



A Bene-Israel village house in early 20th century



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

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Letters

Dear Leon

Regarding The article on The Bene Israel being from the Tribe of Benjamin. This in my opinion and my study of study on this subject is incorrect.

1. In those days all tribes were given tribal areas, the Bene were distributed over several Northern Territorial areas of Israel.

2. Many of the Customs and traditions of the Bene Israel are unique to the Bene Israel and their origin is in the Biblical terms those of the Tribe of Levy-e.g., Malida, Making of Puris permission to have our own shohchet -slaughterers, Make kidush wine, etc. Yes we borrowed much of our liturgy from the Portuguese Jews (Pardessi Jews) but never from the Malabari Cochini Jews. The Bene Israel established Hebrew schools having been originally taught by Christian Missionaries but later established their own. Not the First Five Professors to Hebrew to Revive Hebrew-Internationally were from the Bene Israel

Community and the **Only Foreign Delegate to give her lecture in Hebrew at the 1st Jewish Agency Conference in Jerusalem in the early 1950 was the late Miss Rebecca Reuben the ex-Principal of The Israelite School-later to be renamed the Sir Eli Kadoorie Israelite School.**

Regards

Nissim Moses

Historian Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene Israel Genealogy Research

**Dear Shulmith,
Sorry for untimely death of your son.
Condolences.**

Thank you for exposing the donations list for the memorial in Navgao. It was 3 lacs + in 2018 and in 2023 should be 6 lacs +.

This is enough money to get the estimates for the repairs. I think only RJA can do it as they are in Raigad. The donated money should be transferred to RJA and let them get the estimates and share in the community.

Jonathan Aaron May 2, 2023

Hi Shulmith & Leo,
Congratulations from the whole Bene-Israel community in locating the donations and listing the donor's names. I was also present in the 2018 meeting.

There is enough money now to find out estimates for repairs of the monuments. The money is lying in the banks for over six years and must have doubled by now, about 12 lacs.

Let the community know the amount remaining after spending to get the estimates on the cost of the repairs. Only after this, based on the repair estimates the community can be requested to donate again.

Our leaders should also approach the MLA Mr. Patil who had promised in 2018 to repair the monument after he is given the estimate for repairs.

Good job for the community! Keep it up.
Raymond Samuel Ramrajkar, Mumbai
16 April, 2023

Return Our Money

Hi Shaniwar-Teli Team and Readers,

My father had donated in 2018 for repairs of the memorial in Navgaon. Since then he has passed away and we moved to Israel.

Thank you to Shaniwar-Teli to make public the donor's list. I see my father's name in the donors list.

I had always wondered what happened with the money my father had donated. For us it was very big amount of money. He could not afford it but still he wanted to do something for the community. It was our family money and we needed it and could have used it for the family. But it was his money and his wish so we all accepted it.

For six years this money sat in bank collecting interest. It was not used at all for the purpose it was collected for.

It is my suggestion that IJF/IOBI return the money to the donor's with the 6 years interest.

Avner Roker (Roherakar)

April 27, 2023



Shalom.

Very happy to announce my promotion as 'Chief Administrative Officer' at Siddhivinayak Hospital Thane.

Also I would be highly obliged if I am of any use for our community in Thane and Mumbai...

Save my number and feel free to contact if you need any Medical help will definitely try to help.

