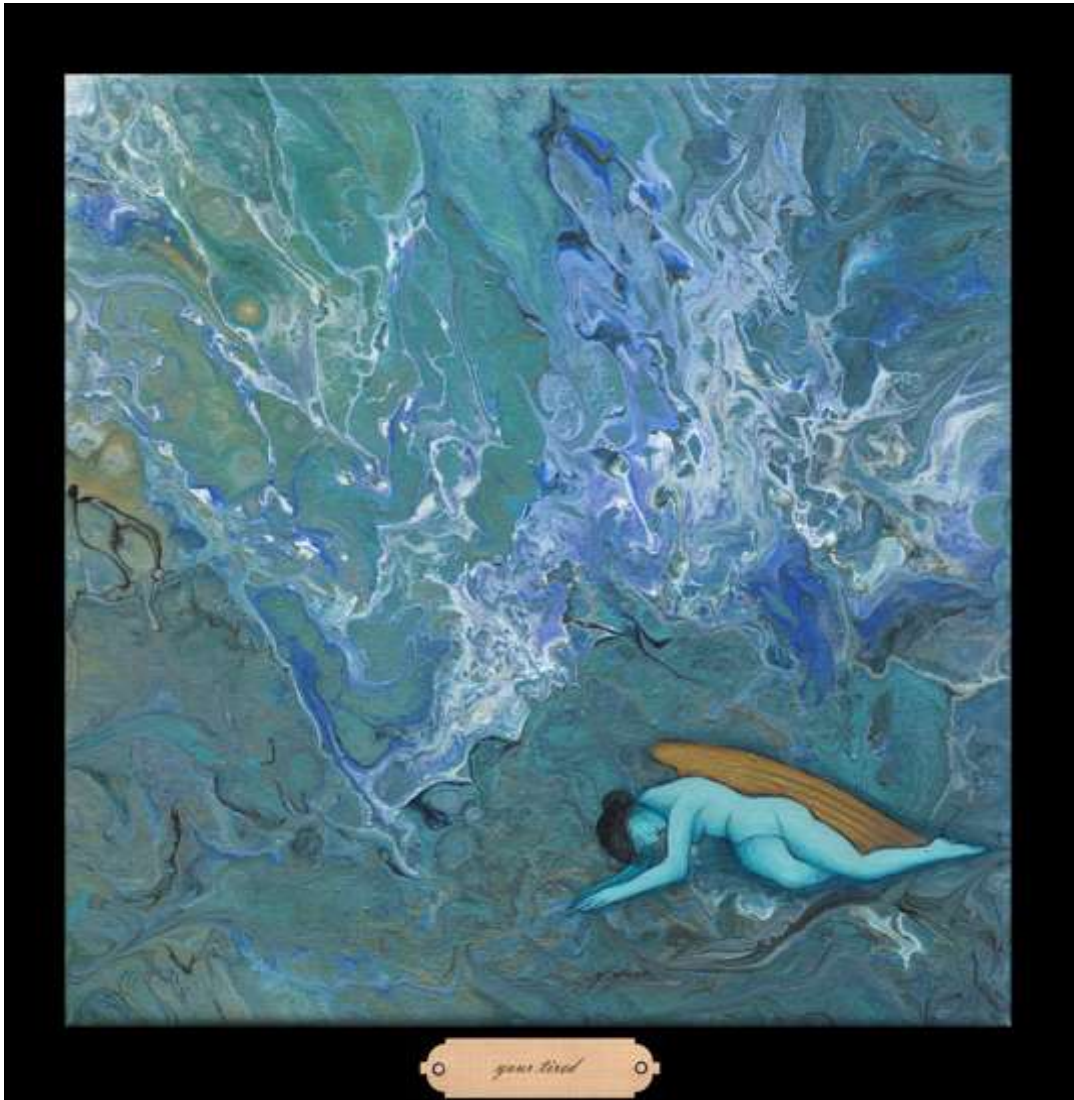




Siona Benjamin (Painting Title: "Your Tired")

www.artsiona.com, www.BlueLikeMe.com

US - Nehru Fulbright India scholar 2011, Fulbright Israel scholar 2017

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Our cover pages of all the future issues will be blessed by images of various paintings of Siona Benjamin's, with her kind permission.



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Letters

After having seen your newsletter "Shaniwar Teli" (dated 1st April 2020), we appreciate your idea of sharing a useful information to our dear Bene Israel brethren worldwide.

Yashar Koach to both of you, Dr. Shulmith Solomon and Mr. Elijah (Leo) Daniels. We would appreciate it if you could elaborate more about yourselves.

Anyway, should you have any questions in your upcoming newsletter and wish to receive any information for the same, please do not hesitate to ask.

With Torah Greetings,

Rabbi Shmuel Ben-Shalom (Divekar)
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This issue includes full details of the wonderful work Rabbi Divekar is doing for the Bene-Israel community.

Shameful WJC Performance

It was shameful of the **World Jewish Congress (WJC)** to release the 72nd Independence Day of Israel video showing Jewish children from the

- Article about "Kabuli Channa" on Pg. 22-23 of The April 2020 issue of Shaniwar Telis

To the Editor, Dr. Shulmith Solomin & Mr. Len Daniel, Shaniwar Teli
Newsletter



In the previous article, you mentioned that the Bene Israel community like other Jews used to make Kabuli Channa for Friday Shabbath Service. This is incorrect! This food staple came from Afghanistan and was never a local produce of the Konkan region. Even Channa, an Indian version was grown only from the 18th Century in Karnataka, India. The Bene Israel came to India several centuries earlier. In the book by Rabindranath Tagore "Kabuliwalla", he mentions the story of the street vendors wandering around towns across India, the Pathans (Lalas) who used to sell all sorts of lentil-ready food products such as spiced Ragda, Shola, etc.

The Baghdadi Jews, who arrived in India around the mid-17th century (approx. 1650 C.E.), were the only Jews who used this product. It was their version of "Hamin" or "Chul". To conclude, the Baghdadis used Kabuli Channa – Hummus, whereas the Western Jews – Ashkenazim used Red Beans which are still prevalent today.

The Bene Israel never used any form of lentils – Dal (yellow or red), Chawlis, Channa, Pavta, Bidda or dry Bombils – Bombay Ducks, in the preparation of their Sabbath Eve meal.

Yes, they prepared Hamin and I remember, as a child in my Grandparents wadi in Awas, how it was prepared for the Saturday afternoon meal. The Bene Israel Hamin was always prepared with rice, potatoes, meat, sometimes vegetables added in them and flavoured with spices. In the villages, they used to have earthen Sigris, burning wood or coal. On Fridays, the whole mix of the Hamin was placed on a slow burning mode of the Sigri. Now one would ask what is a slow burning mode? The coal or wood was covered with a thick layer of ash to create only coal or wood cinders and not a flame enabling the Hamin mix to be ready by lunch time on Saturday.

As mentioned earlier, all forms of lentils were a complete 'no – no' at any Bene Israel Sabbath Eve Meal – as the Bene Israel affiliated them with a house in mourning. One further remark here is that The Bene Israel never ate the Red Dal because their tradition affiliated this Dal with the 'Pottage' that Jacob sold to Esau, his brother, in exchange of his Birthright. The author of this article, having researched the subject, has a different reason, probably more technically/medically correct.

Diaspora singing the 'Hatikva', whilst ignoring the Bene-Israel community from India. It is a request for our leaders to ask for an explanation.
Benjamin Bhonkar

(This matter was bought to our attention by Mr. David Samuel Dandekar from Ashdod, Israel.

We as "Shaniwar Teli" e-newsletter did contact WJC by email on 4th May and later sent a reminder on 12th May 2020. So far, we have not heard from the WJC.)

Masoor dal (red dal) creates more flatulence than Toor dal and Moong dal (yellow dal). Excess flatulence is very unhealthy.

According to some, the second conceived child during delivery of twins comes out first; and the first conceived child comes out second as was the case with Jacob and Esau. Further, the author would like to bring to your attention one more custom amongst the Bene Israel which you also must have observed. On a Friday Night table, there are always two breads. In those days, Matza (flat and crisp) was placed over a salt bowl under a cloth cover. But when the Kiddush Reader or Hazan takes the two Matzoth in his hands, the next thing he does is puts the lower one over the upper one and then recites the Blessing for Bread after Psalm 23 (Mizmor Le David), symbolizing the birthright of Jacob over Esau as the first born.

Regards
Nissim Moses
Historian Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene Israel Genealogy Research



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPJVgPd71FI>

I, **Elizabeth Pingle**, like to take a moment to thank a group of people who have gone out of their way to help me in my time of distress. My sincere thanks to one and all for their valuable support during my difficult times.

Heartfelt thanks to **Rebecca Birwadkar** for assisting me by rescheduling my return flight from Israel to Mumbai when my father passed away and rescheduling again when my original flight was cancelled. Although serving in Air India Cargo Marketing, she went out of her way to reschedule my return. After arriving and being quarantined in Delhi, she requested her colleagues in Mumbai and Delhi to visit me twice at the Hotel, once to deliver my blood pressure medication, fruits and biscuits and on the second occasion, my essential clothes, coffee, chappals, towel, napkin, wet wipes, reading material all the way from Mumbai.

From the time that I was quarantined, Rebecca (Becky) has been using all the resources that she could mobilize to enable my transfer to Maharashtra Sadan, contacting top government officials at the Disaster Management Cell at Mantralaya, the Director of Maharashtra Sadan and the Collector of Delhi. She almost succeeded in doing so.

Heartfelt thanks to **Isaac Shapurkar** for trying his best to get me back home by contacting government officials, taking time out of his office schedule, and sharing my email and YouTube Video to officials and for motivating me in these difficult times. Heartfelt thanks to my spouse **Abner Pingle**, who always kept motivating me, **Dulcie Pingle** and **Evron Pingle** for keeping me cheerful with their daily video calls. Heartfelt thanks to my sisters **Siona Erulkar**, **Seema Erulkar** and **Golda Erulkar** for staying in contact with me on WhatsApp video calls until late at night.

Heartfelt thanks to **Rebecca Birwadkar** and **Isaac Shapurkar** for uploading my video on Facebook and YouTube, as well as making it visible to the

Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

My heartfelt thanks go out to **Orah Abraham, Abraham Kandlekar** and **Rehan Pingle** for editing and updating on Twitter. My sincere thanks to **Mr. Jatin Kothari**, working at Voice of Ghatkopar newspaper, for reaching out to me and forwarding my video to the **Hon. Chief Minister**. Heartfelt thanks to **Mr. Manoj Kotak** (Member of Parliament) who also tried to assist me. Heartfelt thanks to **Uma Madam** (Principal of Shree Amulakh Amichand Bhimji Vividhlakshi Vidyalaya) for calling me multiple times, motivating me, and informing our school trustees who also offered assistance. Heartfelt thanks to **Shirley Palkar, Oren Benjamin, Ephraim Erulkar** for trying to help from Israel. Heartfelt thanks to **Mr. Eli Ramrajkar** and **Ms. Leora Joseph** for contacting the Consul General of the State of Israel, **Mr. Yaakov Finkelstein** and apprising him about my situation. Heartfelt thanks to **Mr. Yaakov Finkelstein** who contacted CM **Mr. Uddhav Thackerayji**. Last but not the least, my special thanks to our CM, **Shri Uddhav Thackerayji** for contacting me immediately, arranging my transfer to Maharashtra Sadan and helping me like a brother. You are a true leader to us Maharashtrians.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who called me when they came to know about the situation and gave me strength. Please forgive me if I have omitted to mention anyone.

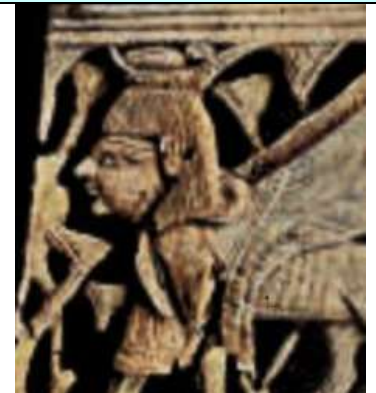
Background: **Elizabeth Pingle** was caught in Delhi in quarantine between flights Tel-Aviv – Delhi – Bombay and requested help.

We had to consult our expert Mr. Nissim Moses, Historian, Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene Israel Genealogy Researcher to answer this question. Nissim Moses writes: **In Response to Your Question**

Question -A reader, Epharim Medhekar, is asking “How did the surviving Jews in Raigad know when it was Saturday, to keep their oil press closed?”

The ancestors of the Bene Israel were from the Tribal Area of Zebulon in Northern Israel. These Seafarers were experienced sailors and traders. In those days, it was essential that sailors be well-versed in these following aspects:

1. ‘Safe Trade Routes’ from point of departure till destination.
2. Seasonal weather patterns on the route from departure to destination.
3. Languages spoken at the various destinations.
4. Contact persons and traders at the destinations.
5. Available merchandise and their value at the various trading locations.
6. Most important of all, ‘navigation’ using astronomical sighting of celestial objects.



The Bible mentions that there was trade between the West Coast of India and Israel from the time of King Solomon. Image on the right, is a cutting of a picture from a Journal about furniture from King Ahab’s Palace found in Excavations in Israel.

Image: Ivory carved furniture of this quality is an integral part of Indian handicraft and workmanship not found in other Middle Eastern Countries. The ‘Giraffe’ shown is the figure above is that of Cherubim, a figure adopted and adapted from the Zoroastrian (Parsee Religion) – one of the Root Source religions of Judaism.

Hence, the sailors of the tribe of Zebulon and the Levites among them, were aware of the trade routes, weather patterns, languages spoken and the prevalent calendar and their relation to the Jewish ones present in Israel at that time. Therefore, it was not a situation where the surviving ancestors of the Bene Israel, who were shipwrecked on the Konkan Coast, now Raigad District, were not aware of such minimal things – like the day of the week. They probably even knew when they arrived in India!

Letter from Romania

Hello Elijah,
Shalom!

I am Mr. Yoraan Rafael Reuben Doodhkar from Bucharest, Romania. My mother, Mrs. Seema Refy Reuben has been a hairdresser-cum-beautician all her life. My father, Mr. Refy Ezekiel Reuben was teaching at ORT, India until 1996. Following 1996, he started his journey with American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), India. He worked with the AJJDC, India for 10 years as an Informal Jewish Educator. He was well appreciated as an influential orator and teacher hosting classes in informal Jewish Education, seders and festival celebrations in Mumbai and the Konkan villages of India.

With an upbringing and education from Mumbai, India, I graduated with a BSc. degree in Computer Science. Later worked as a Security Officer with El-Al Israeli Airlines, Mumbai Station. I moved to Israel and lived in the country for 11 years pursuing the same job with EL-AL, this time working around European stations and Cairo, Egypt. I will soon turn 40. I also started my freelance work as a professional photographer.

In 2014, I moved to Bucharest, Romania. My main work experience is in the field of IT (Hi-Tech), software sales background with my last role as a Regional Sales Trainer and Coach for European sales teams. I have completed 6 years in Romania.

I am currently looking for work while pursuing my photography as a freelancer.

Recently with the pandemic, I have started broadcasting LIVE every day, twice a day from Facebook, on various topics. Some broadcasts are in collaboration with Shalom Radio, from the Jewish Community Center of Romania.

You can find me on the following links:

LinkedIn: [Yoraan Reuben](#), Facebook profile: [Yoraan](#), Broadcasting: [Yoraan live](#), Photography: [Yoraan Rafael Photography](#) [Shalom Radio Bucharest](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further assistance.

Warm regards,
Yoraan.

We, at Shaniwar Teli e-newsletter, send our sincere condolences to Yoraan and the entire Reuben Doodhkar family on the sudden demise of Mr. Refy Reuben Doodhkar. He was an active member of the community and will be sorely missed. His memories will always be cherished by the entire Bene Israel community.



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From Shulmith, the Editor's Desk	From Leo, the Creator's Desk
Dear Readers, These times have been so different than what we have ever experienced before. It is challenging and can be motivating, at the same time. It has given us a platform to adjust and innovate traditional learning and working practices. 'Work from home' attitude as well as online and home-learning seem to be getting a push and it may become the new norm in the future. It's time for the entire family to learn as a 'family'! Times have changed for trade and the business world as well. Generally accepted social etiquette will now have an additional clause of social distancing. Health and national security will take precedence over economic activity and globalization. As we are confined to our own homes and are with our near immediate families, we need to remember to stay in touch with our extended families and friends as well. Communication is the only way to stay in touch with everyone and with the available technology, is the best way to stay connected. At times it may feel like things won't get better, but there is always, HOPE!!!	Dear Readers, I am also learning. I must have been at Church Gate Station, 1000 times but did not know it was planned by a "Bene-Israel" Jew. Did you? When we started this e-newsletter, we thought there is not so much matter in the Bene-Israel world to make such issues perhaps 3 - 4 times and maybe fewer than 10 pages each time. But it is unbelievable that this e-newsletter is growing and growing. We try to strictly keep each article/subject to one page, still there is so much information, it is beyond belief. With the help of special people, who are just volunteering, we have managed to start "Hebrew" and "Marathi" sections in this e-newsletter. We don't know how long we can continue with these two sections, but for now, we are happy to share them. Our team does this work in addition to their regular jobs and it is not easy.

Dr. Shulmith Solomon Charikar We, at Shaniwar Teli newsletter, would like to express our deep condolences to the families of our members who left us these past few months. Our Youth group member, Mr. Eric Awaskar from Panvel and Mr. Refy Reuben from Mumbai from JDC. Our condolences to our esteemed member Steve who lost his wife in Canada.		We especially want to thank, <i>Shulmith, Leora, Jenny & Naomi</i> The three editors who get bulk of work as the issue comes to closing. Hats off to them! Without their help and hard dedicated work and Naomi's help, our interview Manager, these quarterly issues are impossible to get issued on time or even perhaps later. Elijah (Leo) Daniels Walwatkar	
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Top Leaders form India & Bene-Israel Community

Did you know how Nehru Helped the Bene-Israel in 1956?



Bene-Israel community salutes former Prime Minister of India, Pt. Jawaharlal Lal Nehru who requested the then Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion in 1956 to send the Bene-Israel immigrants back to India.

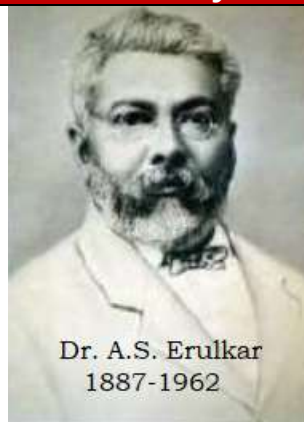
Bene-Israel's who migrated to Israel during early 1950's for their love for Israel realized they were not welcome in Israel as they were considered not to be Jewish.

When Bene-Israel leaders wrote to Mr. Nehru of their plight in Israel, Mr. Nehru arranged flights from India to come to Israel to bring back the Indian Bene-Israel Jews. They were welcome back to India with garlands.

What country in the world will do this for the Bene-Israel?



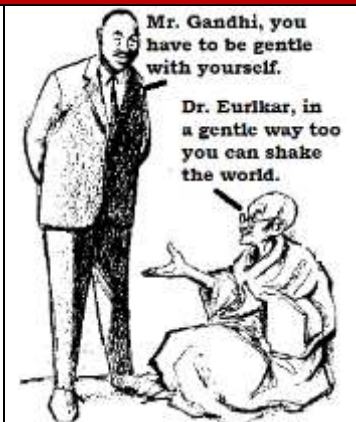
Did you know Mahatma Gandhi's Family Doctor was a Bene-Israel?



Dr. Abraham Solomon Erulkar, was a prominent Indian Bene-Israel Jewish medical doctor in Bombay, **President of the Medical Council of India**, and **personal physician** to ***Mahatma Gandhi***.

**An Israeli story of death, longing, and Gandhi
(see the link below)**

<https://matadornetwork.com/notebook/an-israeli-story-of-death-longing-and-gandhi/>



Our Bene-Israel Living Legend's

Rabbi Romiel Daniel (Umerdekar) is our 'choice' for the crown "*Bene-Israel living legend*" for this month. Reasons for this are highlighted in the article by Mr. Nissim Moses Talkar, outlining his 'colourful life' history. Link to the same, if interested: <https://rpjc.org/rabbi-daniel>

During the 1980's, JRU youth group in Bombay was a regular visitor to the home of **Mrs. Rachel Umerdekar**, mother of Romiel. She always spoke very highly of her son.

Mrs. Gadkar was one of our **favourite JRU committee members** as she always supported our activities. The **first time I met Romiel** was when we had moved to New Jersey for a two-year period. We travelled to Rego Park Jewish Center Synagogue, New York, on Romiel's invitation for high holidays. I found Romiel as kind and dedicated as his mother. It was a pleasure to meet him as his first greetings gave an immediate impression that we have known each other for years.

Romiel hires this synagogue for Bene-Israel Jews for high holiday prayers as the local Ashkenazi congregation is huge and moves to another larger synagogue for the high holiday prayers. Sitting there for the prayers conducted by Romiel in New York, 8000 miles away from Mumbai, we all were lost into nostalgia of the melodies of BI prayers. Personally, I was extremely impressed to see year-after-year devotion and dedication by Romiel to continue the Bene-Israel traditions in the USA with a very limited Bene-Israel audience.

<https://bukhariancommunity.com/indian-jewish-community-preserving-traditions-next-generation/>

Rabbi Romiel Daniel (Umerdekar) should also be **given due credit** for all that he did and does; especially in this **East-West Jewish Community Conflict** and the fact that a Bene-Israel is the **Rabbi of the Biggest Ashkenazi Synagogue in New York, USA.**

<https://bukhariancommunity.com/indian-jewish-community-preserving-traditions-next-generation/>

A Warrior in every field.



<https://www.rediff.com/news/report/modi-in-us-india-must-show-the-world-it-is-a-power-to-be-reckoned-with/20140929.htm>

Siona Benjamin – "Woman in BLUE"

By Naomi Moses Awaskar
Interview Manager



Ms. Siona Benjamin (Kasookar), an eminent artist and painter, is currently settled in USA. Her work, both solo and group presentations have been exhibited in art galleries internationally, especially in USA, France Israel and at Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay. Her exhibits receive extensive coverage internationally in newspapers, dailies and magazines.



Siona hails from the Bene-Israeli family, daughter of Sophie & Judah Kasookar. She was educated at Petit High School & St. Joseph's Convent, Bandra. She earned her academic degrees from J.J. School of Arts & University of Illinois, Urbana & S. Illinois University, Carbondale. She was a recipient of Fulbright Scholar Fellowship twice and numerous other awards and grants. Besides art, Siona is a lecturer, panelist and instructor, just to name a few.

Why BLUE?

Siona's art is predominantly BLUE. As it signifies the sky, oceans that stretch all over the earth, it is universal and from her roots in Judaism. Being raised in a cosmopolitan city, Mumbai (Bombay), has influenced her art form. Siona draws inspiration from the past and present art traditions. Eastern, Western, Mughal, Bollywood, comics come together in a mysterious way. To quote "As a Bene-Israel Jew from India now living in the United States, I am a Jewish artist creating cross cultural and transcultural art. My perspective bridges the traditional and the modern. It sparks discourse across cultures".

