israel Cemetery at Chandore (view from West)

Pilgrim Practices of the Bene Israel: A bridge between Dharmic and Semitic Spiritual Experiences

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The Bene Israel are a small Jewish community that lived on the Western Coast of India, especially in the district of Raigad, state of Maharashtra for two millennia before they emigrated to the State of Israel after its formation in the late 20th century. Nevertheless, they have left behind a rich legacy of cemeteries and synagogues in Raigad District as well as in the City of Mumbai, that speak of their experiences. The author has been working to document their material cultural heritage, apart from...

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Fig. 8: Israel talūv, in the Topal Naka locality of Panvel ©Ramesh Gowri Raghavan



Map of Known Bene-Israel Cemeteries in Raigad District

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| 1. Satamba (Virjoli) | 17. Thane* | 34. Palav Phata Nagaon |
| 2. Zambulpada | 18. Igatpuri* | 35. Murud |
| 3. Siddheshwar | 19. Galsure | 36. Poynad |
| 4. Uddhar | 20. Gondhapada | 37. Antora Phata Pen |
| 5. Shrivardhan | 21. Chaul | 38. Aslali Phata Nagaon |
| 6. Roha | 22. Borli | 39. Walakh |
| 7. Parali | 23. Pune* | |
| 8. Panvel | 24. Awas | |
| 9. Pali | 25. Ashtami | |
| 10. Nasik* | 26. Ambepur Phata | |
| 11. Mhasla | 27. Agarwada | Synagogues |
| 12. Chandore | 28. Bandra* | A. Magen Avot Synagogue, Alibag |
| 13. Govele | 29. Bhatnai* | B. Beth HaElohim Synagogue, Pen |
| 14. Mangrul | 30. Mazgaon* | C. Khesed El Synagogue, Poynad |
| 15. Lonavala^ | 31. Grant Road* | |
| 16. Kurul | 32. Nagpada* | |
| | 33. Worli* | |

star * = not included in the map

A = see the link

We spoke to the author through email.

When was this article written? What year?

The article was written and presented at the **4th Explorations in Maharashtra Workshop, conducted by the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies of the University of Mumbai**. The presentation happened on **16/9/2017** and the final publication happened in December 2019.

Were there any reactions? Did you later add more information?

We have not added any further information, nor have there been any reactions.

Yours truly,
Raamesh Gowri Raghavan

*This article **“Exploration of Bene Israel Cemeteries & Synagogues in Raigad District, Maharashtra”** by Raamesh Gowri Raghavan , Member of National Chemical Laboratory and Dr. Kurush Dalal, Faculty Member of University Mumbai has pictures from as recent as 2017. Please look at the link for more details and pictures. See the 39 slides presentation <https://ncl.academia.edu/RaameshGowriRaghavan>

There is no guarantee that the above information is complete. We already see the Revdanda cemetery and Synagogue are missing. This information is included for general interest. No research was done by our team. For more information you can contact the authors who are very helpful.

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We had to write to the authors to understand a bit more about these articles. We are publishing below the message sent by the writers of the article on Bene- Israel Synagogues and Cemeteries in Maharashtra.

Dear Mr. Daniels,

Thank you for your message on Academia.edu. I am including my co-author in this email.

Thank you for your compliments, we are very grateful. This survey is currently incomplete as we need to explore a few more cemeteries that are indicated in the map. To be honest, we had run out of funds to explore further.

After your correspondence, I have replaced the PPT file with a PDF file which contains the complete paper. This version includes the Revdanda synagogue and its associated cemetery at Chaul. We also discovered an abandoned cemetery at Chandore near the town of Mhasla. That has been published separately.

Two cemeteries, viz. the one at Kurul (just to the south of Alibag) and one at Awas (to the north of Alibag), are reported destroyed. The one at Awas is adjacent to a private compound which had encroached on the land, but at the time of reporting, it was merely overgrown with vegetation and not built upon. Nevertheless, signs of Jewish funerary customs were seen at that site, ie a lamp was lit in the same style as those I have seen at the Great Cemetery of Navgaon.

The cemetery at Kurul has apparently been taken over by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), a government agency, for constructing a pipeline. At the time I inspected it, the plot had lain empty, though I could not see any tombstones.

A third cemetery, at Murud, is fenced, but was partially encroached by a family on the south-eastern side. Similarly, the Pen Cemetery (which is actually at a place called Antore Phata) was being encroached upon on the eastern side. A small cemetery on the outskirts of Chaul on the Nagaon Road was encroached by a timber merchant, who nevertheless used to light lamps to the tombstones "so as not to disturb the resting spirits." The cemetery at Panvel too has been encroached partially by poor slumdweller.

All this has been duly reported in the paper. Another cemetery at Borlai has apparently been taken over by a builder to

make flats, but I cannot verify this claim. The hazzan of the Borlai synagogue, a Mr. Sogaonker, was unwilling to talk about it, although his family has a private cemetery in the adjacent village of Korlai. At this stage I cannot say whether further destruction has happened at these sites.

Awareness of the synagogue and cemeteries in the region is very poor as apart from four families, no Bene Israel live in the area anymore. The Bene Israel families in Mumbai and Thane express inability to maintain the cemeteries in the villages, as they have neither the money nor the clout to oppose land encroachment. Without the involvement of the Bene Israel diaspora, preserving this heritage is an uphill task.

I hope this satisfies your questions.

Yours truly,

Raamesh Gowri Raghavan

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About “Israel Talao” in Panvel

The Vishrali (Israeli) Talao in Panvel is being slowly encroached by a Hindu temple from one side and a Muslim mosque on the other side, and they have both adopted it as a sacred tank. Some of the graves in the cemetery beside it have also been built over.

The local Bene Israel communities of Panvel have very mixed feelings about it. Most think that the encroachments should be removed, but also feel a sense of resignation that they are powerless to do anything since they are neither rich nor numerous.

Yours truly,

Raamesh Gowri Raghavan

(Note: In last issue Mr. Sassoon Phansapurkar and his team spoke on this issue)

We are printing only two pictures per cemetery. In the original articles there are many interesting pictures from these articles. Please see the links above to read the full articles.

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