With love &Regards

Dr.Yonatan P Solomon Kharilkar

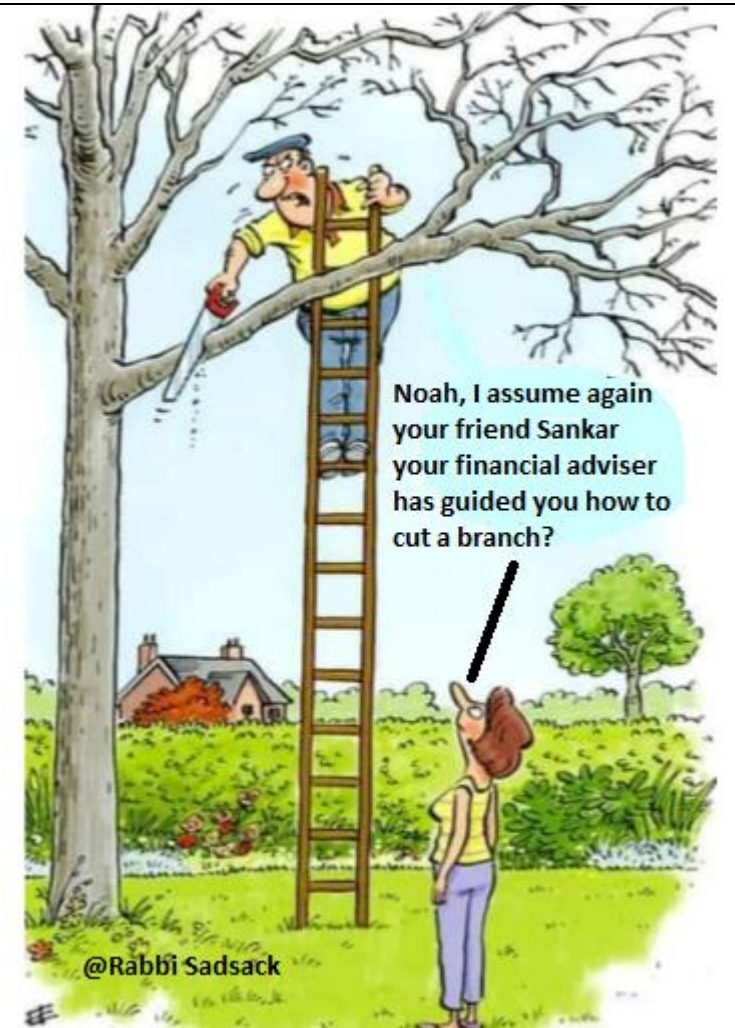
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Siddhivinayak Hospital

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***Shaniwar-Teli wishes Yonatan Mazal-Tov
and great success in the future.***



From Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

The Shaniwar Teli e-Newsletter prints various articles that are sent by our readers around the globe. Our cultural values are deeply rooted in our heritage.

We would again like to put a disclaimer that most of the articles are the views of the concerned people and not of anyone's in our editorial team.

We are grateful to Mr. John Perry provided the accounts of the IOBI and cleared all the doubts that were persisting in the minds of our readers. We inspire to have a deep understanding of our culture and community.

We wish to congratulate Dr. Yonatan Solomon Kharilkar who was promoted as Chief Administrative officer at the Siddhivinayak Hospital in Thane.

Mr. Arayan Singh Dadiala 21 year's old Indian swimmer swam across the Sea of Galilee in 6 hrs. and 15 min.

The Eurovision Song contest 2023 witnessed Noa Kirel of Israel receiving the third place for her song Unicorn.

Synagogues in India held their annual celebrations. The Beth El Synagogue in Panvel completed 174 years. While the Shaare Rason Synagogue in Mumbai completed 180 years. We would like to congratulate the team of dedicated members who work to achieve their goals and success.

The Indian Cultural Center Tel -Aviv celebrated on 6th June 2023 via Zoom the 350 years of Coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

A conference was held at Hafia University on 1st June 2023 on the Indian Jewish Diaspora Research project.

The Indian Jewish Heritage Center (IJHC) laid the foundation stone for its auditorium in Nevatim. We wish them the best for their future endeavors.

We hope our associate Masala Group of Mr. Golan Sharikar will be able to help the waiting BI immigrants in Mumbai.

The team from the Shaniwar Teli E - Newsletter is grateful to all our readers who take a keen interest in the various articles published by our team.

Tisha B'Av is coming and then festivals. We wish all our readers happy festivals.

Professor Shulmith Charikar



Publisher's Desk



Dear Readers,

Please join me in offering condolences to our editor Shulmith and her husband Pinhas, for their passing away of eldest son Menachem. It was a very sad afternoon when I went to meet Pinhas during the sheva. May God give him peace and the family the strength to accept what one cannot change.

He gave, He took is a popular saying in Israel.