To mention a few of her commissioned works: Seven works of art, 6-foot each for a hotel, 15-foot diameter porcelain tile floor for Reform Congregation in St. Louis. Other commissioned works, paintings, sculpture for private homes, hotels, please visit: <https://artsiona.com/commissions-selected-private-and-public-works/>

How *How does Siona feel about her identity?*

First, she feels she is a citizen of the world, and then all the rest, an American and an Indian Jew. "The feeling I have of never being able to set deep roots no matter where I am is unnerving". Bene-Israel immigrants to Israel will identify with the feeling!

Siona Benjamin has broken barriers and made her mark internationally. It can be said, a brief coverage does not justify a life-time work of an artist. Siona's paintings are non-conformist, rather intriguing i.e. a Mughal danseuse drinking coke with a long straw! Currently, Siona is designing a Torah Ark (Hecal) curtain for a synagogue in Philadelphia.



Artist website: www.artsiona.com

Artistic merchandise: www.BlueLikeMe.com

Siona designs tailor made designs Torah Ark Curtains (Hecal) as per the culture of the Jewish traditions the community follows.

On a personal note, in a telephone conversation, Siona mentioned being the only child, her father said: *"You are my son and my daughter, follow your dreams and aspirations, Sky is the limit!"* Remember we are with you! Well, Siona, you have made your parents proud!



Bene-Israel Synagogues

Siona has agreed to offer all Bene-Israel Torah Ark (Hecal) curtains orders from Bene-Israel synagogues to be treated with a special discount in price. Please contact Siona directly at:

artsiona@gmail.com

(Please refer to the Siona's website to seek the name of the paintings like this one is called "Monsoon"!)

www.artsiona.com



Bene-Israel Buyers

Siona has excellent artistic mystic painting for sale on her website. Most of them are sold. If anyone would like to buy one of her paintings or other products, as a Bene Israel, you will be offered a special discount. Please contact Siona directly at: artsiona@gmail.com



Our Young Bene-Israel Talents

Yamit Elijah Daniels (Walwatkar) (C.A)

Aged 28 and passed her Chartered Accountant's **(CA)** examination in 2018 with flying colors, following excellent performance in her graduation in the National Accountancy Exam. She was quickly grabbed by **Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY)**.

Yamit served in the IDF, in the army police wing where she was chosen and sent to graduate her Commander (Kachin) studies that she did with triumph. She was then made commander to a military jail.

Though women soldiers are rarely called for army reserve service, Yamit is kept on in the army due to her special talents. Every year, and especially during war-like-situations, she is ordered to report to her base.



This Photo was presented to Yamit by her army friends

Yamit is a glamorous girl out of army. But a strict officer in army.

The picture shows Yamit arresting Yamit



Our Young Bene-Israel Talents

Dr Avriel Isaac Gudkar, MBBS, MS Ophthalmology, DNB, FICO, MRCS Ed, FMRF

Dr Avriel Isaac Gudkar, 30, completed his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in 2012 with first class from Topiwala National Medical College (**Nair Hospital**) in Mumbai, India, followed by internship for one year in the same hospital. He then pursued studies in post-graduation in **Ophthalmology** (Eye) from **Government Medical College**, Surat. He completed his **Masters in Ophthalmology** in 2017 and having topped his university was awarded a **Gold Medal** by the **Honorable President of India, Mr Ramnath Kovind**.



Dr. Gudkar cleared his **Diploma of National Board exams** earning him the rare distinction of a **double post-graduate**. During his post-graduation, he developed a keen interest in the **subspecialty in Oculoplastic and Oncology** that is involved with **Orbital fractures, Orbital tumors, Ptosis and Peri-ocular reconstruction**. He went on to do a **Fellowship in Orbit and Oculoplasty** from the world-renowned eye institute, **Sankara Nethralaya**, Chennai which he subsequently completed in 2019. He has also cleared his **International Council of Ophthalmology** fellowship exams and is also a **Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh**, UK which enables him to practice in the UK.

He regularly attends national and international conferences and holds a key interest in research. He has co-authored a number of articles in his field. He is currently practicing in Mumbai at Anil Eye Hospital

(<https://anileyehospital.com/index.html>)

He attributes his success to his parents, Mrs. Berukha and Mr. Isaac Gudkar, his sister Dr. Alisha Gudkar and his grandparents Mrs. Mozel and (Late) Mr. Daniel Gudkar.

We the team of "Shaniwar Teli" e-newsletter are proud of **Dr Avriel Isaac Gudkar!**



Dr Gudkar attributes his success to his parents, Mrs. Berukha and Mr. Isaac Gudkar, his sister Dr. Alisha Gudkar and his grandparents Mrs. Mozel and (Late) Mr. Daniel Gudkar.

Bene-Israel Weight- Lifting Champion.



**Mr. Moses Elijah Jacob
Korlekar**

Awards

1975

Mr. Bombay

1976

Maharashtra Shree

1978

Mr. Kamgar Shree

My name is **Moshe Elijah Jacob Korlekar**. I was born on 31st August, 1946 to well-known Advocate Late Mr. & Mrs. Elijah & Rachel Jacob Korlekar. After passing SSC in 1964, I joined ORT and I was employed by **Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC)** as a clerk for eight months.

During those days, movies of **Dara Singh**, an Indian professional wrestler, were popular and they inspired me to follow his path. My decision was supported & encouraged by my parents, brother & four sisters who helped me achieve my ambitions. At the same time, BMC supported me in my decision. It took me four years of hard & concentrated work to build a **professional muscular body**.

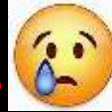
I participated in the 'Best Physique Competition' in 1975 **Mr. Bombay** and won the **Gold Medal**. Following 1976, I won the title of **Mr. Maharashtra** and in 1978 I was awarded the title of **Mr. Kamgar Shree** (Mr. Labor Welfare). It was a **memorable day** for me to receive my award from my inspiration, **Mr. Dara Singh Randhawa**!

Currently at 74, I continue to exercise and maintain my body. I have **never fallen sick during my lifetime**. I warmheartedly guide everyone who is interested in body building. I am also interested in **Comedy Acting** and my daughter **Rahel** seems to have taken this talent and has won the **Best Actor award for Comedy** on Tiktok and has received over a million likes.





No Stone for Eric Awasker



During Corona lock down, on 14th May 2020, Secretary of Panvel Synagogue Mr. Moses Elijah Jacob Korlekar received a phone call from a Senior Police Inspector to identify dead body found in a flat in Karanjade, near Panvel. Mr. Korlekar, along with the police, found the badly decomposed body of Late Mr. Eric Jacob Awaskar.

Eric had no family members (his mother had died in July 2019) to claim his body. In such cases, five community members should claim the body. Mr. Korlekar sent messages to the community members, but due to Corona lockdown only one person, Mr. Gaberial Daniel Ashtamkar could arrive. Hence, the body was sent for a post-mortem.

The following day, on 15th May 2020, the police came to Mr. Korlekar's home and informed him as per government and police orders, the body was immediately destroyed after postmortem (perhaps cremated). I do not think and pray that there will never be such a situation with any other Bene-Israel person. May his soul rest in peace.

Sadly, Eric did not get a stone nor a Kadesh!



We humbly request from each reader to give Haskava to Eric (mother: Batsheva) Jacob Awaskar.



**Thank You
Mr & Mrs Korlekar**



**Thank You
Mr. Gabriel
Ashtamkar**



DEATH MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Since his mother's death in July 2019, the society, where he lived in Panvel, wanted Eric to leave the apartment as he was not married. He told them repeatedly that after building his mother's grave in July 2020, he will leave for Israel (Aaron Kolet Oren Benjamin and Elijah Jacob were helping him to migrate). However, the owner of the apartment started harassing Eric by sometimes stopping the water or disconnecting the electricity. In the heat it was very difficult to live without fan and Eric feared darkness. During the difficult corona lockdown, the owner switched off Eric's electricity and Eric had no working lights, refrigerator or fan. Advocate David Talagaokar was helping Eric against the owner of the apartment.

Eric was discovered dead after days in his apartment that had no electricity (in the lockdown time). Below is a letter from Mr. Moses Elijah Jacob Korlekar related to this incident.

Yesterday on 14th May 2020 at about 11:45 AM, Sr. Police Inspector Panvel, phoned me. I being Secretary and Trustee of Beth El Synagogue, Panvel, and requested me to attend Police Station for very urgent matter. I attended Panvel Police Station at about 12:30 Noon. Police Inspector explained me that one dead body of Mr. Eric Jacob Awoskar is found in a Flat at Karanjade near Panvel, and requested me to accompany them to identify the dead body. I, along with the Police Officers went to the residence of Mr. Eric Jacob Awoskar. His body was lying on a bed in very de-composed condition. I recognised him from his face. 1	Then the Police Officer said, as Mr. Eric is a Jew (Israeli), and if you want to claim the body for burial, as per Jewish Law, then you have to call 5 Jewish persons for making Panch-nama, at Police Station. I immediately contacted 5-6 persons of our community and explained them the terms of Panch-nama. But because of present Lock-Out situation no one attended the Police Station. Only one young Jewish boy MR. GABRIEL DANIEL ASHTAMKAR attended the Police Station to help me. Thanks GABI 2	God bless you GABRIEL. There after Police Officer on duty, prepared a statement and sent the dead body for (P.M.) Post-Mortom. I returned home at around 5:30 P.M. and took my Lunch. To-day on Friday the 15-05-2020 one Police man along with Hospital employee came to my house at about 5:30 P.M. and explained me that after Post-Mortom (P.M.), the Doctor directed Police Officer to destroy the body immediately as per Govt. Policy. 3
MAY THE SOUL OF MR. ERIC REST IN PEACE. From:- Moses E. Jacob Korlekar (Age 74) Secretary/Trustee Beth El Synagogue		

3000 years of Jerusalem: <https://israelunwired.com/discover-the-3000-year-old-city-of-david/>

Curtesy: Samuel & Erna

Me and my Grand Father by Shirley Palkar/Waskar



Shirley Palkar
/ Waskar

I am Shirley, daughter of Mrs. & Mr. Barukh Samson Waskar. I was born and raised in Thane, Maharashtra, India. Many must be knowing me through my posts on Facebook and my **social work**.

***Many times, I wonder where
do I get this motivation from?***
**My motivation is from grandfather,
Late Mr. Samson Raymond Waskar.**



Me & my grandfather on left with my grandmother



**Late Mr. Samson
Raymond Waskar**

As a child, I used to hear about the social work done for the welfare of Bene Israel community in Mumbai by my grandfather. My grandfather, Mr. Samson Raymond Waskar was born in Maharashtra, on 27th June 1905. He was the only son of the family and had three sisters. After losing his father at a very young age, my grandfather along with his mother and step-mother and sisters moved to Bombay.

He completed his higher studies from Bombay University through St. Xavier's college. I remember him telling me stories of his professors who were British and about his college days. Now, I understand how his handwriting and English were so good. My Grandfather, after completing his studies, got married to my grandmother late. Mrs. Esther Samson Waskar who was always by his side.

My grandfather worked as head post-master for earning bread for his family. He also was the President of the Tiphereth Synagogue since 1956 till late 1980's and President of Sir Eli Kadorie School for more than 30 years. He was an active member of Worli Jewish Cemetery committee and worked as an honorary trustee in "Hannahbai Bhorapkar Trust". He was Secretary in-charge when permission was granted to build ORT boys school in Sir Eli Kadorie School. In 1920 when the first Zionist Organization was established in India, the Bene Israel community passed a resolution expressing full sympathy with the Zionist cause, and my grandfather Late Mr. Samson Raymond Waskar was an active member of the Bombay Zionist Organization. After moving to Thane, my grandfather and his friends were committee members of SHAAR HASHAMAIM, GATE OF HEAVEN SYNAGOGUE, THANE, INDIA till late 1980's.

He was a dedicated, sincere, and hardworking person. He served the Indian Jewish community sincerely for 40 years. I am **lucky and blessed to be the granddaughter of such a person**, who was always there for others and always ready to help. Even when he was old and frail, he always encouraged us (his grandchildren) to follow our dreams and never to give up!

I remember during our evening walk in Brindavan Society, he used to tell me stories about his young age and encourage me saying "Shirley, what if you are girl? You have to move ahead; nothing will stop you if you decide and you have to keep studying". He always said he was proud of me. He left for heavenly abode in 1994, the year I passed my tenth, and I was so sad that he was not there with me in my next steps. I still miss him and remember him so distinctly. Tipheret Israel Synagogue was his life.

As the years passed, his memories and good work has deserted the Indian Bene Israel community. But my family and I will always keep his memories alive within us forever, and it's my promise to him that I will continue in his footsteps. I personally feel that we must remember the old generation who served the community and struggled for community's welfare, during that time when our religion was hardly known in India.

Did you know that all the Muslim Monuments were all planned by Jewish Architects Experts in Persia?

Archaeology has provided information about "Israelite" architectural practices from the 10th – 6th centuries B.C.E., and to "Jewish" styles of building and decoration from the late Hellenistic period (1st century B.C.E.) and later. By Mid-centuries Israelite were the most qualified architectures in the world with a dome on all religious places, Jewish & Islam both of whom have their origin in Mesopotamia.



Taj Mahal (1632)



Charminar: Hyderabad's First Building

Recognised globally as a symbol of Hyderabad, the Charminar is a masterpiece of the Qutub Shahi dynasty – and the first building in Hyderabad.

(1591)



Profession of our Bene-Israel Ancestors

2100 years (approx. 175 BC) ago, families who survived the shipwreck looked for a livelihood, they opted for the manufacturing of oil amongst hundreds of other professions.

Why?

(See article below on "Teli")



The only logical explanation is that they knew this profession from their origin. They must be involved in oil extraction, perhaps from Olives and using donkeys.



Tree of Karanja
(Pongamia pinnata)



Drying Fruit of
karanja (Pongamia
pinnata)



Karanja (Pongamia pinnata) oil used to protect the hull. Raigad being the major fishing port, Bene-Israel sold their produce for boat manufacturing maintenance and repairs in the industrial market and not in food market.



Tamanu oil is pressed from nuts. The nuts yield 70–75% of the greenish-yellow inedible oil. This oil is used by fishermen for skin care, to protect themselves from skin disorders like wrinkling, fungal, burns, etc.

Many Bene-Israel took Carpentry



Under the British era, Bene-Israel were expert rail builders



Mr. David Waskar, owner of the last remaining Bene-Israel oil pressing mill
Our Hard-Working Bene-Israel and Good Citizens of India



The above picture curtesy [Raamesh Gowri Raghavan](#) from the article;

https://www.academia.edu/41771425/Pilgrim_Practices_of_the_Bene_Israel_A_bridge_between_Dharmic_and_Semitic_Spiritual_Experiences

EDUCATION – (FREE OF COST)

Bene Israel and the Israeli Merchant Navy

By: David Yehezkel

About the Author

Started working as **Radio Officer in India in 1959**, 4 years in the **Indian Merchant Navy** then migrated in **1963 and started working in Israel**. During the period of **1976 – 1986**, was a member of the **Officer's Union Council** and from **1980 – 1983 Elected Secretary of the Union**, the **only Radio Officer and B.I. to be elected**. Reached the rank of **Senior Chief Radio Officer** and retired in 2001. **From 2004 till today teaches Marine English, Satellite Communication**, Morse signals and Signal flags in the Israeli Maritime Training Authority. All the **textbooks** for the courses were written by him.

From the late 1950s until today, the **Bene Israel Community (B.I)** has had many **Captains**, **Chief Engineers**, and other **Officers** as well as other ranks, serving in the **Israeli Merchant Navy**.

The **first generation** consisted of B.I who had served in the Indian Merchant Navy and migrated to Israel and continued to work here at sea. The **second generation** are those who came to Israel as youngsters or who were born here and trained in Israel.

They were good Seaman, disciplined, professional and responsible. Many of us received **"Outstanding Worker"** awards over the years. Today we have B.I. Pilots in ports and two are also **Senior Superintendents** in the **Marine Branch of the Ministry of Transport**.

In the 1960 - 80's the Israeli Merchant Navy was at its peak. Helped by the Germans.

The **B.I. has always been considered as very** Competitive, there were many companies during this period. **Zim, El Yam, Maritime Fruit Carriers, Ofer, Mano, Rosenfeld, Atid** and **Tarshish** belonging to the **Kibbutz movement**. We had over **100 ships flying the Israeli flag**. There were **Passenger ships, Cargo vessels and Tankers** that sailed between Eilat and Iran. **ZIM the National Company** was at one time placed 6th in the list of World Container Shipping Companies. Now it is ranked 15. Today we have just **Zim, XT (Ofer)** and one ship of **Mano**.

Sadly, today due to the availability of cheap labor from Eastern Europe and South East Asia, the number of **ships that employ Israeli Officers has shrunk to some 13 ships**. Since 1998 there are no Israeli ratings on our ships. The **Government has ruled that there should be a minimum of 6 Israeli officers out of a total of 9 on our ships**. **However, the Israelis are not always available, so foreigners must be employed.** (The BI students could take advantage of this ruling).

Deck Officer (Continued)



There are many reasons why the young Israelis do not want to go to sea: Hard work, long hours, and very little time in port along with

separation from their families. A normal contract is 3- 4 months followed with leave. During this time, you work 7 days a week for an average of 9-10 hours daily, this includes holidays and even Yom Kippur.

The **Israeli Maritime Training Authority** (<https://www.imta.org.il/en/about/>) in Akko has courses to train **Officers** and **Engineers**. They offer **free courses** of 12-14 months, along with a **monthly stipend of NIS 3000.00** together with **free uniforms** and **daily three course lunches**. The conditions of acceptance are **12 years of schooling, military, or National service** and after passing a **medical examination, personal interview**.

The courses usually start with a **Preparatory Course** of two months where they are taught, Mathematics, Physics, English, Computers etc. The latest course **for Junior Deck Officers started in January 2020** and so far, no date has been set for the Junior Engineers course.

For the readers who are not familiar with the ranks on board a Merchant ship, I will try to give a concise idea. The Officers are divided into two Departments: **Deck** and **Engine**. The Captain is in overall command.

Deck	*Engine
Deck Chief Officer, 2nd. Officer and 3rd. Officer. There are Deck cadets who have completed the course in the Training Authority but need the necessary Sea-Time of 12 months to qualify for a 3rd. Officer's Certificate.	The Engine Department is headed by the Chief Engineer, who is a parallel rank to the Captain: Followed by 1 st Engineer, 2 nd Engineer and 3 rd Engineer. There is an Electrical Officer. There are also Engine Cadets that have a similar need for Sea-Time to qualify as 3 rd Engineers.

(*Until 1998 there were Radio Officers and Pursers. The Radio Officer oversaw communications and the Electronic equipment on the Bridge including the Radars. With the introduction of Satellite Communications, the Radio Officer was removed from the Crew. The Purser was in charge of the catering, paperwork and salaries. This rank was also removed in 1990).

The ratings were Deck seamen, Engine workers and Cooks and stewards. As I mentioned earlier there are no Israeli ratings sailing.

The Authority for Marine Training and Education, 7 Yehoshafat Road, Akko, 24100, ISRAEL Telephone: 972-4-9911016 -7 – 8 and 1-800-36-76-77 Fax: 972-49816474.	MERCHANT NAVY UNIFORMS (HIDDEN); MARINE, OBSERVED CPT. A. YIPWARI 	
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Making Aliyah from India with an accountancy qualification

Dafna Jennifer Samuel Pugaukar MSc Accounting & Financial Management (UK)



If you are planning on making Aliyah and you are an **accountant**, there is a distant chance that you may be hired in financial sectors or private institutions. You may get a job in local Accountancy firms and act as a consultant or even provide book – keeping services. But these are limited opportunities until you become an accountant as per the accounting body governing that country.

The authority that supervises the profession in Israel is delegated by law to the Israel Auditors' Council. The Council is a statutory body subordinate to the **Ministry of Justice** and headed by the **General Manager of the Ministry of Justice**. The **Auditors Law** and the bylaws set accordingly, regulate matters concerning licensing, examinations, and continuous supervision of the profession in Israel.

To receive a license, new immigrants must take examinations. New immigrants who have a CPA, CA or comparable license or accounting education from India, and have at least two years of work experience, can apply for an exemption from most of the exams with the exception of the following four exams in subjects concerning Israeli laws and practices:

Business Law, Taxation "Aleph", Taxation "Bet", Corporate and Commercial Law

The Israel Auditors' Council also requires new immigrants to serve as an intern for a period of six months to two years.

The length of the internship is determined by the Council as well as any exemptions from exams. You will need to contact the council to find which subjects you will be exempt from since this is based on individual cases. It is advisable to visit the website of the Israel Auditors' Council for updated information prior to beginning procedures and submitting documents.

Process of Obtaining a CPA License in Israel for New Immigrants

To open a file with the Auditors' Council, please contact the office in Jerusalem:

Auditors' Council
PO Box 34357
Jerusalem 91342
Israel
Tel: +972-2-6549333
Fax: +972-2-6549303
E-mail: moazar@justice.gov.il

Submit:

Two copies of your license certified by an Israeli lawyer (not necessarily a notary) or certified and notarized abroad according to local laws and authenticated by the Israeli Embassy or Consulate Letters of recommendation from previous employer(s) approving two years of practical experience

If you have a university degree in accountancy or business administration, submission of official academic transcripts is a must.

Exams

Exams in English are held once a year, in November – December.

Exams in Hebrew are held twice a year, in the spring and autumn.

You may contact the Auditors' council to inquire which types of legal material may be used during the exam.

For accreditation of overseas academic degrees, you need to contact The Ministry of Education Bureau for Evaluation of Foreign Academic Degrees and Diplomas.

Following receipt of authorizations, it is necessary to approach the absorption counselor at the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption for preparatory courses of licensing exams and funding during the period of internship.

Elkan Judah Ashtamkar finished his B.Com in India and is working as a successful accountant in Israel. This is what he has to say. Regarding accounts Graduates, "I had got my Bombay University mark sheet and B.COM certificate validated in Israel. I really got confidence in practice working only after I gave my accounting 1, 2. & 3 exams and then 1&2 and then 3 which offers a diploma course in accounting. I also got better Job opportunities once I did these courses."

<https://www.nbn.org.il/aliyahpedia/employment-israel/professions-index-employment-israel/accounting-finance/bookkeeping/>



Find Quick Jobs in Israel

Here are some suggestions for skills to develop while you are job seeking, in school, or just looking to supplement your cash flow:

Digital Arts:

- **Digital Album Design** – Wedding and other event photographers have switched almost entirely to digital albums, which makes digital album design a valuable skill to have. Learn it independently online or take a short-term local course and offer your services either privately or to established photographers. Compuskills offers supplementary courses in English in Jerusalem for graphic designers, including digital album design, among others.
- **Photography** – This is a skill which is great to develop, because it is so versatile. Whether you photograph events, products, fashion/makeup, or even technology for manuals, you can hone your skills just by walking around with a camera and practicing. There are free courses available online (<http://photographycourse.net/>, for example), or you can take a more established course if you are looking into making photography your career. To get more practice, offer your services to an established photographer – they will appreciate the extra hand, and you will learn a lot of valuable tips from a more experienced professional.
- **Video and Slideshow Editing** – Like photography, video editing can be learnt online or in a course, and is very versatile. PowerPoint is also a valuable tool to learn well, and you can become an expert just through YouTube tutorials. Market your skills to businesses and non-profits for promotional videos, training materials, or presentation building. Or, break into the events sector – those short clips that friends make for weddings, bar/bat mitzvah slideshows, etc. Get the word out to community email groups all over Israel – if you offer a lower price than established professionals, you're sure to get a lot of business. Check out this list of Anglo community email groups in Israel, and post in your area.