We appreciate Mr. John Perry for sending us details of the amounts donated by the community for the repairs of the monument in 2018 to IOBI and IJF. This money is now in control of IJF. It was around Rs. 3+ lacs in 2018. Today with interest it might be Rs. 6+ lacs (this is just an estimate). We did not get the up-dated amount from IJF. But I am sure IJF will declare it to the community.

As per IJF the professional restoration and repairs of the monument in Navgao may cost between Rs. 2 to 3cr. Let us wait to hear from IJF how they plan to progress.

There is a lot of buzz these days in all the cities of Israel with the Mayor's elections due on 31 Oct. 2023. Our Israeli-Indian groups

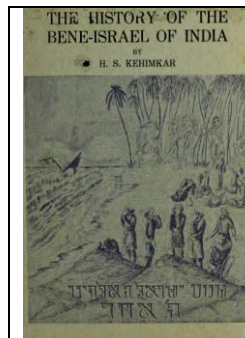
too are making their best efforts to get their favorite mayor chosen who will be helpful to our community.

We tried to help financially Mrs. Nancy Bhonkar and her family after the serious accident they had. We thank all the readers who sent payments to this family.

There are many interesting and new activities that are going on in our small community. We try to summarize most of it but we do not always get up-dates, even after we remind them few times.

We wish all readers and community happy festivals.

Leo Daniels



Download PDF of this book here:

English:

[142-03 The History of the Bene-Israel' - Google Drive](#)

Hebrew (Summary)

[בני ישראל \(הודו\) – ויקיפדיה \(wikipedia.org\)](#)

Must Read

“Bene-Israel “Robin Hood”

After Mr. John Perry send the accounts details of the donors in 2018, one of our friends received a letter from someone anonymous whom we call “Bene-Israel Robin Hood”. He / She sent a list of the values of the Bene-Israel properties. These evaluations are from 2018 and the value today is much higher.

Shaar Harahanin Synagogue (Old Synagogue)	15 Godowns	15 Crores Rs.
Shaare Rason Synagogue (New Synagogue)	3 Buildings	30 Crores Rs.
J.R.U Building	1 Building	25 Crores Rs.
Magen Hassidim Synagogue	2 Building	50 Crores Rs.
Tiferat Israel Synagogue	1 Building	15 Crores Rs.
Stree Mandal, Nagpada	1 Flat	1 Crores Rs.
Thane Synagogue	2 Building & Beth Shalom Apts.	10 Crores Rs
Pune Synagogue	1 Hall	5 Crores Rs.
Ahmedabad Synagogue	1 Building	1 Crore Rs.
Panvel Synagogue	1 Building + Land and Farm	2 Crore Rs.
Pen Synagogue	1 Building + Land and Farm	1 Crores Rs.
Beth-Israel - Agripada	1 Floor	5 Crores Rs.
Alibaug Synagogue	1 Building + land +1 Chawl	2 Crores Rs.
Revdanda Synagogue	1 Building + land +1 Chawl	2 Crores Rs.
Tale Synagogue	1 Building + Farm	0.5 Crores Rs.
Borle Synagogue	1 Building + Farm	0.5 Crores Rs.
Mhasla Synagogue	1 Building	1 Crores Rs.
Ashtami Synagogue	1 Building	1 Crores Rs.
Ambapur Synagogue	1 Building	1 Crores Rs.
Beth-Havara – Matharan	1 Building	2 Crores Rs.
Eli Kadoori School	Buildings & land	50 crores Rs.
	TOTAL :	215 Crores Rs.



Robin Hood is a **legendary outlaw hero of English ballads** who was a rebel who robbed representatives of authority and gave the gains to the poor.



Pranks in our community



With social networks getting popular the pranks makers have rapidly adapted to them.

We were sent the picture of Thane Synagogue that rain water has filled up to half level and the Safer Torah's are wet and damaged and will need replacement. We were requested to up-load this picture on Shaniwar-Teli Facebook. When we checked with Mr. Samuel Daniel, President of the Synagogue, he confirmed that this was fake news. It had rained but the water had reached only up to the footsteps.

The pictures on the right with army and police were sent to us saying that two members of Panvel synagogue were captured by four terrorist. Police and army were called and they shot dead the four terrorist.