Hi Tech/Internet Skills:

- **Software Programming** – There is no escaping it: the most lucrative field in Israel today is hands-down Hi-Tech. Even if you do not see yourself becoming a full-time computer student or professional, it's worth learning basic programming if you are computer inclined. If you are a do-it-yourself type and are basically computer- and internet-savvy, check out www.webmonkey.com for tutorials and information about different types of computer programming. If you are interested in taking a professional course (in Hebrew), check out the variety of programs offered by the Israeli computers school, HackerU: <http://www.hackeru.co.il/>. Having basic web programming skills also gives you a great advantage in the field of graphic design.
- **SEO** – SEO (Search Engine Optimization) is a skill that virtually every company requires these days, and can be learned for free online. Check out this site, 12 Best Free Online Resources for Learning SEO, to get started.
- **Social Media Marketer** – The advantage and disadvantage of becoming a social media marketer is that there is no school that teaches it. You can find tips and tricks online from people who have “made it” in the business (like <http://www.scottmonty.com/>), or attend one of the many workshops that are cropping up all over the place on how to maximize your Social Media presence. If you find that you have created a following online, capitalize on it! Market yourself as a social media “guru” to businesses or entrepreneurs.

Hands-On:

- **Personal Trainer/Fitness Coach** – The Wingate Institute offers training courses all over Israel for things like sports team coach, personal trainer, or fitness instructor. This will allow you to work at your local gym or Matnas, or even open your own small fitness class at home.
- **Painting Houses** – No training needed here. You just need to be neat, thorough, and willing to work hard, and you can make excellent cash painting private homes and offices, especially in the weeks before Passover.
- **Basic Home Repairs** – Learn how to fix “trissim,” unclog a clogged sink, change a lock, even spray for “jukim”, and other basic repairs that people are in constant need of, but dread paying the hefty fee that established professionals charge for their services. Put up flyers in your neighborhood, advertise on Facebook, and spread the word amongst your apartment-dwelling friends whose Ba’alei Dira leave them high and dry when the metal casing of the light bulb gets stuck and you can’t change it!
- **Hand Crafts/Alterations** – If you have patience for hand crafts and great attention to detail, take a sewing course and market your services for alterations. Charge a few shekels less than the going rate at the local seamstress, and you’ll have lots of business – plus, the work is quick and easy, once you get used to it. Also, if you have an artistic flair, you can make all kinds of hand-crafted clothes, winter wear, Mitpachot, headbands, or any other fashion accessory, and sell them online or at local

fairs, even on campus.

- **Beauty Care** – Makeup and cosmetology can be learned at many courses in Israel. Makeup courses can be pricey, requiring you to buy expensive supplies; but if you see yourself building a career in makeup for events or fashion, it may be worth the cost. Cosmetology, on the other hand, may not require more than a piece of string, tweezers, and a little training. You can market your skills in the dorms, in your neighborhood, community lists, online – women are always looking for the least expensive, most convenient place to get their beauty needs taken care of; and the best part is, it pays in cash.
- **Catering** – If you love baking or cooking and have a suitable kitchen, you can open a home business and advertise your catering services for small or medium-sized events. The well-known baked goods company Gili's Goodies started as a home business. A similar up-and-coming baked goods business, Gingy Cookies, runs mostly out of a small apartment in Givat Shmuel.

Language Skills:

- **Tutoring** – It is relatively easy to advertise yourself for tutoring in whatever subject you know best – English, Math, Science, History, Jewish studies, etc. Parents of high schoolers especially, are always looking for extra help for their kids, and would often rather not pay top-dollar for a professional. If you want more consistent work, see if your local Matnas offers tutoring services to the community, and sign up there. Or, advertise yourself on campus to fellow students, either privately or through your campus's Agudat HaStudentim.
- **Translating/Editing** – If you are bilingual and have good writing skills, private translation can be very lucrative. Advertise yourself on campus to translate or edit M.A. theses into English or offer to help students read complex articles in English. On the flip side, if your Hebrew is stronger than some of your Anglo peers', offer to translate their reading assignments into English for a small fee. If you want more consistent work, sign up for freelance translation sites such as www.onehourtranslation.com and www.proz.com. Join relevant groups on LinkedIn to connect with other freelance translators and find more job opportunities.
- **Content Writing** – There are many types of content writing – for blogs of all topics, Hi-Tech or gaming companies, company websites, news sites and/or blogs, flyers, etc. These jobs can generally be found on LinkedIn groups and email lists such as Digital Eve Israel and CIWI, or on freelance writing sites such as www.squidoo.com. (The rule about registering as an independent business or freelancer applies here, too.) The Jerusalem Post is often looking for freelance writers and bloggers, too. If you are looking to develop a career in writing, it is especially important that you publish at every opportunity – even if it means writing unpaid blog posts or ghost writing, just so you can build up a portfolio of writing samples to have on hand when applying for more serious jobs.

In short about *Eliyahu Hanavi* (Elijah the Prophet) most beloved prophet of us Bene-Israel

Elijah the Prophet (in Hebrew - Eliyahu Hanavi), is perhaps the **most beloved prophet** in the Bible. His lifetime is chronicled in Kings I and Kings II— (9 BC), including the miracles he performed, the inspiration he caused and his dramatic ascent to heaven. According to tradition, **Elijah frequently comes down to earth to help Jews in distress or reveal secrets of the Torah to our great scholars.** He is present at a Jewish baby boy's circumcision and he visits us every year at the Passover Seder. The Prophet Malachi tells us that it will be **Elijah the Prophet** who will announce the arrival of the Mashiach (the Messiah).

Drought:

Prophet Elijah appeared in the land of Israel at the most crucial time when King Ahab ordered everyone in the kingdom to pray to Baal, the god of his wife Jezebel of Phoenician. Elijah warned Ahab to abolish idol worship and to accept G-d. When Ahab refused, a drought began in the Land of Israel, so much so, that bread could not be purchased for its weight in gold!

Ravens:

During drought, Ravens took bread from Ahab's dinner table and fed Elijah twice a day, daily. G-d had sent Elijah to the brook of Cherith, near Jordan, for water.

Obadiah:

Jezebel ordered to kill all the prophets of G-d. But Obadiah, who was part of the palace, saved 100 prophets in two secret caves and provided them with water and bread. Obadiah later became a famous prophet. During the third year of drought, Elijah asked Obadiah to arrange a meeting with Ahab. In this meeting, Elijah requested everyone to gather on Mount Carmel, including all prophets and priests of the Baal to settle the matter.



Mount Carmel:

Jezebel and Ahab with their 850 prophets of the Baal arrived at Mount Carmel. It was decided to bring two bullocks, one for Elijah and one for Baal's priests. Each called out to their G-d to send fire and accept their sacrifice to no avail. After many attempts they gave up, exhausted.

Elijah's call:

Then when Elijah called his G-d to accept his sacrifice, a fire from the heaven came and consumed the sacrifice. All bowed down and their faith returned to their G-d. The sky was overcast with dark clouds and it began raining; ending the three years drought!!!

We, Bene-Israel, have great love for Eliyahu Hanavi and we always thank our prophet Eliyahu Hanavi by performing the 'Malida' ceremony.

Eliyahu Hanavi's lived during the 9th BC while we came to India in 1st BC. It is therefore believed that our love for Eliyahu Hanavi came down to us from our ancestors.

The cave where Eliyahu Hanavi hid is still on Mount Carmel and many Bene-Israel regularly pray there and conduct Malida ceremonies. Brith or Bar Mitzva and Marriages also take place in the small synagogue, in one of the caves where Eliyahu Hanavi lived.



Eliyahu
Hanavi Cart
marks in
Raigad:



Jewish Basic Literature Vocabulary and their Meanings

Jenny Samson Bamnolkar



Torah

Torah is the name given to the first five books of the Bible. This is also called the Pentateuch. According to the Jewish belief, all the principles of religion are based on the mitzvot, described in the five Torah scrolls. The term "Torah" is also sometimes used to describe the whole Jewish holy literature, or more abstractly, any spiritual content or value derived from the Torah mitzvot.



Musar is morality

Morality is the distinction between behaviors that are considered "good" and those that are considered "bad". Hence, it is a form of human thinking. One of the goals of morality is to give guidelines and values (bad/good) to behavior in all walks of life, which do not necessarily comply with one's desires. This includes one's behavior with one's family, friends and colleagues, with strangers, in politics, in science, in public places, towards oneself, towards animals, towards earth, and even towards the future or hypothetical humans (who may be born). Morality is one of the great and important areas of philosophy.

Halacha

Halacha is a nickname in Judaism for all the laws and commandments according to which the Jewish commandments are to be followed.

When there is a discussion among the sages about how Judaism should be conducted, the discussion is called a halachic discussion (פסק הלכה). And the decision is referred to as "Halakhic ruling," "Practical Halacha" or "just Halacha"

Halakhic rulings, nowadays, are usually based on 'Chazal' sources, according to recent sources.

In the basic division of the Torah, Halacha is one part. Next to it, is the 'Hagada' and the part of morality and human behavior (Derech Eretz) in the Talmudic language.



Sgulot

The word Segula appears in the Bible eight times and in five of them it describes the people of Israel - "The Chosen People" "עם סגולה".

In other places where the word is mentioned, it seems to be interpreted as a treasure.

A simple explanation of the word Segula is 'an important thing that was chosen and buried in a special treasure'.

Tanach

Tanach is the book of books that are the basic scriptures of Judaism.

Tanach includes Torah (Bible), Nevi'im (Prophets) & Ketuvim (written Commandments / Laws)

In Hebrew it is:

תנ"ך
תורה
נביאים
כתובים

The Bible books are the oldest and the later writings of the Bible books ended many years before Christianity started.

Torah has FOUR levels of understanding

First Level: Pshat (פשט):

Simple understanding of Torah

Second Level: Hint (רמז):

Understanding connections between events in Bible and/or events that concern us today.

Third Level: Drash (דרש):

Preach/ Sermonize stories of Torah teaching morality.

Fourth Level: Sod (סוד):

Secret Meaning of Kabbalah. Seventy faces of the Torah. The phrase appears in the Midrash.

Seventy Faces to the Torah is a phrase that shows the great diversity of ways in which the Torah can be interpreted.

Did you know that “Karl Marx” known as “*The father of communism*” was Jewish?

Karl Heinrich Marx (5 May 1818 – 14 March 1883) was born into a wealthy Jewish family in Germany. He believed ;

***“God was important for human mind
while***

Practical realism was for human living. He never mixed them”.

Karl Marx strongly opposed **Capitalism** when compared to **Communism**.

The difference between **Capitalism & Communism** can be seen in this example below

A poor man is working in a cloth manufacturing mill.

Capitalism: The poor man will get paid Re. 1 per hour for producing 1000 meters of cloth. But when he will go to the market to buy 1 meter of the same cloth, he will pay Rs.20. **(Poor remains poor and rich become richer)**

Communism: Same poor man produced cloth in a mill where he is also the owner. When he needs one - meter cloth he will get it free. He will also get rice free from farmers who will get the cloth free produced by him. **(Socio-economic equality).**

Socialism: As a worker, who is also the owner of the company, annual profits will be shared between all employees - bonus

Fall of Communism: There was no competition due to absence of a market. This meant Communism had enormous resources, but it was all a waste. Common people in Capitalist countries rapidly progressed socially and economically.

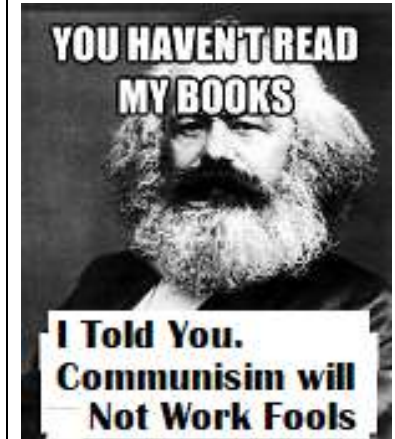
Paradox: Karl Marx discussed that **Communism would never work** because **it goes against human nature**. People are naturally **more competitive than cooperative**. This argument is dealt with **by Marx himself in the Manifesto**, where he puts forward his view that there is no such thing as **fixed “human nature.”**

Human attitudes and behavior are constantly reshaped by society.

Marketing Communism: Russian leaders **Lenin** (1917-1924) and then **Stalin** (1924-1953) promoted **Karl Marx’s ideology** in Russia. As **Marx had predicted** (people are more competitive **than Cooperative**) **the ideology started failing**. **Stalin** became a **Dictator** and **forced people to cooperate** and make **Communism work**. The same continues in China, North Korea and Russia.

Political Joke of the 19th century!!!

**After Marx’s death, his communist ideas spread rapidly,
but not his conclusion, that “communism will never work”!**



**Karl Marx, most influential
Political Philosopher ever**



All the nations marked in red in the map above, had Marx’s communist governments during the entirety or at some point during the Cold War.

BENE ISRAELI KIRTANS by Elijah Jacob

“Kirtan” (literally means “to sing praises of the divine”)

At one time, kirtans had been one of the most important and popular forms of Bene Israel religious stage performances. Where did Jewish kirtans come from and where did they go?



“Kirtan” singing comes in many different forms across India. Unlike the Hindi-belt kirtan, Sikh kirtan or South Indian kirtanam, Marathi kirtan combines stories and philosophical discourse with song. The Maharashtrian Hindu kirtan tradition is ancient – dating back to at least the 13th century – but Bene Israel kirtan is only as old as the late 19th century.

Origin:

In a 1918 article on kirtans in his Prasangik Vichar (Occasional Thoughts) series, Mr. Samuel Mazgaonkar recounted how he and his friends- Mr. David Haeem Divekar, Mr. Benjamin Shimshon Ashtamkar, Mr. Rahamim Shlomo Talkar, Mr. Hannokh Shlomo Talkar and Mr. Isaac Abraham Talegaonkar began performing kirtans in 1880. After hearing a “trance-inducing” kirtan by a Hindu kirtankar named Raosaheb Shankar Panduranga Pandit, they decided to promote **kirtan as a means to teach Jewish texts to the Bene Israel community** and they **formed** an organisation called the “**Kirtano Tejak Mandal**”.

Evolution:

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

High Demand:

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

Benjamin Ashtamkar’s other kirtans included Noacha Bhaktibhaav (1888), Shmuel Akhyan (1889), Shimshon Akhyan (1896), Elisha Akhyan (1897) and several others. His brother, Dr. Aaron Shimshon Ashtamkar, the Chairman of the Panvel Municipality, also composed a few kirtans including The Account of King David in Marathi Verses (1883), The Mourner’s Consolation (1884) and David Rajacha Charitra (1896). Other kirtans performed between the 1880s and 1921 were composed by Solomon Shalom Aptekar, Aaron Daniel Talkar, David Haeem Divekar, David Solomon Pezarkar, Joseph David Penkar, Isaac Shalom Awaskar, David Jacob Talkar, Samuel David Valvatkar. Isaac Shalom Awaskar, Samuel Moses Kandlekar, Solomon



Aaron Bastekar, Joseph Haeem Awaskar, Isaac Abraham Talegaonkar, Isaac Saddik Chordekar, Isaac Satamkar and Hannokh Shlomo Talkar. In the 1930's and 1950's, Mr. N. S. Satamkar composed and performed at least four kirtans.

During 1920's

When the Kirtano Tejak Mandal disbanded, other groups supported kirtans in its place, including the Jewish Union Singing Club, the Jewish Amateurs Singing Club, the Kirtan Mandal of Pune, the Satamkar Music School and the Bene Israel Youth Convention. Indian and Israeli independence interrupted this process in the mid twentieth century and kirtan went through a period of dormancy until it was revived by educators associated with the Israelite School now the Eli Kadoorie School in Mumbai. While the early Kirtankars were men, **its late twentieth century revival has been led by women.** The late **Mrs. Rachel Gadkar** taught at Sir Eli Kadoorie School for many years and wrote extensively on Bene Israel culture, including an important article on kirtans. She also performed kirtans in Mumbai and Thane.

After Independence of India & Israel:

Before migrating to Israel from Bombay in 1964, the late Mrs. Flora Samuel had been the headmistress of Sir Eli Kadoorie School and she continued teaching after migration. She taught kirtans to a women's organization in the city of Lod and published kirtan texts, performed kirtans and wrote articles on Jewish kirtans.

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

In addition to these public performances of kirtan, several women in the Bene Israel communities of India and Israel continue to sing songs in the vruttas associated with kirtans. Today we have the Orot HaTorah Women's group led by Diana Korlekar, Shoshanna & Hannah Kolet, Ruby Kurulkar and Mrs. Diana Pingle in recent years perform religious discourses with songs in the manner of kirtans.

On February 1st, 2015 and September 4th, 2016, Bene Israel Kirtans were performed in Mumbai after nearly two decades. Kirtans were nearly forgotten by the time that Mrs. Flora Samuel in Israel and Mrs. Rachel Gadkar in India had briefly revived them in the 1990s.

With the support of Dr. Nathan Aston we had the opportunity to publish a compilation of Bene Israeli kirtans which are available for sale at the American Joint Distribution Committee's office in Mumbai, India. (Contact ADJI India for copies of the books).

(Note:

This excellent detailed original article is written by Elijah Samson Ashatamkar.

We have used most part of it. There are several references given by Elijah that are not published. To get the original article, please contact us at shaniwarteli@gmail.com)

Many Marathi Bene-Israel Kirtan's are uploaded on our Facebook website. <https://www.facebook.com/wbwo.daniels.1/>

Badshah Cold Drinks – Crawford Market, Mumbai

Samuel Daniel Diveker & Erna Weber



One of the most favorite falooda of all the Bene-Israel's from India was and still is from Badshah. Bene-Israel families returning to Mumbai as tourists always have on their agenda to visit this falooda shop. Here is a small but very interesting history of this **115 years old** place.

Badshah refers to B.A.Badshah, who had seven Badshah fruit juice shops in Bombay in the early 1900s. He was a kind man and a good employer, and as it happens with such persons, he died at the early age of 38, leaving no children. **So, by his will, he left each of his seven shops with one of his loyal servants.**

The Badshah at Crawford Market was inherited by Merwan Jehangir Irani, Badshah's manager. The story continues. Enter Aspi Irani, a 12-year-old boy who came to Bombay from Iran and started working at Badshah, cleaning the place, the dishes, arranging the fruits. Merwan Irani was impressed with the little boy. When he grew up, he gave him his daughter Yasmin in marriage and his shop. The shop is now 115 years old! Aspi passed away in 1996, but Yasmin has survived him and runs the place with her daughter Behnaz's husband, Behram P. Zadeh, and Salambhai as partner

Being Iranis, the specialty of the shop, naturally, is the falooda, **Zoroastrian Persia's national drink**. About **65 per cent** of the Bombay Badshah's total business is in the faloodas, tall, cooling milk-and-syrup drinks.

Badshah Cold Drinks is an Iconic Restaurant of Old Bombay which made Falooda , an Persian Delicacy more famous in our Good Old Bombay.



Mr. H.S. Kehimkar sat at his built school in Dongri "Kehimkar's School" (now Eli Kadoori) in 1860 when Pingle and Dhokarkar came in fighting and screaming at one another.

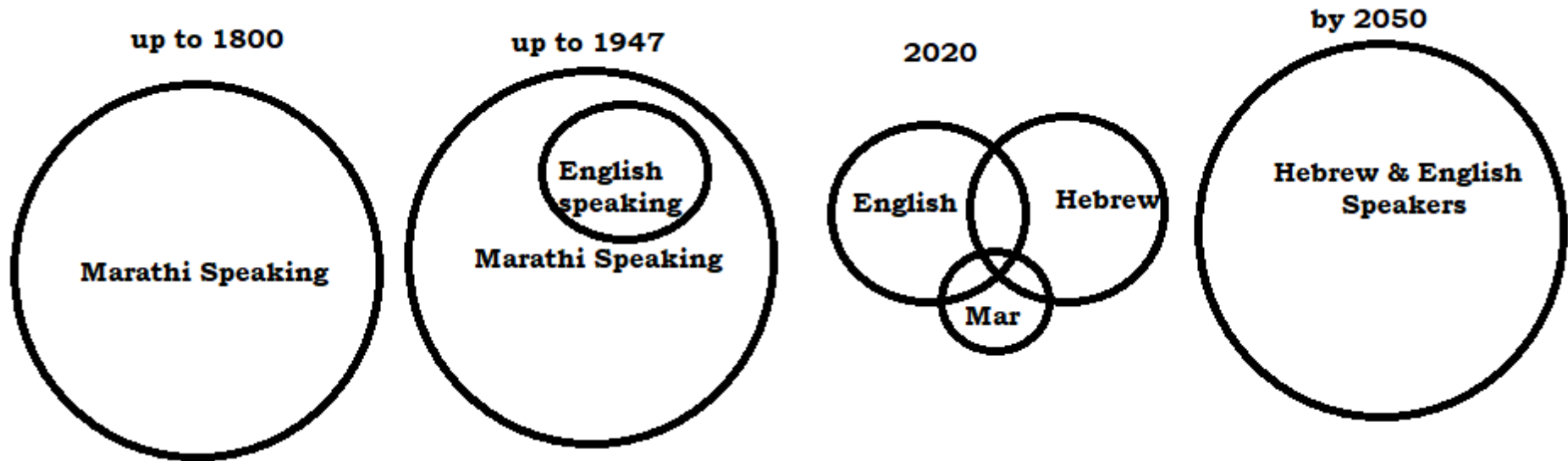
Pingle: Mr. Kehimkar, because of him we "Pingle" did not get a Kar!! He stole our Kar and added it to his name Dho-kar-kar. His name should be Dhokar and we should be Pinglekar!!!

Dhokarkar: No Mr. Kehimkar! We come from the village Dhokar so we become Dhokarkar.

Mr. H.S. Kehimkar had never faced such an odd problem and though how to solve this issue. With no solution found, Mr. Kehimkar told them he will think about it and let them know. Can you help Mr. Kehimkar?



Rapid Death/ Extinction of our Bene-Israel Marathi Generation



As our Bene-Israel community mingles back into its original Jewish diaspora congregating in the land of Israel, the Indian Bene-Israel Marathi speaking Jews will soon be extinct.

Shielded over 2000 years by India, this will end finally, but with wonderful memories. While other Jews have fled from their countries, the Bene-Israel are still welcome in India.



THANK YOU, INDIA!

The much talked about Netflix series, *Unorthodox*, follows a young Chassidic woman from Brooklyn who flees to Berlin. Co-creator and writer **Anna Winger** tell the transformative story of Esty, who lives by the strict rules of her community until she breaks away. Just as she begins to discover a whole new world, her past catches up to her. **Anna Winger** (born 1970) is an American writer, producer, screenwriter, and photographer who lives in Berlin, Germany. (Curtesy: Samuel & Erna Daniels Divekar)



Architect Bhonkar

By Naomi Moses Awaskar

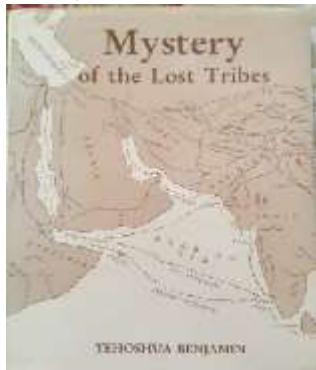
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Mr. Joshua Moses Benjamin Bhonkar (Late) Chartered Architect F.R.I.B.A., F.I.I.A was well-known in our Bene-Israel community as “Architect Bhonkar” who planned and built our Heritage monument at Navgao cemetery 2200 years later!!



Yehoshua Benjamin
FRIBA, FIIA



Next time you are in Bombay or in Delhi, walk proudly as Architect Bhonkar planned many of important Public buildings in these cities;

Delhi	Bombay
Judah Hyam Synagogue in New Delhi. Parliament Building Annex & Library. Defense Headquarters Complex. Delhi High Court. New court of Tees Hazari. District courts complex Karkar Duma Shahadra. Lawyers block and staff quarters. Andhra Pradesh Guest House Complex. Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. Library-Jesus and Mary Girls College. J.D Tytler High Secondary School New Rajendra Nagar. Church Building, Trilokpuri. Arunachal Bhavan Exterior and more	IIT-Indian Institute of Technology (Master plan). Central Government Office Churchgate station. All India Radio (AIR) Bldg. Sun & Sand Hotel. Central Labour Institute Kurla. Housing for slum dwellers. 3-4 cinema house renovation. Multi-storey buildings for Central Govt staff quarters. Nautical Collage and Hostel & more

J Bhonkar traced and documented existence of communities in India that he believed could trace ancestry to Ten Lost Tribes of Israel in his book “Mystery of the Lost Tribes”.



Bhoropker: I told Yehoshua forty years ago not to build the Bene-Israel monument in Navgao.

Killeker: But, why? It is our most important Heritage site!!

Bhoropker: I told him we must first dig and find out if really there were bones of several Jews below in the grave. Make sure this is the place.

Killeker: Hmmm... so what did Yehoshua reply?

Bhoropekar: He said he was building above the ground and NOT touching below. He told me to dig down and find out and let him know when I do it.

Killeker: Forty years ago!?! Hmmm... he was correct. Let me also know when you find out...in another 40 years.

In discussion with *Israel Chaim*

Thanking Hashem for the Egyptian Exile?

Some time ago I came across this article by Rav Chaviv Danesh which throws great light on how Hashem runs this world & would answer many of our questions in day to day life. This article reminded me of the times when I was young growing up in India with many questions and no answers.

We all know that Hashem runs the entire world and He is the cause for everything. We also know that no one has the power to go against Hashem's will. If so, we must ask ourselves a very basic question: Why do we thank Hashem for taking us out of Egypt if He was the One Who put us there in the first place?

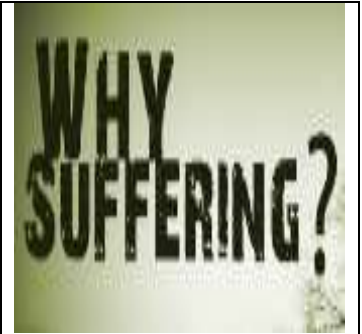


This would seem to be like a doctor who intentionally breaks someone's leg — and then heals him. Does that deserve a thank you? (Birkas Hashir commentary on the Haggadah). Let's begin by understanding a fundamental idea in Hashem's Divine Providence. Ultimately, everything that Hashem does is for our own good. As the Gemara says, everything that Hashem does is for the good (Berachot 60b). This even includes pain and suffering, as they too have many advantages. Firstly, the commentaries explain, suffering serves as a warning for one to improve his ways, and thus is a catalyst for teshuva. Furthermore, the pain itself purifies one from his sins (Shaarei Teshuva 2:1-6). According to some commentaries, suffering also increases one's reward in the World to Come by making one's test in this world harder. As the Mishna says, "According to the pain is the reward." (see Rashi on Berachot 5a "yisurin shel ahava" and Tzlach there; Shaarei Teshuva 2:1-6. But see the Ramban in Shaar Hagemul who disagrees).



Suffering also enables us to attain certain things that are acquired specifically through suffering. As the Gemara says, "Torah, Olam HaBa, and Eretz Yisrael are acquired through suffering (Berachot 5a, see commentaries that explain why this is so). In all the ways mentioned above it is clear that: 'While suffering is certainly uncomfortable, it is still advantageous.' It is, in fact, for this reason that the Gemara tells us to make the blessing that is recited on hearing so-called "bad news" with the same wholeheartedness and happiness as when saying the blessing on hearing "good news," because even that which seems bad is for our ultimate good (Berachot 60b and commentaries there).

Chazal tell us that the advantages of suffering exist even when it seems like someone else has control and is causing the suffering. After all, if the suffering wasn't befitting us, Hashem wouldn't allow it. As the Gemara says, "One cannot 'touch' that which is set and destined for someone else" (Yoma 38b). Furthermore, we are told that all this applies not only to an individual's suffering but also to an entire nation's suffering. Therefore, even when nations attack and torment us, Chazal always attribute it to a decree by Hashem that is ultimately for our good. Of course, even though it is all a decree from Hashem, the nations that instill the suffering on us are not innocent of guilt. They too will be punished for their evil acts (for the reason behind this, see Rambam, Hilchot Teshuva 6:5, Ramban on Bereishet 15:14 and Ohr HaChaim there).



The suffering that the Jewish People experienced in Egypt was no different. The commentaries tell us that it too was ultimately for our best. Firstly, it was atonement for previous sins. The deeper sources explain this using the idea of reincarnation. Simply put, when someone sins in one lifetime, he may be given the chance to fix his error by being brought back into this world in another body. These sources explain that the generation of Jews in Egypt was a reincarnation of the generation from the time of the flood, the generation that built the tower of Babel, and the generation of Sodom — all of whom sinned against Hashem. Pharaoh's decrees — from the torturous labor to drowning baby boys in the Nile — were all "measure-for-measure" corrections for the sins committed in the generation's previous lifetime.

While it is certainly beyond the scope of this article to fully expand on this, the commentaries delve into and explain how everything was measure-for-measure. On a very basic level, one example of how the punishments were measure-for-measure: The very souls that sinned by working so hard to make bricks for the tower of Babel were now forced to toil to make bricks and buildings for Pharaoh. Everything was exact — and everything was meant to bring their souls to their ultimate perfection (based on Rav Chaim Vital's Shaar Hapesukim, parshat Shemot).

There are other sources that attribute the suffering in Egypt to previous sins. One source attribute it to the sin of the brothers selling Yosef, which ultimately caused them to go down to Egypt (see Shabbat 10b and Abarbanel on parshat Lech Lecha). Another source points to a minute lack of faith on Avraham Avinu's part, which manifested itself in his descendants and had to be rectified (see Nedarim 32a, Maharsha there, and Gevurot Hashem perek 9). Other sources attribute the cause of going down to Egypt not specifically to sins but to other reasons. For example, the Ran explains that it was needed to instill in the Jewish People the character trait of submission, thus preparing them for a life of submission to the Torah. Furthermore, the miracles that enabled them to leave Egypt instilled in them the idea that Hashem runs all of nature, and thereby removed any doubt they had about Hashem. In these ways and more, the experience in Egypt was ultimately for our good.

There are obviously many questions that can be asked on each of the reasons above. It is beyond the scope of this short article to analyze each of the reasons in depth. The reader is encouraged to see the Abarbanel on Parshat Lech Lecha, the Alshich on the beginning of Parshat Shemot and the Maharals's Gevurot Hashem Perek 9 for a summary and analysis of all the reasons given by Chazal and the commentaries for the exile in Egypt.

Going back to the question with which we began, it is clear that we cannot compare Hashem's putting us in Egypt to a doctor breaking someone's leg. When Hashem put us into Egypt, He was essentially healing us, and it was a form of kindness from Him. We should therefore thank Him, not only for taking us out of Egypt, but for bringing us there in the first place.

According to the above, we can understand a seemingly puzzling part of the Haggadah. Immediately following the statement that Yaakov and his sons went down to Egypt, ultimately setting the stage for the exile, we praise Hashem. The commentaries point out the obvious question: Why is the praising of Hashem placed immediately after describing how we ended up going down to Egypt? Based on the above, Rashi explains that we are essentially praising Hashem for putting us in Egypt.



This is our way of thanking Hashem for what is seemingly bad in the same way we thank Hashem for the good — because, ultimately, even the Egyptian arrival & exile both were for our best (Ritva on the Haggadah in the name of Rashi).

All the bestIsrael Chaim.....(054-8416580)

Did Jewish Slaves Build the Pyramids?

In 1977, Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin visited Egypt's National Museum in Cairo and declared "*We built the pyramids.*" Perhaps to the surprise of a lot of people, this sparked outrage throughout the Egyptian people, proud that *they* had built the pyramids. The belief that Jews built the pyramids may be prominent throughout Christian and Jewish populations, but it is certainly not the way anyone in Egypt remembers things. More than 4,000 years later, the Egyptian pyramids still retain much of their majesty, providing a glimpse into the country's rich and glorious past.

<https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/the-egyptian-pyramids>



It's a popular story that Jews built the Pyramids. But all the evidence tells us that no Jews were in Egypt at the time of the Pyramids. (1996 BC Birth of Abraham)

Books

Bene Israel Tales

by **B. B. Dandekar** (Author)

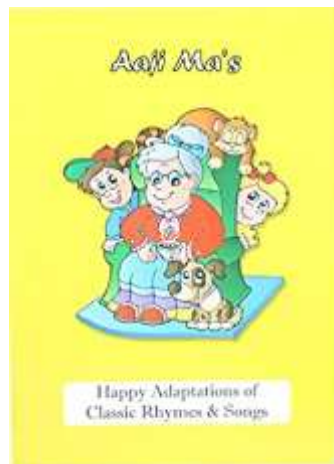


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Pilgrim Practices of the Bene Israel: A bridge between Dharmic and Semitic Spiritual Experiences

In 1737, after the Portuguese were driven out of the Konkan, the Marathas built many talava (reservoir or tank) for drinking water in Panvel town. One of these was built for the Bene Israel community as is still known as “Israel Talao” The information and picture courtesy [Raamesh Gowri Raghavan](https://www.academia.edu/41771425/Pilgrim_Practices_of_the_Bene_Israel_A_bridge_between_Dharmic_and_Semitic_Spiritual_Experiences) from https://www.academia.edu/41771425/Pilgrim_Practices_of_the_Bene_Israel_A_bridge_between_Dharmic_and_Semitic_Spiritual_Experiences



Make your own Khala:

https://www.chabad.org/multimedia/video_cdo/aid/1924092/jewish/Do-It-Yourself-Taking-Challah.htm

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“Binyan Israel Institute” to aid and assist our Bene Israel brethren to raise the level of awareness of their religious heritage.



<http://www.indianjudaica.com/wp/>

Dear Friends,

Looking around us, we see a world in turmoil in all corners of the globe. Countries are beset with dissension and insecurity. In some places the health and the financial situation are catastrophic. Everywhere the future is unclear due to forces within and without which undermine stability.

Here in **Eretz Israel**, the situation is particularly difficult as the pressure and danger from several antagonists increases. Internally, the country is in turmoil, and Torah society and its values are under constant attack.

Nevertheless, we are working hard to fulfill our responsibilities to protect our people through incessant toil of Torah and heightening our level of Emunah and Bitachon, praying that the Mashiach will soon bring an end to Chillul Hashem and suffering.

Praise to the Creator who gave us the Torah of truth and planted within us eternal life - to learn, to teach, to observe and to practice.

I first take this opportunity to introduce myself. Before coming to Israel, I volunteered in many organizations in India, including as the Joint Secretary of the **“All India Jewish Federation”**, as an executive committee member for the **“Bene Israel Conference Education Fund”** and for the **“United Synagogues of India”**. I was also a **Torah Study Director for the Organization of the “Army of Hashem”**, and also served a number of years as **Honorable Secretary and Honorable Hazzan** (Cantor) for the **“Kurla Bene Israel Synagogue”** of Mumbai.

Since I migrated to Israel in 1995, I have been studying Torah in several **Yeshivot in Jerusalem**. Yet, **I feel duty-bound to continue to render my services to the worldwide Bene Israel community**, particularly in **Israel, India, Britain, Canada, Australia and the United States of America**. Having learned and grown with the Torah for many years in a Kollel, the Rosh Kollel granted me **“Semicha”** (Rabbinical Ordination). I was instructed by the **Rosh Kollel** to establish an organization in Jerusalem called **“Binyan Israel Institute”** to aid and assist our Bene Israel brethren and raise the level of awareness of their religious heritage.

As a member of the Bene Israel community, who knows and appreciates the vital needs of Bene Israel brethren and the great importance of nurturing and deepening **our distinct Bene Israel community identity**, I turn to you to share news about our activities and publications that we are contemplating for our community and ask for your help, suggestions as well as feedback.

In the past we have **published the books for our community** (see the complete list towards the end of this letter*).

Each of our publications are **carefully reviewed and authenticated by Torah scholars in Israel** as I have **consulted the learned elders of our community**, whenever necessary. Each publication contains letters from these Israeli chachamim attesting to the contents of our publications adhering to **Halacha** and our **Bene Israel Minhagim**.

It should be noted that our publications receive the support and encouragement of **Mr. Shmuel and Mrs. Erna Weber Daniel (Divekar)** of New York, who are senior members of our community. They have dedicated each of our publications to honor the deceased members of their family. Mr. Daniel was one of the founding members of **“Congregation BINA of U.S.A”**. He was also the editor of their **“Kol Bina”** magazine. Mrs. Erna Daniel was the Treasurer. Currently, Mr. Daniel serves as a Trustee of the **“Indian Jewish Congregation of U.S.A”**.

These publications have proved to be very popular among many members of our community. We have kept the **cost of our publications at a minimum** so they can be easily accessible to our community. Copies of each publication have been placed in all our **Bene Israel Synagogues in Israel, India and Bene Israel organizations** for their use and benefit, as well as in **Jewish libraries in Israel, India** (Sir David Sassoon Library and Reading Room), **U.S.A., Canada, and the United Kingdom**. We are extremely encouraged by the response of these publications so far and are contemplating the **next round of publications** and activities for which we need your help and suggestions. As more of our community leaves our homeland and mingle with the Jewish communities abroad, the need to nurture and to preserve our unique identity grows stronger and ever more important.

We strongly believe that publishing these works is a productive opportunity to reach majority of our community and to further elucidate our customs. In this way, we hope to strengthen our community's unique Jewish identity, and through this, it will be easier to build our community in the future. We are currently **the only organization in the world providing bilingual and trilingual publications to the Bene Israel community**. Not only do we sell publications, but we also **distribute many Halachic booklets free of charge on various occasions** which are very helpful to our brethren.

The **translations of our publications into Marathi** has provided new understanding of our religious precepts and ideas to our Bene Israel friends and has also helped to increase the demand for our publications. Additionally, we continue to organize regular **lectures** (on the **Torah, Midrash, Halacha, and our Traditional Customs**, etc.) in various localities. We are currently working towards a global outreach to various communities in Israel, Maharashtra, India and the world.

We are easily accessible and promptly respond to various types of religious questions - via **email, mobile telephone, WhatsApp** and our **comprehensive website**.

Furthermore, I would like to bring to your attention that we **published in 2011** a bilingual version of the **“Halacha Li’Bnei Israel – Yalkut Yosef”** in **Hebrew and Marathi**, specifically for the use by Indian Jewry.

In this connection, I met with **Rabbi Yitzhak Yosef** (presently the **Rishon LeZion, Chief Sephardi Rabbi of the State of Israel**), the eldest son of Maran Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, ל"צ and author of the Sefer **“Yalkut Yosef”** (one of the most well-known and popular books on Halachot amongst Sephardi Jewry in general), who **granted me full permission** to incorporate his Sefer Kitzur Shulchan Aruch – Yalkut Yosef into our project. In this way, we have combined traditional **Sephardi Halachot** along with our Bene Israel traditions and total way of Jewish life from India.

We truly believe these plans and publications will continue to be extremely beneficial to our community. It will help demonstrate the **splendor of the Torah** and its ramifications and applications by communities in remote corners of the world. This will also help demonstrate that the Bene Israel community of India **has always been ‘fully practicing Jews’ for centuries**.

We urgently need to hear the views and suggestions from our community members on the above ideas and plans. We can be contacted:

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Respectfully yours,

(Rabbi Shmuel Ben-Shalom Divekar).

We have published following books (see next page)



In the past we have published the following books for our community:

Note: Translation tells you the meaning of words in another language.

Transliteration doesn't tell you the meaning of the words, but it helps you pronounce them.

Price
(as per New
Israeli Shekels)

2002	• 1. "Haggadah shel Pesach" - Oztrot Chaim - Transliterated and translated into Marathi with Halachot and Customs of the Bene Israel community of India. • 2. "Siddur Lel Shabbath" - Transliterated into Marathi.	25 ₪ 75 ₪
2004	• 3. "Siddur Leyom Shabbath" - The order of Tefilloth - Shacharit, Musaf, Mincha - Transliterated into Marathi.	25 ₪
2007	• 4. "Sefer Tehillim" - A bilingual book of Tehillim with Hebrew text, transliterated and translated into Marathi.	70 ₪
2008	• 5. "Siddur shel Shabbath" - Translated into Marathi with instructions and Halachot in English and Marathi.	50 ₪
2009	• 6. "The Blessing of the Sun" - With Marathi and English transliteration and instructions and Halachot in Hebrew, English, and Marathi, according to the Nusach and custom of the Bene Israel community of India. • 7. "Home Ceremonies" - Transliterated into Marathi with instructions, Halachot, and Customs in English and Marathi. • 8. "Seder Selichoth" - Transliterated and translated into Marathi with Hebrew text, and instructions, Halachot, and Customs of the "Bene Israel" community of India, with DVD.	Free of charge 40 ₪ 50 ₪
2011	• 9. "Sefer Halacha LiBnei Israel - Yalkut Yosef" - 4 Volumes - Arranged according to chapters in the Shulchan Aruch, with added customs of the "Bene Israel" community of India. In Hebrew and Marathi.	200 ₪
2012	• 10. "Sefer Tefilloth Berachoth uBakkashoth" - Transliterated into Marathi. • 11. "Seder Chuppa veKiddushin" - according to the Nusach and custom of the "Bene Israel" community of India.	Free of Charge Free of Charge
2013	• 12. "Perek Shira" - Transliterated into Marathi. • 13. "Siddur Kol Bene Israel" - (First and Second Edition) With added Laws and Customs compiled from Sefer Halacha LiBnei Israel - Yalkut Yosef. According to the Nusach and Customs of the Bene Israel community of India. This Siddur contains around 68 color pictures of our Bene Israel synagogues located in India and Israel.	5 ₪ 20 ₪

2015	• 14. "Siddur Ahavath Bene Israel" - Volumes 1 & 2 - Translated and Transliterated into Marathi with English and Marathi instructions along with Halachot and customs, including original the Hebrew text. All according to the Nusach and Customs of the Bene Israel community of India. • 15. "Sefer Tehillim" - Transliterated into Marathi. • 16. "Seder Malida" - Explores this unique custom of the Bene Israel community of India.	60 ₹
2016	• 17. "Sefer Berachoth Kol Bene Israel" - Translated and Transliterated into Marathi with English and Marathi instructions, including original Hebrew text. Designed for the Bene Israel community of India.	50 ₹ Free of Charge
2017	• 18. "Sefer Zikhir" - Translated into Marathi with Hebrew, English, and Marathi instructions, Halachot, and customs, including original Hebrew text. All according to the Nusach and Customs of Mourning for the Bene Israel community of India. • 19. "Chamisha Chumshe Torah" - Transliterated into Marathi.	40 ₹ 170 ₹
2018	• 20. "Tikun Hakelali" - Transliterated and Translated into Marathi.	10 ₹
2019	• 21. "Siddur Kol Bene Israel" - (Third Edition) With added Laws and Customs compiled from Sefer Halacha LiBnei Israel - Yalkut Yosef. All according to the Nusach and Customs of the Bene Israel community of India. This Siddur contains around 72 color pictures of our Bene Israel synagogues located in India and Israel. • 22. "Tefillath Mincha" - Translated into Marathi, including original Hebrew text. • 23. "Sefer Lashon Hakodesh" - The Elementary Hebrew book for Marathi and English speakers for the Bene Israel community of India. • 24. "Haggadah shel Pesach" - According to the Nusach and Customs of the Bene Israel community of India. This Haggadah contains around 72 color pictures of our Bene Israel synagogues located in India and Israel.	20 ₹ 10 ₹ 18 ₹ 20 ₹
2020	• 25. "The Torah Reading, Maftir, and Haftara - Rosh Hashanah" - Transliterated and Translated into Marathi, including original Hebrew text. • 26. "The Torah Reading, Maftir, and Haftara - Yom Kippur" - Transliterated and Translated into Marathi, including original Hebrew text. • 27. "The Torah Reading, Maftir, and Haftara - Succoth, Chol Hamoed, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah" - Transliterated and Translated into Marathi, including original Hebrew text. • 28. "Sefer Moadim" - The order of Tefilloth - Pesach, Shavuoth, Succoth, Hoshana Rabba, Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah, transliterated into Marathi. All according to the Nusach and Customs of the Bene Israel community of India. • 29. "Seder Malida" - (Second Edition) Further explores this unique custom of the Bene Israel community of India.	Number 25-27 set of 3 books 50 ₹ 90 ₹ 10 ₹

Memorable Moments of World History

Signing the Surrender by Pakistan in 1971 due to strategy planned by JFR Jacob, Bagaddi Jew

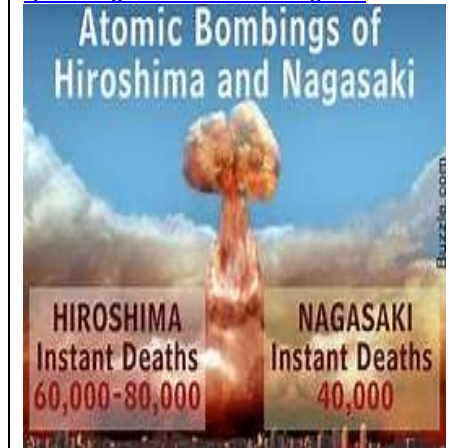


Churchill Roosevelt & Stalin meet after winning WWII



August 1945

<https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/bombing-of-hiroshima-and-nagasaki>



see the video to understand the impact

While in Travel....

While traveling, you meet people whom you always remember!

At a hotel in Germany, one morning in a packed breakfast room, I shared my table with a young Japanese gentleman. After a routine greeting, I enquired as to what he did. He replied that he was the son of a company owner in Japan that produced and sold vegetarian products in Japan. As the science conference I was due to attend discussed hormones, I failed to understand why a vegetarian food company would be interested in attending and asked him so. His reply baffled me. He said, "we want to produce meat from grass".

For a moment, I did not know what to say and thought the guy sitting with me was a buffoon. So, to end the conversation I just replied "Oh, Ok!"

He perhaps guessed what I was thinking, so he continued, "You know it is already done today".

Surprised I asked "What, making meat out of grass?"

He answered "Yes"

"How?" I asked impatiently

"Cow does it" he replied "and so can we. It is just the question of knowing the process".

I sat there perplexed as he left the table.



My Love for Tiphereth Israel Synagogue & Facts on Tiphereth Israel that very few know; by Shirley Wasker

I always had special sentiments for Tiphereth synagogue, I just don't know why, but I feel very good being there. I remember going to the synagogue during my childhood.

Although we lived in Thane, we used to travel all the way to Tiphereth synagogue. I had insisted having my Mehendi function and Varat in this synagogue no matter what, even though at the time Tiphereth still had a wooden floor. Following my previous visit to India, I decided to learn more about the synagogue, and with help of friends and family I was able to collect below information.