Again this was a prank.

Please stop playing such pranks. We have also warned the two members of the community who had sent these.

Earlier it was spreading rumors and anonymous letters. Now the social network.



Harassment for Bene-Israel potential Immigrants waiting for years in Mumbai

Abraham Shalom Fansapurkar



I landed in Israel on 15th June 2023. I must thank Mr. Golan Charikar from Massale NGO for this ([\(10\) Facebook](#).) From the time I connected him right from the application process till finally landing to Israel he helped me a lot.

The challenge is as Bene-Israel has a huge waiting period. There's no aliya office in India. The representatives don't answer the calls. And this is a big challenge. Everyone goes through the same frustration but no one raises this question after struggling & landing Israel. Everyone in process or going through is the same response. We don't get answer from the representative. When they answer, they say send message. After sending message no one replies.

In an incident, an allotted room to our Bene-Israeli family in Beth-Canada Ashdod is transferred to some other country immigrant. The person with his senior citizen mom is waiting since one year. The process is troublesome, and with representative who doesn't answer our calls creates a bigger communication gap.



Police verification PCC valid for six months only with fee of 500 has to be done twice, trice as the process doesn't complete in a year. My Ulpan will start in September 2023, but I came earlier fearing my room in Beth-Canada will be transferred. They visited India on official tour but meeting potential immigrants was not on their list!!

To represent, our community we need elected leaders by the community who are aware and agreed of their duties and are paid for their time. They need to answer call of heads of community but the actually applicant is ignored. Beth-Canada is full of Spanish & Russian but only one Indian, while many are waiting in India. I must say we need strong representative who wish to volunteer and will answer our calls. We need demanding office in India. With India national person who's aware of our challenges and situation and aware of Indian government policies. I am thankful, to Mr. Golan Charikar of Masaale who fought for me though am Jewish from family tree. He answer my each call each WhatsApp. He's savior and we need strong community youth leaders like him. I request IJF, IOBI to look in to this matter seriously as leaders of the community. Especially IOBI that have representatives both in India and Israel.

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For Helping those who are waiting in India to Immigrate to Israel..
इस्रायलमध्ये स्थलांतरित होण्याच्या प्रतीक्षेत असलेल्यांना मदत केल्याबद्दल...

Mr. Abraham Samuel Fansapurkar who immigrated to Ashdod Israel this month, June 2023 protested strongly to Shaniwar-Teli about harassment the waiting immigrants in India. There is no help.

या महिन्यात, जून २०२३ मध्ये अशदोद इस्रायलमध्ये स्थायिक झालेल्या अब्राहम सॅम्युअल फणसापूरकर यांनी भारतातील प्रतीक्षेत असलेल्या स्थलांतरितांच्या छळाबद्दल शनिवार-तेली यांना जोरदार विरोध केला. कोणतीही मदत मिळत नाही.

מר אברהם סמואל פנספורקר, שעלה החודש, לאשדוד, ישראל, יוני 2023, מחה בחריפות בפני שניואר-טלי על התנכלויות למהגרים הממתינים בהודו. אין עזרה.

Shaniwar-Teli has decided to coordinate with the NGO of Mr. Golan Sharikar, "Masala" who is an Israeli-Indian, born in Israel and has also helped Mr. Fansapurkar immigrate. Even if your case is rejected, contact Golan.

शनिवार-तेली यांनी इस्रायलमध्ये जन्मलेले, इस्रायली-भारतीय असलेल्या गोलन शारीकर यांच्या स्वयंसेवी संस्थेशी समन्वय साधण्याचा निर्णय घेतला असून, श्री. फणसापूरकर यांना ही मदत केली आहे. तुमची केस फेटाळली गेली तरी गोलन यांच्याशी संपर्क साधावा.

שניואר-טלי החליטה לתאם עם העמותה של מר גולן שריקר, "מסעל", שהוא ישראלי-הודי, יליד ישראל וגם סייע למר פנספורקר לעלות. גם אם תביעתך נדחית, צור קשר עם גולן.