The Tiphereth Israel Synagogue was established in the year 1886. It was a small prayer hall housed in a Jewish building known as Talegaonkar building, situated about 100 meters away from the current building. Later it came to be known as Tiphereth Israel Prayer Hall.



Shirley Wasker at Tiphereth Israel

In 1920, the number of Jewish families grew in the area and the need arose for a bigger and proper place of worship. Mr. Aaron Benjamin Kandlekar, a member of the Managing Committee gave a sizable amount of loan to this synagogue and in March 1923, this building formerly known as Roshdel Villa, was bought in public auction from Central Bank.

Initially it was a bungalow with a wooden structure i.e. with wooden columns, wooden beams and wooden flooring, wooden staircase, and Mangalorean tiles. This property was initially in the name of Mr. Aaron Benjamin Kandlekar as he had donated the loan amount.

The prayer hall was shifted to the present premises in March 1924. Mr. Aaron Benjamin Kandlekar was actively involved with the synagogue functioning from 1919 to 1939. He passed away in 1941. In 1956, his widow transferred the ownership of the property from the Kandlekar family to the trustees of this Synagogue. Thereafter his two sons served this synagogue actively for many years. For the last 20 years, his grandson Mr. Aaron Daniel Benjamin Kandlekar has dedicated his services to the synagogue by being actively involved as the Hon. Secretary and trustee of the synagogue. My Grandfather, Mr. Samson Raymond had served this synagogue as President since 1956.

In the late 1990's renovation for the building had begun with the help of a renowned architect from within the Jewish community, who rendered her services free of charge. The synagogue now has a community hall on the first floor measuring almost 2400 sq. ft. It is the biggest community hall in the Jewish community and is used by the community members for important functions and rituals.

One of the Torah scrolls kept in the wooden cupboard is more than 100 years old. Two other Torah scrolls were gifted by friends from Israel and the USA. The wooden cupboard which holds them is ancient and very old. The synagogue has a Cantor / Hazzan who conducts prayers daily. On Shabbath, i.e. Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday evening, many people come to pray.

The maximum crowd is seen in the synagogue on Saturday morning for services. The synagogue has a dedicated set of people, many of them young men, who are part of the 'Religious group' that takes care of all the religious aspect and needs of the synagogue. Mr. Levi Jacob has built a strong religious 'shomer shabbath' group of young men.

These young religious men have tried to do their best with the religious matters. Apart from this, currently there are 4 shofar blowers. Additionally, these young religious men actively take part in synagogue on Sabbath and on High Holidays making sure the synagogue looks beautiful in its own way. Most of the young men active in this synagogue are fluent Hebrew readers and have also learned to read from the Torah scrolls.

On Saturday morning, after the prayers, every member of this group gives shiur / sermon related to the Torah portion of the week or the upcoming festival. **This is a traditional synagogue. However, one unique feature of this synagogue sets it apart from others. The Ladies' gallery is not on the floor above, (like other synagogues) but is situated on the side next to the Gents' section and there is a small partition in between. This encourages the women to feel a part of the service and they do not feel that they are separated from the prayers.** During prayers, many women will be seen reading from prayer books – most of which are translated into the local language Marathi, and a few read from the Hebrew texts.

The synagogue also has a couple of rooms for guests. Apart from that, in collaboration with the CHABAD, the



Shirley Wasker at Tiphereth Israel ladies' area

Synagogue has a proper running Mikveh / Ritual bath which is utilized by women not only from the local community but also other Jews. This synagogue sees a lot of footfall during the festivals. A few years ago, thanks to generous donors, the synagogue was air-conditioned so that members can pray in comfort. In fact, this synagogue was the first one in India to go in for air-conditioning. The management of the synagogue has been progressive, welcoming, and proactive in the community, having successfully engaged the youth and others interested in Jewish studies. Over the years various rabbis and teachers have held classes in Jewish studies and have engaged youth and adults in the community alike. The Tiphereth Israel synagogue is a very active synagogue and is managed by a committee of mainly young volunteers who are dedicated to serving the synagogue and its members.

I must agree with Shirley Palker on one issue. Whenever we came to Saat-Rasta to go towards Magen Hassidim Synagogue for High Holidays, my father would, always first stopped at the Tiphereth Israel synagogue before we continued.

He had very special love for this synagogue and always expressed it. He always called it the Synagogue of "Every Bene-Israel Jew". I never understood his remark until much later in life.

As children we were waiting to reach Magen Hassidim's bright decorative glowing colorful lightings, the hackers selling Kosher food and falooda and watching the synagogue sale of the occasion auctioned for thousands of rupees.

Now that I think of it, that humble peaceful sincere synagogue environment that Tiphereth offered was perhaps what the common Bene-Israel felt attracted to including my father and Shirley Palkar too.

Elijah (Leo Daniels)



Prophet and Prophecy

by Jenny Samson Bamnolkar



Prophet: A prophet is a man who speaks in the name of GOD; the message he gives in the name of GOD is called prophecy. Only the Divine force decides who will be the individual, who will be able to receive HIS prophecy and deliver it. And for us to understand that, when a Prophet receives a prophecy it is so intense, and the level and force of energy is so great that before receiving a prophecy the Prophets would physically collapse to the ground. (It is impossible to get a prophecy in a regular physical state). In Egypt, the Commandments were given in front of an Israeli nation and to hear and see the miracles, GOD had to bounce everyone to the level of prophecy.

Prophecy: It should be noted that prophecy **is not the prediction of the future**. It is an adherence to the Divine Spirit in the expansion of the physical powers and senses and communicating with the Divine Spirit who predicted them, in a spiritual education which has been achieved for their soul.

In ancient times, the people would come to the Prophet to consult about their destiny or future, present matters, or receiving support and mental support. Special Prophets were kept in many kingdoms who strategically advised the kings. Sometimes the role of the Prophet was reduced to delivering the future or seeing hidden things. In Israel there were Prophets who also held a moral and judicial position, and other positions as Mediator between the people and GOD, Spiritual educator and because of this, Prophets were often in conflict with the people and their leaders. The Prophet's attitude to the people was two-pronged, on the one hand - he is one of them, and on the other - he is GOD's representative in the world.

Judaism sees the Prophet as a person of a high spiritual degree of attachment and adherence to GOD. And as explained in Maimonides, the fundamental of the meaning of a prophecy is explained in our Torah. Many prophets stood in Israel; twice as much where when the Jewish nation left Egypt. There were 48 prophets whose prophecy was written and has been taught for generations are the most familiar prophets. And their prophecy has been preserved to the present day.

Below are names of 46 out of 48 Prophets:

1. Abraham.	9. Eli	17. Ovadia	25. Micha Hamorashti	33. Habakkuk	40. Narya
2. Isaac	10. Shmuel	18. Ahia HaShiloni	26. Amotz	34. Zephaniah	41. Shraya
3. Jacob	11. Gad the Seer	19. Yahu son of Hanania	27. Elijah the Prophet	35. Oryahu son of	42. Machshaya
4. Moses	12. Nathan	20. Azaria son of Oded	28. Elisha the Prophet	Shemaiah	43. Hagai
5. Aharon	13. David	21. Yehezkel son of Azaria	29. Yona son of Amitai	36. Jeremiah	44. Zechariah
6. Joshua	14. Solomon	22. Eliezer son of Dodohou	30. Isaiah	37. Ezekiel	45. Malachi
7. Pinhas	15. Ido	23. Hosha son of Ari	31. Yoel	38. Shemaiah	46. Mordechai
8. Elkana	16. Micha son of Yemla	24. Amos	32. Nahum Elkushi	39. Baruch	Balshan

Missing two Prophets can be found between the following list (as well as some other suggestions in the books): 1. Asir 2. Elkana 3. Abiasf 4. Assaf 5. Heiman 6. Eitan HaEzrachi 7. Yaduton. 8. Zechariah son of Jehoiada the Cohen 9. Daniel 10. Hanani the seer 11. Oded.

BENE ISRAEL JEWS IN RAJKOT (GUJARAT).

રાજકોટ સાથે યહુદીઓની યારી !



On Facebook we noticed a Rajkot Newspaper cutting (left) giving details about 1857 revolt by Zahsi's Queen Laxmibai's. Bene-Israel Reuben Solomon served in her army. Reuben Solomon and his generation are still living in Rajkot, Gujrat (5th Generation).

We were not able to see the article clearly to get more details. We are looking for a representative in Gujrat.



Below link on Jews of Ahmadabad

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6b6a7923e2&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1667110939149034571&th=1722c4910125644b&view=att&disp=safe>

We are looking for a Bene-Israel voluntary representative from Gujarat, Bombay, Thane, Dimona, Yehucham, Beer-Sheva, Ramle-Lod, Petak-Tiqva and other places where there is a concentration of Bene-Israel community. Please contact us: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

We are also looking for Bene-Israel voluntary representatives for
Creating & Managing Shaniwar Teli Website
Managing our FACEBOOK
 Contact us at: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

Jokes on Bene-Israel Superstition

Rahel: Granny Granny, today while going to school a cat crossed my road!!!

Granny: Aayya ... Rahel, that is bad luck!

Rahel: Yes, I know! I saw the cat was dead when I came back from school!

Granny: ???!!!

Mrs. Cheulkar: I tell you, "mala nazar lagli"!!

My stomach is painning since I came back from that Dandekar's Malida last night.

Mrs. Kasukar: Yes, it must be that Malekar Aunty. How she was watching you when you took the eighth samosa!!

Kolabkar: Do you believe in superstition?

Morbekar: No. I think its bad luck to believe in superstition.

Kolabkar: ??@@!!##

Ramraskar: Do you believe in reincarnation?

Sankar: Absolutely. Ever since my wife died, I feel like I've been born again.

Mrs. Dodkar is in bed with her lover Bhonkar when they hear the husband opening the apartment door

Mrs. Dodkar: Quick, escape out the window!

Bhonkar: No way! it's a thirteenth floor!

Mrs. Dodkar: Do you think we have time to worry about superstitions?!!!

Mrs. Jetakar: I am again pregnant the 7th time!!!

Mrs. Pezarkar: You know it is seven years of bad luck if you break a mirror. Did you break a mirror?

Mrs. Jetakar: No but we always break condom!! It is bad luck for lifetime. Not just 7 years....

Mrs. Pezaker: ???!



Bene-Israel Cartoon by Rabbi Sad Sack



Dudkar: You see Mapgaonkar this cartoon proves our ancestors knew how to cut the animals from the day they were washed onto the shores of Navgav!!

Mapgaonkar: Yes?! Agreed. I am thinking of making another cartoon to show that our ancestors landed by airplane in Navgav.

Dudkar: That is impossible

Mapgaonkar: Why!?

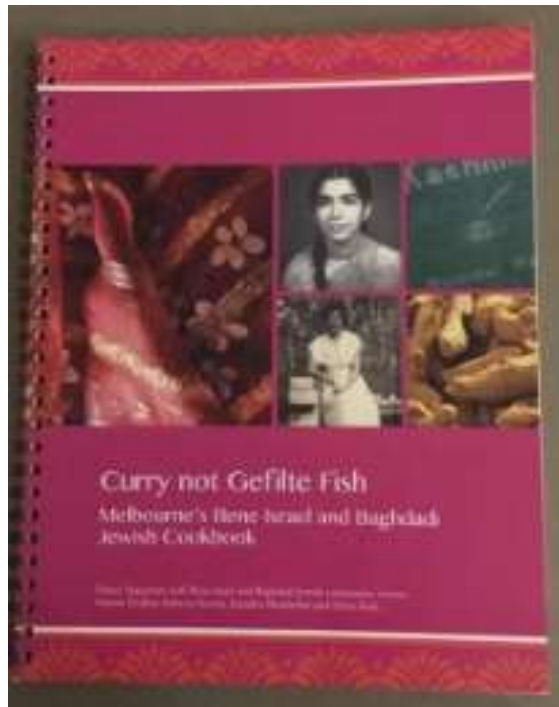
Dudkar: There is no runway in Navgav for airplane to land!

Mapgaonkar: ??##&###!!* and walks away....

Australia
Solomon Erulkar
Book: *Curry not Gefilte Fish*



As the fascination with our Bene Israel community increased, we were able to get support from local publishers, writers and the NCJWA (Vic) who helped us take the next step. We started the collection of recipes and stories from our families. Their support was great which led to publishing the book from our **Bene Israel Jewish homes** and Baghdadi Jews. The book was launched at Beth Weizmann in Melbourne. The number of attendees was huge and the launch was a success.



“Curry not Gefilte Fish”

The focus of this book was to get a few family stories and history going back to their time in India and Israel. We collected and put together some traditional recipes cooked in our Bene Israel community's grandparents and parents' homes. We published festival recipes like the Rosh Hashanah Halvah, the most important Bene Israel Malida Service plate, Puris that were made to break the Yom Kippur fast, Kanavali eaten on the Sabbath day and the Vaal Bhaji that was eaten during Tisha B'av. We also published recipes that were cooked in our home like the Fish curry and the different vegetarian dishes.

These recipes have been passed on to our children so they can keep our traditions and enjoy the Bene Israel dishes cooked in our homes.



Raigad

Advocate Herzl Levy Bhonkar
"SILENT MIRACLE"



Not much is going on during this lock down time, which is now being lifted slowly. But **Miracles** always happen, sometimes **so silently** that you only realize it after centuries. One such **silent Miracle** has happened with us Bene-Israel.

God always protects **his chosen people**, no matter where they are, so also in Raigad. During these lock down days, I had lots of time to think and one famous saying always comes back to me:

"More Than Jews Keeping Sabbath, Sabbath has kept the Jews"

Is it not amazing that our ancestors kept their **oil press closed on Saturdays** that distinct them from other communities as **"Shaniwar Teli"**? This was the **silent miracle of God** for his people, us. Centuries later the same name of the community **"Shaniwar Teli"** or "Saturday Oilmen" stood by the Bene-Israel's.



More than the Jews have kept
Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews.

— Ahad Ha'am —

From -175 BCE until 1700 AD we do not have any records of our existence for 2000 years except one very powerful link; **The Shaniwar Teli** – God's protection of his people, keeping the Sabbath!!

How true is then the saying; **"More Than Jews Keeping Sabbath, Sabbath has kept the Jews"** and **God protects His chosen people everywhere.**

Palkar: I was wondering what would have happened if our ancestors would have washed away on shores of Goa instead of Navgao.

Ashtamkar: Is it not obvious?

Palkar: No? Why?.... What is obvious?

Ashtamkar: If we had reached Goa then we would be producing Goa Feni instead of oil.

Palkar (surprised): Why!

Ashtamkar: Because every Jew knows to produce wines for years and they would go in to Feni business.

Palkar: Oh... and what else?

Ashtamkar: We would never know we are Jews as we would be producing and drinking Feni all the seven days of the week. Then no one would call us "Shaniwar Fenimen" Ha Ha ha.....



First Potential Shaniwar Teli / Bene-Israel *Museum* in Thal, Zila Alibag, District Raigad



This is a Bene-Israel Heritage home where generations of Bene-Israel Bhonkar family lived. Most of us have visited this wonderful Bhonkar family in their Thal farmhouse. Popularly known as “Eden Wala” in the community and villagers, as Mr. Asher Bhonkar returned from Eden and bought this farm for his family. His wife Rebecca and three children, Levy, Betsalel and Julie, all grew-up in this home and later Levy’s three children too grew up in this home, Reuel, Herzl and Ronen.

Herzl, who is now a qualified property advocate with his office in Alibag, has great sentiments in his / our Bene-Israel community. One of the thoughts he is *nursing* is to convert their above heritage home into a museum dedicated to Bene-Israel people living in Raigad for 2200 years. He has been collecting related items including old oil crushing system that were used with bulls, essential utensils, prayer book, historical picture ornaments and other related heritage items.



Heritage Tour

Yamit Daniels (Walwatkar)

(Translated from Hebrew)



Last November, I visited India for the first time in my life. A mix of smells, colors, sounds, emotions, wealth and poverty. I had arrived at a place I had never been before but still felt like I had come 'home'.

As a girl born to Indian migrants, I knew the food, the songs, the culture, the language, the clothes, and the music. This powerful place made me realize that I didn't understand anything yet.

I still did not realize how great our Bene-Israel culture is, how mysterious and how beautiful. I returned with a big appetite to go back to the roots and learn more about them.

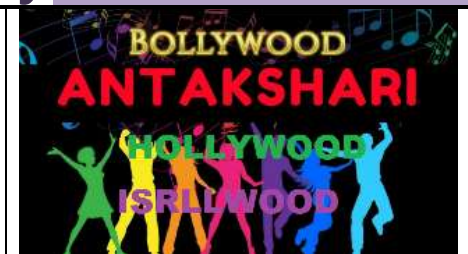
I believe that a person, who does not know his heritage, has no future. Meaning of being an "Israeli" is to understand that there is no such **thing as being Israeli**. I came from where I was born; where I belong, **Israel**, but my parent's homeland also made me who I am today.

That is why my message to all young people is to be curious, to study, to research and to understand where we came from, because this is the only way we can be Israeli. Be proud of our culture, it is beautiful on the outside and inside.



Antakshari / Karaoke in our BI family

As new immigrants to Israel during 80's the game of Antakshari was very popular in our family parties. To sing Bollywood songs from the last letter of the previous song, a wonderful way of entertainment. With time, as our Israeli children started growing up, we added Hebrew and English songs to Antakshari so that they could also participate and it is now greater fun!!



Canada
Abraham Samson Mapgaonkar



No meetings or Synagogue. No activity.

New Zealand,
Yoel Reuben Samson Killeker



No meetings or Synagogue. No activity.

Pune
Reuben Daniels Pezarkar



No meetings or Synagogue. No activity.

Eliat
Moshe Digodkar



No meetings or Synagogue. No activity.

IJF – Indian Jewish Federation
Advocate David Talegaonkar



No meetings. No activity.

Garcia de Orta Indian Medicinal Garden, Making it happen!



Nevatim, Israel

Nevatim was re-established as a Moshav at a slightly different location in 1954 by [Cochin Jews](#), who had [immigrated](#) from [Cochin, India](#) after being displaced following the 1948 independence war.

IJHC is making an effort to work with Ministry of Tourism to include Nevatim Moshev as one of the stops for the tourists, visiting south Israel. IJHC is jointly representing all the four Indian Jewish communities in Israel: Bene-Israel, Cochini, Baghdadi and Bene-Menashe. The plan includes an Auditorium and Museum for all the four communities and a Botanical garden with plants that are used for medication. You can also plant trees. Please see below.



1 Tree	18 dollars/ 54 shekels	The donor will receive a beautiful certificate in memory of their loved one
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Indian Jewish Heritage Center
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IJHC continued.

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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	Thanks to Mr. Perez Pezarkar for his assistance and Mr. David Ashton who went to collect Refy Sir's tallit & kippa as well as all those who were helping our team, we consider them as our teammates. Those people who were in contact with us, their respective names were mentioned. We always appreciate every person's valuable time & assistance. Once again thanks to everyone who was directly or indirectly involved in our teamwork. Sassoon Phansapurkar. Shalom. https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=362358361166843&id=100021780464630	

Thane : <https://youtu.be/fkqdb-NjnlY>

IOBI

International Organization of Bene-Israel

We have been in contact with IOBI's Sherona Varulkar & Jonathan Pezarkar (John Peri) but nothing was sent. Perhaps there is nothing substantial happened to let Bene-Israel community know.

IOBI issues their first quarterly newsletter "Kol Bene-Israel" and have announced

1. They have registered themselves (though they did not mention registered as what or show any registration details) which was of concern to many members of IOBI.
2. After four years IOBI, they have announced an enthusiastic agenda that they want to achieve, listed below. We hope they could achieve such an ambitious plan:

- Community Centers: provide vital services to all BI immigrants, children, and the whole community.
- Community and senior citizens advocacy: grassroots mobilization and accessing state funds for various health, cultural, social and economic challenges unique to BI population in Israel.
- Marathi language and heritage preservation: special language immersion projects and genealogy.
- International archive of Bene Israel history.
- Provide a platform, support, exposure and opportunities for Bene Israel artists.
- Outreach to World Jewry: sharing our unique heritage through exhibitions and lectures.
- Preservation of Heritage sites in India.

Finally I think we should get rid of 63% meaningless targets...



AJDC

Elijah Jacob Ashtamkar



AJDC does a wonderful job with Parent's Home for Bene-Israel. We have requested them a detailed report on it so that our readers know about it, visit them while there and help in every way.



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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 (dal), Chickpeas, Beans, Onions, Potatoes, Milk, Salt, Sugar, Oil, Masala, Soap and in some cases wood for cooking.

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**,

Jacob Sztokman: jacob@gabrielprojectmumbai.org

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The scope of starvation during COVID-19 lock-down is worse than we thought



We are looking for a Bene-Israel voluntary representative from

Gujarat, Bombay, Thane, Dimona, Yehucham, Beer-Sheva, Ramle-Lod, Petak-Tiqva and other places where there is a concentration of Bene-Israel community.

Please contact us: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

We are also looking for Bene-Israel voluntary representatives for

Creating & Managing Shaniwar Teli Website

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https://youtu.be/qyOb_I2vQQY

Learn how to sing “Avinu Malkeinu”: <https://soundcloud.com/myjewishlearning/avinumalkeinu>

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ORT

(Organization for Rehabilitation through Training)
Johnny Jhiradkar



ORT Israel is a non-government organization devoted to education in Israel. "ORT Israel" is the largest educational network in Israel for science and technology and has been operating in Israel since 1949 as a public benefit company. The network operates some 210 educational institutions including engineering colleges, middle and high schools, and one elementary school, in over 55 local authorities. Some 100,000 students attend ORT Israel schools and colleges. (<https://en.ort.org.il/>)

Ort India has initiated a program to **sponsor online education** from reputed universities or institutions. The courses must be of a core nature for the students. This will benefit people already working, to **elevate their careers** and students, who want to strengthen their knowledge in their chosen fields of study and future careers. Within a month of declaring the scheme, 13 students have applied and about 11 applications have been approved as they met the criteria.

This is, in addition to the regular scholarships for classroom students.



ORT INDIA'S ROLE IN THE BNEI MENASHE COMMUNITY: The Bnei Menashe tribe is located both in Manipur and Mizoram, two states in north-east India. Tribe members numbering almost 7,000, claim to be decedents of the Menashe Tribe that was exiled from the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 721 BCE. ORT has played a vital role in imparting vocational training to students from Mizoram and Manipur for the last 30 years.

Young applicants waited outside ORT office to get their approval for the on-line scholarship. As Malayankar came out, Paprekar whispered "How did it go"? Malayankar replied "That Jirad sahib just does not understand!! He refused!!" All applicants stood up and exclaimed "**He refused!!! Why?!**"

Malayankar explained "He does not want to understand. I told him politely I need Rs. 25,000 for the on-line course and Rs 2,000,000 for the car in which I will listen to the online course and study and drive to work and back!!"

After a long shocked silence, Paprekar finally said "You made a mistake man. You should have asked Jirad sir for petrol expenses too!" and everyone laughed as Malayankar waked away still confused why his scholarship was not approved.