Please discuss your case with Mr. Golan Sharikar / कृपया श्री.गोलन शारीकर यांच्याशी आपल्या प्रकरणावर चर्चा करा

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One of ours needs **Help!** Mrs. Nancy Bhonkar from Thane tells her story

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My husband and I met with a major accident on 26th Jan 2022 when we were riding a bike. Both of us were unconscious and were taken to the nearby Highland Hospital in Thane.

I had spinal cord fractures and was operated the same night. Diagnosis first hospitalization- A/H/O RTA with HMULTIPLE TRAUMA WITH # D4, D11, D12 DISLOCATION WITH CORD INJURY with PARAPLAGIA + LEFT SIDED MULTIPLE RIB # WITH B/L HAEMOTHORAX WITH B/L ICD IN SITU. Diagnosis second hospitalization - TRAUMATIC THORACIC SPINE WITH WOUND INFECTION.

There were complications after the surgery, and I had to be hospitalized for three weeks once again, after my discharge from hospital. My right leg nerve was badly damaged, and, to date, I cannot walk.

שבת שלום

*Pray for Asher &
Nancy Bhonkar*



My husband Asher had to have brain surgery twice, as his brain was impacted in the accident and has loss of memory. Diagnosis first hospitalization-Left temporal post traumatic with mass effect Craniectomy done. Diagnosis second hospitalization-Craniectomy defect for Cranioplasty.

With these handicaps, neither of us can yet work to earn a living. My husband or I don't have any income since January. I used to work with an NGO, Seva Sadan Society, at Gamdevi. My husband, who was a piano teacher, still has loss of memory and therefore cannot teach anymore. I have 2 children aged 13 and 8 years, whose future hangs in balance.

Due to my being bed ridden, as well as due to the memory loss of my husband, there has been a great delay in reaching out for medical grant towards our treatment. We appeal to you to please consider extending us financial help to cover our huge medical expenses. Friends and family have extended loans to pay for our treatment, which we have the burden to return.

I was hospitalized from 26th Jan 2022 till 9th Feb 2022; and again, from 02nd Mar 2022 To 22nd Mar 2022. My husband was hospitalized twice: From 26th Jan 2022 till 13 Feb 2022; and from 13th May 2022- 16th May 2022.

From the time I have been discharged from the hospital I am on a daily physiotherapy treatment and my husband on weekly speech therapy. Since both I and my husband will not be able to work and earn our living for at least next two years we would like to request you to approve whatever support you can provide for which we will be much obliged, and grateful We would appreciate your kind consideration to our appeal.

Thank you and regards

Mrs. Nancy Asher Bhonka

Please help the family by talking to them; WhatsApp/Phone: +91 98191 40297 / nancybhonkar@yahoo.com



Our Bene-Menasha Brothers & Sisters

Thank you to Jessica Thangjom



Manipur has been grappling with violent insurgencies and ethnic conflict for decades. The region is characterized by a high rate of unemployment and poverty, low capital formation, inadequate infrastructural facilities, geographical isolation, communication bottlenecks and practically no industrialization. The state is now effectively divided into ethnic zones, as long-simmering tensions between two groups — the Meiteis and the Kukis.

An ethnic clash erupted on 3 May 2023 in India's north-eastern state of Manipur between the Meitei people, a majority that lives in the Imphal Valley and the tribal community from the surrounding hills, including the Kuki and Zo peoples. As of 21 June, more than 100 people have been killed in the violence, and more than 300 others left wounded.

Bene-Menashe belongs to a larger ethnic group called Kuki (Kuki-Chin Mizo). In these political / social / ethnic clashes many of Bene-Menasha members were displaced from their homes.

Mr. Yitzhak Thangjom with his wife Jessica is the project director of a NGO in Israel **“Degel Menashe”**. Jessica is a good friend of Shaniwar-Teli eNewsletter and kept us updated on the development in Manipur and we kept up-dating our Facebook. Degel Menashe sent help from Israel for needy Bene-Menashe families. See the Facebook link: [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

In the next issue we will cover the story of the origin of Bene-Menashe and the wonderful work “*Degel Menashe*” is doing.