Tisha B'Av

Vaal, the bitter bean. Eaten during Tish'a B'Av
Salome Solomon Eurlkar

Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av (Aug. 10-11, 2019), is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, on which we fast, deprive ourselves and pray. It is the culmination of the Three Weeks, a period of time during which we mark the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem two times on the same day. The First Temple was burned by the Babylonians in 423 BCE ([read more](#)) and the Second Temple fell to the Romans in 70 CE ([read more](#)), unleashing a period of suffering from which our nation has never fully recovered. https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/144575/jewish/What-Is-Tisha-BAv.htm

These beans are cook like dal. Its bitter and delicious. Many first timers don't appear to like its bitter taste but soon they get fond of this unique dish.

2 cups of Vaal
 1 large onion (finely diced)
 1 large tomato (finely diced)
 3 tablespoons garlic & ginger paste
 ½ tsp chili paste or powder
 ½ bundle coriander leaves
 2 tsps. Coriander powder
 1 tsp cumin powder
 ¼ tsp turmeric powder
 Salt to taste
 Oil to cook onions



Three days before:

1. Soak the Vaal in water overnight.
2. Drain the water and let them sprout for 24 hours. Then soak them in water overnight. The skin will loosen. Remove skin and wash the beans.

(The above procedure must be done 3 days prior to cooking the beans). Refrigerate the cleaned beans.

Procedure:

1. Dice onions and cook in oil until golden brown.
2. Add diced tomatoes, garlic, ginger paste and all the above spices and stir till aromas are released.
3. Then add water and let cook for 10 minutes.
4. Add the Vaal and cook until the bean is soft.
5. Garnish with chopped coriander leaves.

Salome (to her Husband in musical tone): Hubby... this Tisha B' Av let us not make bidda. Let us open baked bean tins... After all, val too are beans.

Solomon (who becomes alert as he loves bidda – in equally musical tone): Yes Darling!! Why not? But I will let you know tomorrow!!
 Next day.....

Solomon: Darling, last night Dr. Erulkar, you know my Grand Father had come in my dreams and said he too will be coming to our home this time (Vad-Vadil).

Salome: (cuts in between) Yes, Yes, I understand and your Dr. Erulkar likes bidda

Shaniwar Teli – Cooking

Ronith Allon Kandlekar



Ragi/Finger millet and Chickpea flour Pancakes (Nachni & Besan Chilla)

You will need:

1 small onion, 1 small tomato (seedless), half a carrot, half capsicum, half red bell pepper, 2-3 green chillies, handful of fresh coriander – All of these finely chopped. You can literally take any veggies that you like or have at home.

1 inch of grated ginger. Add all the chopped vegetables to a mixing bowl.

Let's move to the spices you will need:

1/2 tsp of Turmeric powder, 1/4 tsp of each - coriander powder, cumin powder, red chilli powder, 1/2 tsp of slightly crushed carom seeds, Salt as per taste. Add the spices to the bowl with vegetables and mix well.

Other ingredients to add in:

5 tablespoons of Chickpea flour, 2 tablespoons of Ragi flour, 1 tablespoon of Rice flour, 1/4 tsp of baking powder or 1 egg. Mix well. And approximately 1 cup of water or as needed to make the pancake batter consistency.

Our pancake batter is ready!

How to make it??

In a pan, heat some ghee or oil, spread it on the pan. Then take one ladleful of batter and pour it in the center and then start spreading it like a pancake or dosa to the desired thickness and size (preferably as thin as possible). Cover and let it cook for approx. 2-3 mins on low to medium flame. After 2-3 mins, flip it over and let it cook for another 2-3 mins uncovered. Repeat with the remaining batter.

Serve with desired green chutney and ketchup. Kids love it!

For recipe in detail and demo, follow the link: <https://youtu.be/HXgJAFMzNA0>



Mrs. Agarwarkar: Do you still make Bidda on Tisha b'Av?

Mrs. Satamkar: Yes, always. Why?

Mrs. Agarwarkar: Now we live in Canada. Is it not better to open baked bean tins?

Mrs. Satamkar: But you invite the dead (Vad-Vadil) to eat and they don't like baked beans. They want Bidda!

Mrs. Agarwarkar: Oh.... I see...we cook for the dead.





Health

Shulmith Robin Nagavkar
(Shulmith is a great believer in natural remedies)



I would like to introduce you to a cup of tea that can be consumed every day on an empty stomach to improve your health issues. This tea can be made from basic spices we all have in our kitchen.

Before this cup of tea:

First thing in the morning; boil two glasses of water and let it cool to drinking temperature. Drink both glasses of water on an empty stomach. ***This helps to discard dirt accumulation in the intestines.***

Preparation and Consumption of the tea

After 10 mins have this cup of tea.

Ingredients

Water (one and a half cup)

Ginger (one inch of crushed)

Honey (half to one teaspoon)

Ghee (half to one teaspoon)

Turmeric (one fourth teaspoon)

Black pepper (one fourth teaspoon- optional)

Method

1. Boil water with the crushed ginger in it for five minutes. Add turmeric and then black pepper powder and boil for a few more seconds.
- 2 Now water should be around one cup. Pour the tea through a strainer.
3. Add ghee and honey and enjoy your drink.

Have this tea every day in the morning, on an empty stomach, half an hour before breakfast.

NOTE:

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO USE COW GHEE-If you are using Ghee there is no need to put black pepper

Health Benefits of drinking the Tea regularly:

- 1.This tea increases metabolism and helps in reducing weight.
2. Increases immune system of the person and keeps sicknesses away.
3. Keeps the intestinal track clean and oiled
4. Reduces cholesterol.
5. Keeps the nervous system calm as a result controls the BP.
6. Tea is rich in Antioxidants, hence reduces infections in the body.
7. Good for skin. Avoids pimples, rashes, etc.
8. Good for Cold and Cough
9. Boosts energy level.
10. Works as a good Appetizer.

GINGER

Rich in Vitamin C, Potassium, Magnesium and Sodium.

Ginger is anti-inflammatory, helps in detoxifying the body, blood thinner, eliminates flatulence, boosts the immune system, is excellent for common Viruses, reduces Rheumatoid arthritis pain and many other medicinal properties.

TURMERIC

Is also an Anti-inflammatory and contains Bio active compounds known as CURCUMIN with powerful medical properties. It is very slow in being absorbed into the bloodstream and hence usually mixed with black pepper or a Good type of fats e.g. COW GHEE; so it can be easily absorbed.

HONEY

Honey is rich in Antioxidants, helps reduce High blood pressure, improves Cholesterol, can reduce Triglycerides, can reduce cough, and is preferred more than Sugar.

GHEE

Source of Good Fat, Source of energy, Good for Proper Functioning of the heart, Keeps constipation at bay. Contains Omega 3, fatty acids along with vitamin C and it also contains fat soluble Vitamins and aids in weight loss. Good for the Hair and skin.

Letter on Jewish Agency letterhead (No Signature)

There is a letter circulating on social media that is printed below as it is related to Bene-Israel community. The letter is not signed by any authority of the Jewish Agency so we don't take any responsibility of authenticity of this letter. At the request of few readers we have written to the Jewish Agency to confirm if they have issued this letter. We have not received a reply so far.



Shalom,

In the past months the world has been dealing with the outbreak of Covid-19. The Indian Jewish community has been seriously affected, not being able to facilitate Aliyah due to extensive quarantine regulations, flight cancellations and a general shutdown of services.

Due to the situation many of you feel uncertainty in relation to your personal Aliyah options. We are sending this email to try and assure you that the Jewish Agency is still here together with our volunteers Oren Benjamin and Shirley Palkar. We are here to provide guidance and support.

The flight situation is being monitored and once we start returning to normal, we will commence scheduling Aliyah flights into Israel. We are also in contact with the foreign ministry. If there is an option to get seats on any of the rescue flights we will do so.

Please note that Aliyah interviews didn't take place in the last months as the Israeli consulate was unable to provide support. As we are unable to conduct face to face interviews, we will be holding Zoom interviews but that requires each applicant to send in original documents to the Israeli consulate. The Israeli consulate is slowly returning to working in office. Once we confirm that they may receive original documents we will start booking interviews.

A kind request: we are experiencing an extraordinary situation. This causes great stress. To make sure you get the best service we must maintain orderly communication. We strongly advise you contact our volunteers: **Shirley Palkar and Oren Benjamin** for assistance. Please feel free to reach them at:

Shirley Palkar
shirleypalkar@gmail.com

Oren Benjamin
orenbenz2@gmail.com

if necessary, you may also contact our global center at: gci-en@jafi.org or via phone: 000127 code 2096

Our volunteers Shirley and Oren will be in contact with you with updates about interviews.

For those of you whose Aliyah visas are due to expire we will make sure to assist in reissuing visas.



He seemed to be the scapegoat for everything he did to help others

Sad Sack Cartoon

Festivals



Did you know this about New Year?

1. Surprise! Rosh Hashanah does not mean “New Year” in Hebrew. It means “Head of the Year.”
2. The central observance of Rosh Hashanah is listening to the blowing of the shofar on both mornings of Rosh Hashanah up to 100 “voices”.
3. When Rosh Hashanah coincides with Shabbat, we do not blow the shofar on that day
4. The Jewish calendar follows a rhythm. The first morning of Rosh Hashanah can be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Shabbat—never Sunday, Wednesday or Friday
5. On both days of Rosh Hashanah we read about the life of Isaac. On the first day we read about G-d granting Sarah’s wish and blessing her with a son, Isaac. On the second day we read how Abraham almost sacrificed him on an altar.
6. On the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah (provided it is not Shabbat), it is customary to walk to a body of fresh water and recite a special prayer, symbolically casting our sins into the waters.
https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/3743979/jewish/17-Rosh-Hashanah-Facts-Every-Jew-Should-Know.htm

Did you know this about Yom Kippur?

1. The fast is not only from food and drink, but also from sexual relations, wearing leather, or using perfumes.
2. In the Biblical era, two goats were chosen by lotteries. One was ritually sacrificed to atone for the sins of the people, and the other, as an act of purification, was driven off into the wilderness, and some say over a cliff. This was, of course, the “scape-goat.”
3. This evening service has a special name: Kol Nidrei, which is also the name of the most important Yom Kippur evening prayer. In it, God is asked to annul and forgive all oaths made under pressure. This is a reference to the religious oaths made in eras when Jews were forced to convert, usually to Christianity, or die.
4. It is customary to wear all white as a symbol of purity and of a new start. Even the Torah scrolls have special white mantles (coverings) for the High Holy Days.
<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/86969/10-things-you-might-not-know-about-yom-kippur>

Question: Can someone explain why the Parasha "Shelach" is read in Israel and in other countries Parasha "Behaalotecha". Shulmith Solomon Charikar

Answer: All over the world there are extra days added to the high holidays. Shavout was 1 day for us, but all around the world it was 2 days. This year it was Friday and Saturday. Only in Israel Shabbat was a regular Shabbat and we read the regular Parasha. Rest of the world, they had to read the portion of Hag Shavuot. So, this shabbat they must read Behaalotecha. So, this is one of the reasons we have 2 Parasha connected. All over the world, will have a Parasha connected while we will read only one. By end of the year, we all will be ending and then starting with the same Parasha. By Norman Solomon

Global Bene Israel Youth Network

Hi all, I Ariella Daniels am a Bene Israeli born and raised in Canada. I have co-founded a "Bene Israeli Youth Network" with Osrat Samuel.

We have created a Facebook group to bring together Bene Israelis ages 18-36.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GBIYN/>

This platform will be used to connect BI youth from around the world and provide them an opportunity to network, connect with their local community and learn about their customs, history and heritage. We will be posting original content every week and encourage members to contribute. There is a lot being planned. This is a network created and run by youth, for youth. If you are within these demographics, please join with this link and please forward this to those you know. Message Osrah or I if you have any inquiries.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GBIYN/>



Learn to read Aleinu עלינו: <https://youtu.be/Lf0ZDAvYInU>

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Gabriel Project:-HELP

Dear Leo,
Please let your readers know;
Times of India, the largest English daily in the world, this week published an investigative report on the GPM COVID-19 Emergency Response in the slums of Mumbai.

Read the article [HERE](#).

You can **donate** [HERE](#) to the Emergency COVID-19 Response fund: https://rootfunding.com/campaigns/gpm_corona_virus_campaign

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

Jacob Sztokman
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[Click here to help families during COVID19 ›](#)

SUNDAY TIMES OF INDIA, MUMBAI

JUNE 21, 2020

Kalwa's 1.5L slum residents fear hunger, not Covid-19

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Mumbai: Coronavirus has not been the only killer in this lockdown. Another fallout has been starvation or extreme lack of food, witnessed in distressful sights and reports of people in teeming slums of Kalwa, a distant north central suburb between Thane and Mumbai, chafing in hunger and despair. Overcrowding, poor sanitation, hygiene-related illnesses — life was a struggle in labyrinthine shanties of Kalwa long before the virus came. The slum may have escaped the brunt of Covid-19



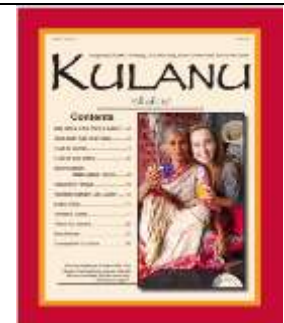
Jamila Bano Sheikh, a 30-year-old widow, with her five children

Did You Know About Madras Jews, Pathans, Pashtuns (Afridi) of India?

Follow the link: <https://kulanu.org/communities/india/>

About Kulanu: Kulanu means “all of us” in Hebrew. We seek to create an inclusive Jewish world. Founded in 1994, we support isolated, emerging, and returning Jewish communities around the world. Some are discovering Judaism for the first time, others reinvigorating a forgotten practice, but all have experienced some kind of disconnection from global Jewry. We raise awareness and support to assist these groups with their desire to learn more about Judaism and connect with Jews beyond their community. The connections we forge — through education, research, networking, fundraising, sustainable development, and publications — help “all of us” to enrich our Jewish lives.

Our backgrounds are diverse in terms of location and denomination, but we are bound by a common commitment to developing Judaism and Jewish life for all who seek this for themselves. You can [meet our team](#) here and learn about [our partner communities](#) here. We encourage you to join “all of us” by [getting involved with Kulanu!](#)



<https://kulanu.org/wp-content/uploads/magazines/2020-spring.pdf>

Did you know that Elvis Presley was Jewish?



He passed away 43 years ago on August 16, 1977. On the Hebrew calendar the date was the second day in the Hebrew month of Elul, 5737. Why a "yahrzeit" for Elvis? As unusual as it may seem, a little known fact about Elvis Presley is that, by the Jewish law of matrilineal descent, Elvis Presley was Jewish. (<https://www.rabbibarbara.com/elvis-presley-jewish/>)



Nudie Cohn, Glittery Jewish Tailor to Elvis Presley was Jewish; a Ukrainian Jewish immigrant. Country stars weren't the only people who fell in love with Nudie's designs. He was responsible for the \$10,000 gold lamé suit Elvis Presley wore on the cover of "50,000,000 Elvis Fans Can't Be Wrong." Other customers included John Lennon, Elton John, Cher, and Ronald Reagan. He also did costuming for many Western film stars, including John Wayne, Roy Rogers, and Dale Evans.

(<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwJWXVCmFCBVZzDkbgTWmHRCwxK>) (Courtesy: Sam & Erna Daniels Diveker)

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प्रिय वाचकहो,

बेने-इस्त्राएल समाजाची मातृभाषा म्हणजे मराठी. आपल्याला आपल्या पुर्वजांकडून मिळालेली ही वारसागत भाषा आहे. आपण ज्यू असलो तरीही आपली मूळ ओळख ही बेने-इस्त्राएल आहे आणि ती आपल्या जेवण, राहाणीमान, व आपल्या भाषेतून झळकते.

आजच्या आपल्या ह्या पिढीत, मराठी वाचक व लेखक कमी झाले आहेत. त्यांची संख्या वाढविण्यासाठी आणि मराठी भाषेची रुची पुन्हा निर्माण करण्यासाठी, 'शनिवार तेली' च्या ह्या आवृत्ती पासून आम्ही मराठी लेखांचा समावेश करित आहोत.

आपल्या समाजातील मराठी वाचक व लेखकांचे विचार सर्वांस पोचवीण्यास आमचा खारीचा वाटा.

लिओरा पेरेस पेझारकर



इस्त्रायलमध्ये महाराष्ट्र सांस्कृतिक केंद्र उभारणार

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बांधवांचा
पुढाकार

। चंद्रशेखर वर्मा

नवी दिल्ली : महाराष्ट्राच्या संस्कृतीशी जुळलेली नाळ पिढ्यान्पिढ्या कायम ठेवण्यासाठी इस्त्राईलमधील मराठी ज्यूंनी सांस्कृतिक केंद्र आणि म्युझियम बांधण्याचा निर्णय घेतला आहे. हे केंद्र रामले या शहरात उभारले जाणार असून, नगरपालिकेचे अध्यक्ष मिखाईल विदाल यांनी यासाठी जागा देण्याचे आश्वासन दिले आहे.

अखिल इस्त्राईल-भारतीय ज्यू संघटनेचे माजी अध्यक्ष नोहा मस्सील यांनी जेरुसलेमहून 'पुण्यनगरी'शी बोलताना सांगितले की, इस्त्राईलमधील भारतीय ज्यू बांधवांनी रामले या शहरात सांस्कृतिक केंद्र आणि म्युझियम उभारण्याचा निर्णय घेतला आहे. यासंदर्भात रामले शहराचे कॉर्पोरेटर रोनेन रोटनबर्ग यांच्या नेतृत्वात ज्यू संघटनेच्या पदाधिकाऱ्यांनी रामले नगरपालिकेचे अध्यक्ष मिखाईल विदाल

यांची नुकतीच भेट घेतली. या शिटर्मंडळीत संघटनेचे अध्यक्ष मिखाईल सातामकर, सचिव रेमंड भास्तेकर, सदस्य सिमखा बिरवाडकर आणि नाओमी शफरीर तसेच



भारतीय ज्यूंचे इतिहासकार निस्सीम मोजेस यांचा समावेश होता.

इस्त्राईलमधील भारतीय ज्यूंच्या पिढ्यांना महाराष्ट्राची संस्कृती आणि परंपरेचे दर्शन घडविणाऱ्या सांस्कृतिक केंद्राला प्रशासनाचा पूर्ण पाठिंबा असून यासाठी लागणारी जागा रामले नगरपालिकेच्या वतीने दिली जाईल,

असे आश्वासन अध्यक्ष मिखाईल विदाल यांनी दिले आहे. मस्सील यांनी सांगितले की, ज्यू ३५०० वर्षांपूर्वी भारतात आले होते. इस्त्राईल हा देश अस्तित्वात आल्यानंतर ज्यूंनी मोठ्या प्रमाणावर देशांतर केले. महाराष्ट्र आणि भारताच्या अन्य भागांतून आलेल्यांची संख्या ५० हजारांवर पोहोचली आहे. साठ-सत्तरच्या दशकात आलेली माणसं आता वृद्ध झाली आहेत. त्यांची नवीन पिढी इस्त्राईलमध्ये जन्माला आली आहे. महाराष्ट्राची ही प्रेमळ संस्कृती आणि उदारतेची जाणीव आमच्या भावी पिढींना सुध्दा व्हावी, अशी आमची भावना आहे. यासाठी रामले शहरात एक सांस्कृतिक केंद्र आणि म्युझियम बांधण्याचा निर्णय ज्यू बांधवांनी घेतला आहे. इस्त्राईलमध्ये जगातील ७० देशांतून ज्यू आले आहेत. यातील बहुतांश देशांचे सांस्कृतिक केंद्र उभारण्यात आले आहे. आता भारतीय ज्यूंचे सांस्कृतिक केंद्र व्हावे, अशी इच्छा आहे.

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'बेने-इस्राएल' समाज 175 B.C. (इसवीसनापूर्व) वर्षा पूर्वी इस्राएल (पूर्वीचा 'कनान' प्रांत) मधुन व्यापार निमित्त निघालेले ते 'ह्यावर्त' लोक ज्याची वोट कोठणात 'नवगाव' गावी समुद्र किनाऱ्या नजदीक पुढच्या कारणाने आणी नंतर तेथेच वस्ती करून राहिले. पुढे काही वर्षांत मुंबई, पुणे, अहमदाबाद, कलकत्ता, कोचीन, दिल्ली आणी पुढे ब्रिटिश काळात इंग्लंडला येऊन येथे येथे आणी ह. आफ्रिकेत एवढे येथे येथे स्थिर झाले. असे सांगितले जाते कींवा तशा अर्थव्यापार आहे की 700 B.C. (इसवीसनापूर्वी) काळातील इस्राएल मधील राजा सोलोन याने भारता प्रमाणे तेथील 'यहुदी' लोकांची वर्गवारी केली होती. 1) प्रथम म्हणजे 'कोलानिम' जे धार्मिक कार्य चालवु शकतात, 2) द्वितीय म्हणजे 'सैनिक' वर्ग जे राष्ट्राचे संरक्षण करून 'सोलोन' राजाचे साम्राज्य परसवण्याच्या कामी येतील. 3) तृतीय-वागी म्हणजे व्यापारी वर्ग जेणे करून पहिल्या

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पवित्र मंदिराच्या बांधकामासाठी (नंतर दुसऱ्या पवित्र मंदिराच्या बांधकामासाठी) या वर्गाला 'सोलोन' राजा देशाबाहेर पाठवून बांधकामा बाबत लागणारी सामग्री आणी महत्वाची माहिती गोळा करून आणण्यासाठी त्यांना परदेशी पाठवायचा, आणी चौथ्या वर्गा म्हणजे 'ग्रामीक वर्ग' जो मजबुत राष्ट्राच्या कमारणीची झुपा सांगताना. त्यानंतर 'सोलोन' राजाच्या स्वर्गासमोरील ही राज्यपद्धतीच्या राजांनी पुढे चालु ठेवली. म्हणून या राज्यपद्धतीचा भाग म्हणून 2000 वर्षांपूर्वी इस्राएल मधुन निघालेले 'ह्यावर्त' ज्यू व्यापारी लोक कोठण 'नवगाव' येथे झाले व इथे आपल्यापासून ते आपली प्रार्थना 'येरुशलम'च्या पवित्र मंदिराच्या दिशेने कर्तुन राहिले. या सर्वकाळात भारतात या समाजाला चांगली वागवु शकिली आणी जात्याच 'ज्यू' लोक अनेकदा स्वतःच परिस्थितीतून वर येतात हे सर्व जगप्रसिद्ध आहे. पण तरीही भारतात त्यांना जे संस्कार मिळाले ते भारतीय आचार-विचाराने ग्रीक; इत्या संस्कृतीचा फार मोठा भाग आहे. 'यक्ति-शास्त्रात' (Tith) सांगितले आहे.

की आदि-बापाचा सम्मान करा पण त्याचे
खरे प्रात्यक्षिक आम्हाला भारतीय संस्कृतीने
दाखवून दिले आणि हे भारतीय संस्कृतीचे
आहेत की त्यामुळे आम्ही आमचे फक्त आदि-
बाबा नाही तर आपल्या पेक्षा मोठी असणारी
प्रत्येक व्यक्ती आणि गुणगुण यांचा मान राखू
राखलो. त्या काळी सुरवातीला भारतात आम्ही
आमची मंदिरे (ग्रामिनालये) उभारली नव्हती,
पण असे काही कीर्तनकार (स्वतः दामिनी चींवा
दामिनीच्या शयनाद्वारे समजावण्याची पद्धत)
समाजात पुढे आले आणि त्यामुळे आम्हाला
आमचा दामिनी व दामिनी-विषयी समजु जागला,
ते सर्व जोपासता आले. नंतर पुढे ब्रिटिश
भारतात आले आणि त्या काळात अनेक यहुदी-
मंदिरे (ग्रामिनालये Synagogues) आम्ही बांधून
घेतली.

'वेने इस्त्राएल' समाजाच्या 2000
वर्षात अनेक पिढ्या भारतात आल्या. वारंवार
मनात येत की काही तरी चांगले शिक्षण-
साठीच तर परमेश्वराने आम्हाला भारतात आणले
नसेल ना? कारण भारत सोडून जमुना लोकांना
जगात सर्वत्र अपमान, अनेक ताल अपेक्षा व

यातना भोगायला लागल्या व अशी त्या
गोष्टींच्या विरुद्ध भारतात 'वेने इस्त्राएल'
समाजाला जन्माने भारतीय असल्या कारणाने
सर्व नागरिकांच्या सवलती मिळाल्या आणि
समाजातील अनेकांनी दोन ते तीन शैक्षणिक
पद्धत्या मिळविल्या. भारतात ज्यु समाजाला सामा-
जिक भेदभावाची इतक कधीच लागली नाही.

पुढे 1948 मध्ये 'इस्त्राएल'
राष्ट्राचा स्वातंत्र्य मिळाले आणि राष्ट्राच्या
उभारणी साठी 80 हून जास्त देशांच्या ज्यूंना
भरतीची हाक देण्यात आली. पितृभूमीच्या
उभारणीत 'वेने इस्त्राएल' समाजाने कर्तव्यापोटी
इस्त्राएलला स्वतंत्र करण्याचे ठरविले. परतीच्या
प्रवासात सन्तान 'मरछी' असलेला 'वेने इस्त्राएल'
समाज हस्त्यातही इस्त्राएल आणि भारत असे
दोन कप्प्यात विभागलेला व ते करताना त्या
मरछी (भारतीय) मातृभूमी चींवा जन्मभूमीचे
त्रुणी आहेत असे भरल्या डोळ्यांनी भारताच्या
प्रती प्रेम आदराची भावना बाळगून जगतो आहे.
हेतूकून हेवाकडे जाताना देश लागतो
आणि या देशाचे आपण दोन लागतो, हेच
'जुना जूद'.

थळमध्ये (ता. अलिबाग, जि. रायगड) पहिले वाहिले शनिवार तेली/बेने इस्राएल संग्रहालय



हे बेने इस्राएल ऐतिहासिक घर आहे जिथे ☆ □ बेने इस्राएल भोनकर कुटुंबाच्या पिढ्या नांदल्या. आपल्यापैकी बऱ्याच जणांनी भोनकर कुटुंबाला ह्या घरी भेट दिली आहे. श्री. आशेर भोनकर ज्यांना एडन हून परतल्याने समाजात आणि गावात "एडनवाला" म्हणून ओळखायचे त्यांनी ही जमिन कुटुंबियांसाठी विकत घेतली. त्यांची पत्नी रिबेका आणि त्यांची तीन मुले लेवी, बेत्सालेल, ज्यूली आणि त्यानंतर लेवी ह्यांची तिन्ही मुले - रुएल, हेरझेल आणि रोनेन ह्याच घरात वाढली. प्रसिद्ध दिवाणी वकिल हेरझेल ह्यांना बेने इस्राएल समाजाविषयी खूप आत्मियता आहे. सदर घराचे रायगडात 2200 वर्षे रहात असलेल्या बेने इस्राएल समाजाला वाहिलेले संग्रहालय करावे असा विचार ते सध्या करत आहेत. ह्याच हेतूने सध्या ते ऐतिहासिक वस्तू उदा. बैलाद्वारा चालवित असलेला तेलचा घाणा, उपयुक्त भांडी, धार्मिक पुस्तके, ऐतिहासिक छायाचित्रे, दागिने इत्यादी वस्तू जमवित आहेत.



वंशावळ यात्रा

(My Family-Roots Trip)

यामित डॅनियल्स वालवटकर (हिब्रू पासून अनुवादित)



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आयुष्यात प्रथमच गेल्या वर्षाच्या
(२०१७) नोव्हेंबर महिन्यात मी इंडीयाना (भारतात)
जाऊन आले. अनेक मिश्रीत सुगंध, विविध रंग,
अनेक प्रकारचे ध्वनी, मनात सविश्र मूल्या,
गरिबी आणि श्रीमंतीचे दृश्य. कधीच मर
न दिलेल्या अश्या अनेकशा विविधतेतून
पोहोचणे होते. पण तरीही या जागेची अस्मिता
निवडीत संबंध स्थापन जाणवला. आपल्याच



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घरी आपल्याची जाणीव आली. एका भारतातून
इज्राएलला स्थलांतरित झालेल्या माता-पित्याची
मी मुलगी, असेच कसोने झाल्या जेव्हा-
स्वयंपाकाची प्राथमिक ओळख, संगीत, गाणी,
संस्कृती, भाषा, रोजच्या वापरात उपयुक्त वस्तू-
पिस्तान याची माहिती होती पण तसिली अतिशय
प्रबल अस्मितेच्या या प्रेक्षणे मला विचार करा-
यला मला पाडेने कि अजुन मला काहीच सम-

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जणे नव्हते, अजुन आपल्या मर्यादा, शुद्ध-रक्ष-
मय व अतीशय सुंदर संस्कृतीचे दृश्य आले.
नव्हते ते मला तरी नव्हते नव्हते.

इज्राएलला परत आले तेच मुळे
इसे 'जड' होऊन कि मला भारतात परत
सुसा जाऊन कुटुंबीय-वंशावळीचा अभ्यास
करायला हवा. माझी अशी आवण आहो. ज्या
व्यक्तीला आपला मूलकाल ओळखता आला नाही
त्याला भविष्य नाही आणि हेतु-परस्पर

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इज्राएली म्हणून समजणे कि इसे चढी
नाही कि इज्राएल मध्ये माझा
जन्म झाला म्हणून माझी मातृभूमी इज्राएल
आहे तर ज्या पद्धतीने मला
माझ्या माता-पित्याने इज्राएल मध्ये माझे
संगोपन केले म्हणून आज भारताही मला
माझी जन्मभूमी आहे इसे वाटते. म्हणूनच

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सर्व लक्षण लक्षणींना माझा निरोप (सल्ला)
आहे कि त्यांनी चौकस राहून आपण कुठून
आलो हे समजून घेणे आवश्यक आहे आणि
इसे करतांना तो बघा इज्राएली म्हणून आपली
ओळख हेड बाळो. आपल्या मनी आवुन आणि
वाढरूनही अतिशय सुंदर अस्मितेच्या आपल्या
संस्कृतीचा आहो आणि अतिमान बाळगावा.

दानीएल डॅनियल्स भोणकर यांनी अनुवादित केले

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नचनी आणि चणा पिठाचा डोसा

साहित्य:

१ छोटा कांदा, १ छोटा टोमॅटो (बियाणे नसलेला), अर्धा गाजर, अर्धी शिमला मिरची, अर्धी लाल शिमला मिरची, २-३ हिरव्या मिरच्या, मूठभर ताजी कोथिंबीर - हे सर्व बारीक चिरून घ्या. आपल्या आवडीनुसार भाज्या आपण घेऊ शकता
१ इंच किसलेले आले
एका वाडग्यात सर्व चिरलेल्या भाज्या घाला
१/२ टीस्पून हळद, प्रत्येकी पाव चमचा - धणे पावडर, जिरेपूड, लाल तिखट, १/२ टीस्पून हलके वाटलेले ओवा, चवीनुसार मीठ, भाज्यांच्या वाडग्यात मसाले घाला आणि चांगले मिक्स करावे
५ मोठे चमचे चनाचे पीठ, २ मोठे चमचे नचनीचे पीठ, एक मोठा चमचा तांदळाचे पीठ, १/४ टीस्पून बोकॅंग पावडर किंवा १ अंडे, चांगले मिसळा, अंदाजे १ कप पाणी किंवा आवश्यकतेनुसार डोसा मिश्रण तयार आ हे!

बनविण्याची पद्धत:

तव्यामध्ये थोडे तूप किंवा तेल गरम करून पॅनवर पसरवा. नंतर एक मोठा चमचा मिश्रण भरा आणि ते मध्यभागी ओता आणि नंतर पॅनकॅक किंवा डोसासारखे इच्छित जाडी आणि आकारात पसरवा (शक्यतो शक्य तितके पातळ). झाकून ठेवा आणि जवळजवळ २-३ मिनिटे कमी ते मध्यम आचेवर शिजू द्या.

२-३ मिनिटेनंतर, पलटून घ्या व अजून २-३ मिनिटे शिजू द्या. उरलेल्या मिश्रणाने डोसा तयार करा

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बंधू भगिनीनो,

आपल्या आजूबाजूला पहात असताना, जगातील कोपऱ्यात कोलमडलेले एक विश्व आपल्याला दिसते. कित्येक राष्ट्रे मतभेदाने आणि असुरक्षिततेने ग्रासले आहेत, काही ठिकाणी आरोग्याची परिस्थिती आणि आर्थिक परिस्थिती भयावह होऊन बसली आहे. सर्वजण भविष्य अस्पष्ट आहे, आंत्य व बाह्य जोरामुळे सर्वकाही ढासळून गेल्यासारखे जाणवतेय.

येथे एरेत्स इसराएलमध्ये परिस्थिती विशेषतः कठीण आहे, आपल्या विरोधींकडून दबाव आणि धोके वाढत आहेत. राष्ट्र अंतर्गतदृष्ट्या, मोठ्या पेचात आहे. तोरा समाज आणि त्यांवरील परिमाणकारकतेवर सतत हल्ला होत आहे.

तथापि, आम्ही तोराच्या अथक परिश्रमातून आपल्या लोकांचे रक्षण करण्यासाठी आपल्या जबाबदाऱ्या पार पाडण्यासाठी आणि माशियाह लवकरच येऊन हिलूल हाश्शेम व गासाचा अंत करील अशी प्रार्थना करत, आपल्या सर्वांचा एमूना व बिताहोनची पातळी वाढवण्याच्या प्रयत्नांत आहोत.

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मी स्वतःला माझा परिचय करून देण्याची संधी प्रथम घेऊ इच्छितो. इसराएल राष्ट्रास स्थायीक होण्याआधी, मी "ऑल इंडिया ज्यूईश फेडरेशन" मध्ये संयुक्त सचिव म्हणून तर, "बेने इसराएल कॉन्फरन्स एज्युकेशन फंड", आणि "युनायटेड सिनेगॉग ऑफ इंडिया" या संस्थेसाठी कार्यकारी समिती सदस्य होतो, व अशा भारतातील अनेक संस्थेसाठी काम केलेले आहे. मी "आर्मी ऑफ हायसेम" ह्या संघटनेचा तोरा अभ्यास संचालक तर होतोच, पण त्याव्यतिरिक्त मुंबईच्या "कुर्ला बेने इसराएल" प्रार्थनालयासाठी सन्माननीय सचिव आणि माननीय हाज्जान म्हणून कित्येक वर्षे कार्यरत सेवेत होतो.

१९९५ साली इसराएल राष्ट्रात स्थायीक झाल्यापासून, येरुशालेम येथे येथील्लोथमध्ये तोराचे ज्ञान संपादन करीत असताना, मी जम्मूरातील माझे भारतीय बेने इसराएल विशेषतः इसराएल, भारत, ब्रिटन, कॅनडा, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, आणि अमेरिका येथील माझ्या बांधवांची सेवा करणे, मी कर्तव्यनिष्ठता मानली. अनेक वर्षे येरुशालेम येथील कोलेल्लमध्ये तोरा व तलमुदाचे ज्ञान संपादन करता-करता, रोज कोलेल्लने मजला "स्मीहा" (Rabbinical Ordination) पदवी प्रदान करून, येरुशालेम येथे "बिनयान इसराएल इंस्टीट्यूट" नावाची संस्था स्थापन करून, बेने इसराएल बांधवांस मदत, व सहाय्य म्हणून तसेच त्यांची धार्मिक जागृकता पातळी वाढविण्यास आवाहन केले.

त्याचप्रमाणे आपणही एक आपल्या भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाचे सदस्य आहात कि, जो भारतीय यहूदांच्या महत्वाच्या गरजा आणि आपल्या वेगळ्या बेने इसराएल समाजाच्या ओळखीचे पालनपोषण आणि सखोलतेचे महत्व जाणत आहात व त्याचे कीतुक नक्की करत आहात.

म्हणूनच, आमच्याकडील क्रियाकल्प आणि प्रकाशनाविषयी बातम्या सामायिक करण्यासाठी तुम्हाकडे वळून, आपल्या समाजाबद्दल विचार आणि त्यासाठी आपली मदत, सूचना आणि अभिप्राय आपणास विचारत आहोत.

मागील काही वर्षात, आम्ही आपल्या समाजासाठी खालील कित्येक पुस्तके प्रकाशित केलेली आहेत, ती येथेप्रमाणे :

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- १) 'हान्गादा शेल पेसाह' - ओत्सरोथ हाव्थीम - हालाखोथ व परंपरेचे मराठीमध्ये अर्थासहित व उच्चारसहित भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजासाठी संकलीत.
- २) 'सिदुर लेल शब्बाथ' - मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित.

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- ३) 'सिदुर लेयोम शब्बाथ' - जाहरीथ, मुसाफ, मिन्हा प्रार्थना.

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- ४) 'सेफेर तेहिल्लीम' - मराठी अर्थासहित व उच्चारसहित तसेच मूळ हिब्रु लिपीसमवेत, भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजासाठी.

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- ५) 'सिदुर शेल शब्बाथ' - मराठीमध्ये अर्थासहित व त्यातील उपदेशात्मक माहिती, हालाखोथ इंग्रजी व मराठीमध्ये, भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाच्या चालिरितीप्रमाणे.

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- ६) 'सुयविरुन धन्यवाद' - हिब्रु, मराठी, व इंग्रजी उच्चारामध्ये तसेच त्यातील उपदेशात्मक माहिती, हालाखोथ हिब्रु, इंग्रजी व मराठीमध्ये भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाच्या चालिरितीप्रमाणे.
- ७) 'घलुती समारंभ' - हिब्रु तथा मराठीमध्ये व त्यातील उपदेशात्मक माहिती, हालाखोथ इंग्रजी व मराठीमध्ये भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाच्या चालिरितीप्रमाणे.
- ८) 'सेफेर सेलिहोथ' - मराठी अर्थासहित व उच्चारसहित तसेच मूळ हिब्रु लिपी व डी.वी.डी. समवेत, भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजासाठी.

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- ९) 'सेफेर हालाखा लिबने इसराएल - यलकूत योसेफ' - चार भागांमध्ये - शुल्हान आरुख प्रकरणाच्या मांडणीवर आधारित तसेच भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाच्या स्टीचे, व तेथील धार्मिक परंपरेचे समावेश असलेले.

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- १०) 'सेफेर तेफिल्लोथ बेराखोथ उबक्काजोथ' - मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित.
- ११) 'सेफेर हुप्पा वेकिदुशीन' - भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाच्या चालिरितीप्रमाणे.

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- १२) 'पेरक शिरा' - मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित.
- १३) 'सिदुर कोल बेने इसराएल' - (पहिली व दुसरी आवृत्ती) सेफेर हालाखा लिबने इसराएल - यलकूत योसेफ प्रकरणाच्या मांडणीवर आधारित तसेच भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाच्या स्टीचे, व तेथील धार्मिक परंपरेचे समाविष्ट. तसेच ह्या सिदुरीमध्ये भारत व इसराएलमधील प्रार्थनालयांचे रीत फोटो सुद्धा आहेत.

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- १४) 'सिदुर आहाव्हाथ बेने इसराएल' - भाग पहिले व दुसरे - अर्थासहित व हिब्रुचे मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित तसेच उपदेशात्मक माहिती हालाखोथ व चालिरिती इंग्रजी व मराठीमध्ये तथा मूळ हिब्रु अक्षरांसमवेत भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजासाठी.
- १५) 'सेफेर तेहिल्लीम' - मराठी उच्चारसहित.
- १६) 'सेफेर मलिदा' - भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजाची अद्वितीय पारंपारीक स्टी.

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- १७) 'सेफेर बेराखोथ कोल बेने इसराएल' - अर्थासहित व हिब्रुचे मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित तसेच उपदेशात्मक माहिती इंग्रजी व मराठीमध्ये तथा मूळ हिब्रु अक्षरांसमवेत भारतीय बेने इसराएल समाजासाठी.

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- १८) 'सेफेर जिखीर' - हिब्रुचे मराठीमध्ये उच्चार तसेच उपदेशात्मक माहिती हालाखोथ व चालीरिती सुतकी कार्यातील, हिब्रु, इंग्रजी व मराठीमध्ये तथा मूळ हिब्रु अक्षरांसमवेत भारतीय बने इसराएल समाजासाठी.
- १९) 'हामिशा हुमजे तोरा' - मराठी उच्चारसहित.

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- २०) 'तिकून हाकेलाली' - मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित व अर्थसहित.

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- २१) 'सिदूर कोल बेने इसराएल' - (तिसरी आवृत्ती) सेफेर हालाखा लिबने इसराएल - यलकृत योसेफ प्रकरणाच्या मांडणीवर आधारित. तसेच भारतीय बने इसराएल समाजाच्या रुढीचे, व तेथील धार्मिक परंपरेचे समाविष्ट असलेले. तसेच ह्या सिदूरीमध्ये भारत व इसराएलमधील प्रार्थनालयांचे जवळ-जवळ ७२ रीती फोटो सुध्दा आहेत.
- २२) 'तेफिल्लाथ मिनाहा' - मराठी अर्थसहित व उच्चारसहित तसेच मूळ हिब्रु लिपी समवेत.
- २३) 'सेफेर लाशोन हाकोदेज' - प्राथमिक हिब्रुचे पुस्तक मराठी तसेच इंग्रजी भाषिकांकरिता भारतीय बने इसराएल समाजासाठी संकलीत.
- २४) 'तग्यादा शेल पेसाह' - कोल बेने इसराएल - भारतीय बने इसराएल समाजाच्या प्रथेनुसार संकलित.
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- २५) 'तोराचे वाचन उमफतीर वेहाफतारा - रोज हाशाना' - अर्थसहित व हिब्रुचे मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित लिहीलेले तथा मूळ हिब्रु अक्षरांसमवेत.
- २६) 'तोराचे वाचन उमफतीर वेहाफतारा - योम किप्पूर' - अर्थसहित व हिब्रुचे मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित लिहीलेले तथा मूळ हिब्रु अक्षरांसमवेत.
- २७) 'तोराचे वाचन उमफतीर वेहाफतारा - सुक्कोथ, होल हामोएद, होशाना राब्बा, शेमिनी आत्सेरेथ-सिमहाथ तोरा' - अर्थसहित व हिब्रुचे मराठीमध्ये उच्चारसहित लिहीलेले तथा मूळ हिब्रु अक्षरांसमवेत.
- २८) 'सेफेर मोआदीम' - पेसाह, शावुओथ, सुक्कोथ, शेमिनी आत्सेरेथ-सिमहाथ तोरा ह्या सणांची प्रार्थना. भारतीय बने इसराएल समाजासाठी संकलित मराठी भाषेच्या लिपीत लिहीलेली.
- २९) 'सेफेर मलिदा' - (दुसरी आवृत्ती) भारतीय बने इसराएल समाजाची अतिथीय पारंपारीक रुढी.

आमच्या वरील नमुदीपर प्रत्येक प्रकाशनाचे काळजीपूर्वक परिष्करण केलेले असून, इसराएलमधील तोरा हाखामीम (तोरा विद्वानांनी) कडून त्यास प्रमाण्यत्रक सुध्दा प्राप्त झालेले आहे. तसेच साधारणतः मी जेथे आवश्यक तेथे आपल्या समाजातील वरिष्ठ मंडळींशी विचार विनिमय करूनच अशा पुस्तकांची घडवण करीत असतो. प्रत्येक प्रकाशनात हालाखाचा आणि आपल्या बने इसराएल मिनाहामशी एकनिष्ठता राखण्याचा प्रयत्न केलेला असून, त्याच अनुषंगाने हाखामीमची मान्यता पणे देखील प्रत्येक प्रकाशनात आपणास दृष्टीस पडतील.

हे लक्षात घेतले पाहिजे की, आमच्या प्रकाशनांना न्यू यॉर्क येथील माननीय शेम्एल आणि मान्यास्पद एरना विवर दानिएल (दिवेकर) जे आपल्या समाजाचे ज्येष्ठ सदस्य आहेत, यांचे पाठबळ व प्रोत्साहन आम्हास वेळोवेळी लाभले. त्यांच्यातर्फे प्रत्येक प्रकाशनास त्यांच्या कुटुंबातील महत्त्व सदस्यांच्या सन्मानास्पद ही मदत समर्पित केली गेली. माननीय दानिएल हे अमेरिकेतील "कॉंग्रेसन बीना ऑफ अमेरिका" संस्थेचे संस्थापक सदस्य होते. तसेच ते त्यांच्या "कोल बीना" मासिकाचे संपादकही होते, तर मान्यास्पद एरना खजिनदार होत्या. सध्या माननीय दानिएल हे "इंडीयन ज्युईश कॉंग्रेसन ऑफ अमेरिका" चे विश्वस्त म्हणून काम पाहत आहेत.

ही प्रकाशने आपल्या समाजातील बऱ्याच लोकांसाठी खूप लोकप्रिय असल्याचा दावा समाज बांधवांनी सिध्द केलेला आहे. ह्या प्रकाशनाच्या किंमती कमीत-कमी असल्यामुळे, जेणेकरून ते आपल्या बांधवांना सहज उपलब्ध होतील अशी योजना आखली गेलेली आहे. आमच्या प्रत्येक प्रकाशनाच्या प्रती इसराएल, भारत, आणि आपल्या समाजातील प्रत्येक प्रार्थनालये, संस्था, ह्या जागी बांधवांच्या उपयोगासाठी ठेवल्या गेलेल्या असून, इसराएलमधील ज्यू ग्रंथालयांमध्ये (उदा. सर हेन्रीड सासून लायबरी आणि रीडींग रुम), अमेरिका, कॅनडा, आणि ब्रिटन येथे सुध्दा ह्या प्रती उपलब्ध आहेत.

आतापर्यंत ह्या सर्व प्रकाशनांमध्ये काम किती चांगले झाले आहे, ह्याबद्दल आम्हाला बरेच उत्तेजन समाज बांधवांकडून मिळाले व मिळत असून आम्ही आमच्या पुढील साहित्य कृतीबद्दल विचारत आहोत. ज्यासाठी आम्हाला आपल्या मदतीची आणि सूचनांची आवश्यकता आहे.

आपले जास्तीत जास्त समाज बांधव आपल्या मातृभूमीचा किनारा सोडत असून, परदेशी ज्यू समुदायाशी मिसळत आहेत. म्हणूनच, आपली पारंपारिकतेचे पालन-पोषण करण्याची आणि अनाखी ओळख टिकवून ठेवण्याची गरज आपल्या समाजात अधिक-अधिक दृढ होत चालली आहे.

आमचा ठाम विश्वास आहे की, अशा प्रकाशनांची कामे ही आपल्या समाजातील बहुतांश लोकांपर्यंत पोहोचवण्यासाठी आणि आपल्या रुढी स्पष्ट करण्यासाठी ही एक सुपीक संधी जणू आम्ही साधण्याच्या प्रयत्नात असतो. अशाप्रकारे आम्ही आज्ञा करतो की, आम्ही आपल्या समाजाची अतिथी ज्यू ओळख मजबूत करण्यास मदत करून, याद्वारे भविष्यात आपला समाज बळकट करण्यास सोपे जाईल अशी पावले उचलत आहोत.

सध्या आम्ही जगातली एकमेव अशी संस्था आहोत की, जी बने इसराएल बांधवांना दिमाधिक आणि वैभाषिक प्रकाशने पुरविते. आम्ही केवळ प्रकाशने विकत नाहीत, तर आपल्या बंधूना मदत होण्यासारखी अनेक हालाखा पुस्तकांचे वितरण वेगवेगळ्या प्रसंगी विनामूल्य सुध्दा करीत असतो.

ह्या प्रकाशनांच्या मराठी भाषांतरान्ये आपल्या बने इसराएल समाज बांधवांना हालाखोथ विषयी आणि नविन कल्पनांची समज प्राप्त होण्यास मदत तर झालीच, पण त्याचबरोबरच, प्रकाशनांची मागणी वाढण्यास देखील मदत झाली.

ह्या व्यतिरिक्त आम्ही तोरा, मिद्राश, हालाखा, वाइमयसाहित्य आणि आपल्या पारंपारीक रितींचे विविध ठिकाणी नियमीत व्याख्याने आयोजित करीत असतो. हे आमचे सद्याचे महत्कृत्य, इसराएल मधील विविध क्षेत्रात तसेच भारतात मुंबई येथे पोहोचविण्यासाठी सदा दृढ असतो.

ह्या व्यतिरिक्त, मी आपल्या लक्षात आणू देऊ इच्छितो की, आम्ही २०११ मध्ये विशेषतः भारतीय ज्यूंद्वारे वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या हिब्रू आणि मराठी भाषेत "सेफेर हल्लाखा लिखने इसराएल - यलकुत योसेफ" ची द्विभाषिक आवृत्तीसुद्धा प्रकाशित केली.

ह्या संदर्भात मी राब्बी इत्सहाक योसेफ ^{ר'יצחק} (सद्याचे रिशोन लेत्सियोन, इसराएल राष्ट्राचे मुख्य राब्बी), व मारान राब्बी ओवादया योसेफ ^{ר'אבדא} ह्यांचे ज्येष्ठ पुत्र आणि सेफेर यलकुत योसेफ (सेफारदी ज्यू लोकांमध्ये हालालोखवरील सर्वात प्रसिद्ध आणि लोकप्रिय पुस्तकाचे प्रकाशक), ह्यांची मी भेट घेतली व त्यांनी मला त्यांचा सेफेर किन्सूर बुल्लहान आलख - यलकुत योसेफ वर आमचा प्रकल्प समाविष्ट करण्याची पूर्ण परवानगी दिली. अशाप्रकारे आम्ही भारतीय बने इसराएलाच्या पारंपारीक रित्या व सेफारदी हालालोख ह्यांचे एकत्रिकरण करून, इसराएलाच्या परंपरा आणि भारतातील यहूदी लोकांचा संपूर्ण मार्ग याचे जीवन चक्र पुस्तिका समाजास बहाल करण्यास सफल झालो.

आम्हाला खात्री आहे की, ह्या योजना आणि प्रकाशने आपल्या समाजासाठी अत्यंत फायदेशीर ठरतील आणि तोराचे वैभव आणि प्रभाव तिथल्या जगाच्या दुर्गम भागातल्या समुदायांद्वारे केलेल्या घोषणांचा आणि त्यावरील उपयोग दर्शविण्यास मदत करील. आणि सिध्द करून दाखवील की, भारतीय बने इसराएल समाज अतकानुज्ञातके यहूद्यांचाच सरावात भग्न आहेत.

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פנקייקים מתובלים בריאים מקמח דוחן וקמח חומוס

✓ ירקות שנצטרך:

1 בצל קטן, 1 עגבניה קטנה (ללא חרצנים), חצי גמבה, חצי פלפל ירוק, חצי גזר בינוני, 2-3 פלפל חריף או לפי החריפות הרצויה, מלא כוסברה ירוקה – כל הירקות, יש לקצוץ דק דק. אפשר להוסיף איזה ירקות שיש או שאוהבים, אין מגבלה.
בערך חצי כפית של ג'ינג'ר מגורד. הוסיפו כל הירקות הקצוצים לקערה לערבוב הבלילה.

✓ עכשיו נראה את התבלינים שנצטרך עבור הפנקייקים:

כוסברה טחון, כמון טחון, פפריקה חריפה – כל אחד רבע כפית, חצי כפית כורכום, חצי כפית זרעי חמצץ (אג'וואין, אנבה – כן אין לזה שם בעברית), מלח לפי הטעם, הוסיפו כל התבלינים לירקות.
✓ ועכשיו התור של קמחים ושאר המצרכים:
5 כפות גדושות של קמח חומוס, 2 כפות גדושות של קמח דוחן, כף קמח אורז, 1/4 כפית של אבקת אפיה או ביצה 1 ומים לפי הצורך להכנת בלילה כמו של פנקייק – בערך כוס מים.
יש לערבב טוב טוב עם כל המצרכים לבלילה אחידה לסמיכות דומה לזה של הפנקייק.

❖ איך מכינים??

מאוד פשוט! חממו במחבת גהי/חמאה/שמן הרצוי, סובבו את המחבת שהשמן יתפשט בכל המחבת. יש להוסיף כף אחד גדול של הבלילה למרכז ולהרחיב את התערובת בעזרת הכף לגודל ועובי הרצוי (עדיף להכי דק שאפשר). לכסות ולבשל במשך 2-3 דקות על אש גננוך עד בינוני. לאחר מכן, יש להפוך לצד השני בזהירות ולבשל עוד 2 – 3 דקות ללא מכסה. יש להכין כל הפנקייקים ולהגיש עם צ'אטני (סחוג) הרצוי וקטשופ.

הילדים פשוט מתים על זה וככה גם אוכלים מלא ירקות שלא אוהבים לאטל אותם בצורה אחרת ☺

• לסרטון של המתכון עם עוד קצת טיפים, יש להקליק על הלינק: <https://youtu.be/HXqJAfMzNA0>



Make your own Khala:

https://www.chabad.org/multimedia/video_cdo/aid/1924092/jewish/Do-It-Yourself-Taking-Challah.htm

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ירקי ירח ,
 תונדמ. לבת תווצק לכב תוכופה אלמ לוע יאורו ונביבס יננכתמ ונא יסנפיהו יאופרה בצמה ימיוסמ תומוקמבו , וחטב רסוחמו תומחלממ תולבוס וניא דיתעהו , תוביציה תחת ירתוחה
 יינוציהו יימינפ תוחוכ .ילפורטסטק אוה . וקמ אב רורב
 ראב אכ בצמה השק לארשי , וניביוא דצמ הנכסהו חלה תורבגתה ע דחוימב .תדמתמ הפקתהל ינותנ היכרעו תינרותה הרבחהו תרעוס הנידמה ,תיבמ
 יתלב למע ידי לע ונמע תנגהב ונדיקפת תא אלמל יצמאתמ ונא , כ יפ לע א בורקב אויב ונקדצ חישמש הליפת ות , וחטיבהו הנומאה קוזיחו הרותב קסופביו .לבסלו 'ה לוליהל ק אי
 דומלל ,ונכותב עטנ לוע ייחו תמא תרות ונל תנש לועה ארובל ידומ ונא .תושעלו רומשל ,דמלל
 הצרא יתיילע ינפל .ימצע תא גיצהל ידכ וז תונמדזה לצנל שקבמ ינא ,תישאר רובע טני'גה ריכזמכ רתיה יב ,ודוהב יבר 'נוגרא רובע תובדנתהב יתדבע דפה" ללכה תידוהיה היצר - תדיעו רק" לש
 תלהנמה הדעווה רבחקו "תידוה" יתשמיש , סונב . "ודוה לש תסנכה יתב דוגיא" לשו "לארשי ינב לש וניחה ריכזמכ יתנהיכ ינש רפסמ שמבו , "ה תואבצ" וגראב שדוקה ידומיל להנמכ .יאבמומב
 "לארשי ינב הלרוק תסנכה תיב"ב דובכ זחכו דובכ
 יילע זאמ תנשב לארשי ראל ית 1995 תורמל . ילשורייב תובישיב הרות דמול ינא תימלועה "לארשי ינב" תליהקל הרזע שיגהל ישמהל תוביוחמ שח ינא ,תאז רחאל .תירבה תוצראבו
 הילרטסואב ,הדנקב ,הינטיירב ,ודוהב ,לארשיב טרפבו תונברל הכמסה) "הכימס" יתלביק ,הרותב החימצו דומיל לש תובר ינש שארמ (מ" שב וגרא ילשורייב דסייל ילע הוויצ אוה ,
 סונב .ללוכה כו "לארשי ינב .תיתדה תשרומל תועדומה תרבגהב "לארשי ינב" וניחאל עויסו הכימתל
 לש יינויחה יכרצה תא ירעמו ריכמה ,ודוהב "לארשי ינב" תליהק רבחק זה תקמעהו חופיטב בושחה רוצה תאו "לארשי ינב" תליהק לש תידוהייה תוה ירמוחהו ונתוליעפ לע כתא כדעל
 ידכ כילא הנופ ינא , "לארשי ינב" תליהק תועצה ,הרזע כמ שקבל ינוצרב , סונב .הליהקה רובע רואל יאיצומ ונאש .תובוגתו
 : יאבה ירפסה תא ונתליהק ינב רובע ונמסרפ רבע
 ששת תנש " ב :
 1. "חספ לש הדגה" - תורצוא פסוי תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע . . יגהנמו תוכלה תוארוהו אלמ וגרתו
 2. "תבש ליל רודיס" תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע .
 ששת תנש " ד :
 3. "תבש סויל רודיס" תויתואל הקתעה ע החנמו סומ תירחש
 תוכלהו תוארוהו תיטארמ ששת תנש " ז :
 4. "מילהת רפס" הקתעה ע ביבסו ,אלמ וגרתו תיטארמ תויתואל
 ירוקמה תירבע טסקט ששת תנש " ח :
 5. "תבש לש רודס" תילגנאב תוכלהו תוארוהו תיטארמ וגרת ע ודוהמ לארשי ינב תליהק לש גהנמו חסונ יפל תיטארמו .

סשת תנש "ט :

6. "המחה תכרב רדס" תוארוהו תילגנאו תיטרמ תויתוא ע ודוהמ לארשי ינב תליהק יגהנמו חסונ יפל תוכלהו .

7. "תיבל תוכרבו תוליפת רפס" תילגנאו תיטארמ תויתוא ע ירוקמה תירבע טסקט ביבס ינב תליהק יגהנמו חסונ יפל תוכלהו תוארוהו ודוהמ לארשי .

8. "תוחילס רדס" תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע ביבס ,אלמ וגרתו ,ירוקמה תירבע טסקט ודוהמ לארשי ינב תליהק יגהנמו חסונ יפל .

עשת תנש "א :

9. לארשי ינבל הכלה רפס" - "ףסוי טוקלי העבראב תליהקל יגהנמ תפסותב ורע חלושה רדס יפל תוכלה רצוא : יכרכ ודוהמ לארשי ינב .

עשת תנש " ב :

10. "תושקבו תוכרב תוליפת רפס" תויתואל הקתעה ע תיטארמ .

11. "ןישודיקו הפוח רדס" לארשי ינב תליהק יגהנמו חסונ יפל .

עשת תנש "ג :

12. "הריש קרפ" תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע .

13. "לארשי ינב לוק רודס" וריצב (הינשו הנושאר הרודהמ) ותמ יגהנמו תוכלה לארשי ינבל הכלה רפסה - סוי טוקלי .

עשת תנש "ה :

14. "לארשי ינב תבהא רודיס" ע (תבשו לוחל יכרכ ינש) יגהנמו תוכלה תוארוהו אלמ וגרתו תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה תליהק יגהנמו חסונ יפל ירוקמה תירבע טסקט ביבס תיטארמו תילגנאב לארשי ינב .

15. "סילהת רפס" דבלב תיטארמ תויתואל קתעומ .

16. "יללכה ןוקית" אלמ וגרתו תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע ביבס .ירוקמה תירבע טסקט

17. "הדילמ רדס" ודוהמ לארשי ינב תליהקל ידוחיי גהנמ .

עשת תנש "ו :

18. "לארשי ינב לוק תוכרב רפס" תויתואל הקתעה ע ביבס תיטארמו תילגנאב יגהנמו תוכלה תוארוהו אלמ וגרתו ,תיטארמ ירוקמה תירבע טסקט .

עשת תנש "ז :

19. רפס" "ריכז ,אלמ וגרתו תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע ,ירוקמה תירבע טסקט ביבס תיטארמו תילגנאב יגהנמו תוכלה תוארוהו ודוהמ לארשי ינב תליהק לש תולבא יגהנמו חסונ יפל .

20. "הרות ישמוח השימח" יטארמ תויתואל קתעומ טסקט ביבס ת ירוקמה תירבע .

עשת תנשב "ט :

21. רודס" "לארשי ינב לוק תוכלה וריצב (תישילש הרודהמ) לארשי ינבל הכלה רפסה ותמ יגהנמו - סוי טוקלי .

22. "החנמ תליפת" יטארמה הפשב אלמ וגרת ע טסקט ביבס ת תירבע .

23. "שדוקה ןושל רפס" ירבודל שדוקה ושל לש ידוסי דומיל רפס רמא ילגנאו תיט לארשי ינב תליהקל ת ודוהמ .

24. "חספ לש הדגה" לארשי ינב תליהק יגהנמו חסונ יפל .

שת תנשב " פ :

25. " הרטפהו ריטפמ ,הרותה תאירק - שאר סויל הנשה" תירבע טסקט ביבס אלמ וגרתו תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע ירוקמה .

26. " הרטפהו ריטפמ ,הרותה תאירק - רופיכ סויל " ע הקתעה ירוקמה תירבע טסקט ביבס אלמ וגרתו תיטארמ תויתואל .

27. " הרטפהו ריטפמ ,הרותה תאירק - ,דעומה לוח ,תוכוס הרות תחמשו ,תרצע ינימש " וגרתו תיטארמ תויתואל הקתעה ע ירוקמה תירבע טסקט ביבס אלמ .

28. "מידעומ רפס" לש תוליפת רדס לע תיטארמ תויתואל קתעומ - ,חספ תרצע ינימש ,תוכוס ,תועובש - הרות תחמש .

29. "הדילמ רדס" הינש הרודהמ - לארשי ינב תליהקל ידוחיי גהנמ ודוהמ .

ראב ימכח ידימלת ידי לע רשואמו הדיפקב רענ רואל יאיצומ ונאש רפס לכ רוביח לכ . רוצ ררועתהש עפ לכב ונתליהק ינקז ע יתצעיייתה , כ ומכ .לארשי ליכמ יפ לע אוה רוביחה

כותש ירשאמה לארשי ראמ ימכחמ יבתכמ . "לארשי ינב" תליהק יגהנמו הכלהה
 תרבגו לאומש רממ דודיעו הכימת ולביק רואל ונאצוהש ירפסהש ייצל יואר יד) לאינד רבוו הנרא קו ושידקה ה . ונתליהקב יקיתו ירבח ניהש , קרוי וינמ (ר כזל ונספדהש ירפסהמ דחא
 לכ דחא היה לאינד רמ . יחונמה תחפשמ ינב ר יזגמ רועכ שמיש אוה כ ומכ . "ב"הראב הניב תליהק" לש ידסיימה ירבחה שמשמ לאינד רמ תעכ . וגראה תירבזג התייה הנרא . וגראה
 עטמ "הניב לוק" . "תירבה תוצראב ודוה ידוהי תליהק"ב סופרטופאכ
 ראלופוכ מצע תא וחיכוה ולא ירוביח . ונתליהק ירבחמ יבר ברקב דואמ יי . הליהקה ינבל ישיגנ ויהי הש ידכ ירשפאה ומינימל ירפסה ריחמ תא ונדרוה לארשיב "לארשי ינב" תליהק
 לש תסנכה יתב לכב וצפוה ירפסה לש יקתוע תוידוהי תוירפסב כו , תחוורלו שומישל "לארשי ינב" ינוגראב , ודוהבו וגכ) ודוהב , לארשיב , ב"הראב , (ושש דוד רס ש"ע האירקה רדחו
 היירפסה . הינטירבבו הדנקב
 לש בבס ילקוש ונאו , הכ דע ולא ירוביח לש תחלצהמ בר דודיע ונבאש . כיתועצהלו כתרזעל יקוקז ונא כ של . תויליעפו תורזוח תוספדה
 הי תוליהקב תוברעתהו ונתדלומ ראמ ונתליהק ינבמ דועו דוע תריגה ע תוידו . תידוחייה ונתוהז רומישו חופיטב רוצה רבוג , לועב
 ינב בורל די טישוהל ונל רשפאמ ולא ירוביח וסרפש ונבל לכב ינימאמ ונא תוהזה תא קזחל לכונ הז פואב יכ יווקמ ונא . וניגהנמ רואיבב ישמהלו ונתליהק הרוצב דיתעב ונתליהק תא
 תונבלו הליהקה לש תידוחייה תידוהיה . רתוי הלך
 תליהקל תופש שולשו ייתשב ירוביח קפסמה לועב דיחיה וגראה ונא ויכ ינוש יעוריאב יציפמ ג אלא , ירפס ירכומ קר אל ונא . "לארשי ינב" . וניחאל הבר תלעות תואיבמה , ניה
 תויתכלה תורבוח
 תיטארמל ירוביחה וגרת מ תא יבהל "לארשי ינב" ונידידיל רשפא תווצמה . ונירפסל שוקיבה תא ריבגהו ונלש ייתדה תונויערהו
 ,שרדמה ,הרותה וחתב תואצרה לש עובק ז"ול ליעפהל יכישממ ונא , סונב בטימ תא יעיקשמ ונא תעכ . ינוש תומוקמב ,דועו ונלש יגהנמה ,הכלהה .(הרטשארמה) ודוהבו לארשי ראב
 תונוש תוליהקל תונפל ידכ וניתוחוכ ומכ תויתד תולאשל רה אלל יביגמ ונא . תע לכב ישיגנ תויהל יגאוד ונא כ . ונלש יקמה רתאהו פאסטו ,יראלולס ופלט ,ל"אוד תועצמאב , ינוש יגוסמ
 תנשבש כביל תמושתל איבהל ינוצרב , כל רבעמ 2011 וד הרודהמ ונספדה - ל לארשי ינבל הכלהה רפס"ה לש תינוש - בו תירבעב " סוי טוקלי דחוימב תיטארמ . ודוה ידוהי רובע
 סוי קחצי ברה ע יתשגפנ ,הז רשקהב א"טילש ישארה ברה , ויצל ושארה ויכ) לארשיל צז סוי הידבוע ברה רמ לש ורוכב ונב , (ידרפסה ק טוקלי" רפס רבחמו ל" תידרפסה תודהיה
 ברקב רתויב ייראלופופהו יעודיה הכלהה ירפסמ) " סוי ורע חלש רוציק" ורפס בולישל האלמה ותמכסה תא תנ אוהו , (ללכב " טוקלי ינב" תרוסמ ע דחי תויתרוסמ תוידרפס תוכלה ונבליש כ . ונלש טקוירפב " סוי
 דהי לש יללכה ייחה חרואו "לארשי . ודוה תו
 הבר תלעות איבהל וכישמי ולא ירוביחו תוינכותש לש בלב ינימאמ ונא תוליהק ברקב לעופב המויקו היתוכלשה ,הרותה רוא תצפהב ורזעיו ונתליהקל ודוהב "לארשי ינב" תליהקש
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Matrimonial

BI 30 5'2" girl Graduate Working. Grew up in India, now living in Israel looking for suitable for marriage. Only serious. Call/Whatapp: +972 50-261-3111

BI 34 5'2" girl Graduate Working. Grew up and living in Pune, looking for suitable for marriage. Only serious. Contact: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

BI 34, tall, fair, slim working in IT Canada looking for below 38, 5'8" educated from good family. Only serious. Contact: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

Matrimonial

BI 60 5'5" man from Israel never married looking for Marathi speaking BI women for live-in / friendship and share live together. Whatapp: +972544940985

BI man 38, 1.72 cm from Israel working with Electronic keeps Sabbath working, looking for religious girl for marriage. Contact Diana: 055-6888672

BI 32 with slightly dyslexia 1.70 cm is looking for girl with small disability. Boy has his apartment and gets monthly national support. Contact: Shaniwarteli@gmail.com

Business

Travel from Israel to India and within India contact me. Visa, Ticket, Travel, Peres Pezarkar +919870427265

Beautiful Cotton Housecoats and Night dresses in Israel. Contact Danny on Whatapp: 054-4940985/08540945

Travel to & from Lod Airport call me, Yona Dhokarkar: 050-8511550/+972508511550 Malida at Cave of Elijah, Western Wall, Eilat, Both Small and large cars/vans

We are looking for a Bene-Israel voluntary representative from

Gujarat, Bombay, Thane, Dimona, Yehucham, Beer-Sheva, Ramle-Lod, Petak-Tiqva and other places where there is a concentration of Bene-Israel community.

Please contact us: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

We are also looking for Bene-Israel voluntary representatives for

Creating & Managing Shaniwar Teli Website

Managing our FACEBOOK

Contact us at: shaniwarteli@gmail.com

We are looking for help in Hebrew and Marathi articles. More writers are also welcome.

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

To Our Readers

1. Please send us your letters and articles to email: shaniwartali@gmail.com
2. Write to us about any BI business you run and would like to advertise free
3. Please send us matrimonial to add to the classified poems and stories (Marathi English Hebrew)
4. All your suggestions are welcome
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6. We are BI Family e-newsletters. No criticism please. We only appreciate work of all BI.
7. No disputes. If there are differences of opinion, that will always remain and respected.
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Why do Bene-Israel's not go along with each other?

Interviews and views of our community members

Did you know that Stalin won Against Hitler because of a Jewish commander?

What is the difference between Mind & Soul?

Bene-Israel Entrepreneurs

Bene-Israel community prefers working for others. Have a secured job. Excel in army careers or be best employees but not an entrepreneur's
But some very few have ventured in to opening their own business. We will look at one on them in the next issue.

Post Peer Malida

Our team has researched on this forgotten Bene-Israel tradition. Some families still follow it, but don't know why.
What has the Bhastaker family to do with it?

Chandra chi Namaz

After breaking the Kippur fast Bene-Israel show the moon silver coins, cucumber and throw rice towards the moon. Why? Learn in the next issue.

Statue of Lord Ganapati and Bene-Israel

What is the connection between the two?
Understanding Hinduism Philosophy – Made Simple- Quick Review

Sea Prayers during New Year at Bhau Cha Dhakka

Only Bene-Israel perform this prayer. Learn why.

Chalish Divis cha Roza

Why did Bene-Israel in India keep 40 days fast during the time of Muslim Ramdan (30 days fast)

Chappal ne Nazar Kadiche

Kapara/Ble-Eain-Ara/Bad Eye, why do Bene-Israel believe in this and what has the left chappal to do with it?

List of Bene-Israel Synagouges - chronologically

Why are some Bene-Israel ashamed of their "kar"? & Much More.....