Shelters crowded after the clashes



Mas'glah

An intergenerational journey of Indian Jewish communities in Israel and around the world



<https://youtu.be/NcHhIM1vuek> Golan Sharikar WhatsApp with 504565609 shrikeriya@gmail.com

Who we are?

The Mas'glah movement is a social movement established by Indian and Mizrahi social and cultural activists for correction and change in the fields of culture, education and society in Israel.

The activists are members of the second and third generations of immigration who act out of identity motivation, out of recognition of cultural identity as a central factor in the organization of the public agenda and the distribution of resources in Israel. Mas'aghlā members believe in a tolerant society, Egalitarian and multicultural and working to promote this in all areas of life.

आपण कोण आहोत?

मसगलाह चळवळ ही इस्रायलमधील संस्कृती, शिक्षण आणि समाज ाच्या क्षेत्रात सुधारणा आणि परिवर्तनासाठी भारतीय आणि मिझराही सामाजिक आणि सांस्कृतिक कार्यकर्त्यांनी स्थापन केलेली एक सामाजिक चळवळ आहे.

हे कार्यकर्ते इमिग्रेशनच्या दुसऱ्या आणि तिसऱ्या पिढीचे सदस्य आहेत जे ओळखीच्या प्रेरणेतून कार्य करतात, सार्वजनिक अजेंडा आणि इस्रायलमधील संसाधनांच्या वाटपात सांस्कृतिक अस्मितेला मध्यवर्ती घटक म्हणून मान्यता देतात. मसागला चे सदस्य सहिष्णू समाज, समतावादी आणि बहुसांस्कृतिक यावर विश्वास ठेवतात आणि जीवनाच्या सर्व क्षेत्रांमध्ये याचा प्रचार करण्यासाठी कार्य करतात.



This group succeeded in adding Tu' B'sivat Malida ceremony in the Jewish Calendar.



Our Purpose of forming this NGO is

- Because social gaps are deepening
- Because we need to help immigrants from India vis-à-vis the Jewish Agency
- Because the Israelite tradition has something to contribute to Israeli society
- To build an Israeli research institute for and by members of the community
 - To maintain ties with Indian and Diaspora Jewry
 - To build and strengthen ties with other Mizrahi communities

Background: Background of the Indian Jewish communities from the Indian subcontinent, there are several groups, the largest of which are the Bene-Israel. At the very beginning of immigration there were many difficulties, both in India and Israel. At the height of the struggle about 500 immigrants returned to India claiming that the Israeli establishment is problematic. This racism continues even today throughout.	पार्श्वभूमी: भारतीय उपखंडातील भारतीय ज्यू समुदायांची पार्श्वभूमी, अनेक गट आहेत, त्यापैकी सर्वात मोठे म्हणजे बेने-इस्रायल. इमिग्रेशनच्या सुरुवातीलाच भारत आणि इस्रायल या दोन्ही देशांमध्ये अनेक अडचणी होत्या. संघर्ष शिगेला पोहोचला तेव्हा सुमारे ५०० स्थलांतरित इस्रायली सत्ता अडचणीत असल्याचा दावा करून भारतात परतले. हा वर्णद्वेष आजही कायम आहे.	רקע: רקע לקהילות יהדות הודו מתת היבשת ההודית יש כמה וכמה קבוצות הגדולה שבהן מכל הזמנים והעיקרית הינה בני ישראל מהודו. כבר בתחילת ההגירה היו קשיים רבים גם בהודו וגם כאן, בשיא המאבק חזרו כ-500 חזרה להודו. בטענה שהממסד הישראלי הינו בעייתי. הגזענות הזו מתמשכת גם היום בכל המישורים.
Goals: Massale aims to fight racism. Hold Indian and Jewish cultural events with the view that it must be part of the local landscape. Multigenerational connection to culture Heritage and history with an emphasis on change in education and academia.	लक्ष मसाल्याचे उद्दिष्ट वर्णद्वेषाविरुद्ध लढणे आहे. तो स्थानिक परिदृश्याचा भाग असावा या दृष्टिकोनातून भारतीय आणि ज्यू सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम आयोजित करा. संस्कृतीशी बहुवंशीय संबंध शिक्षण आणि शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रात बदल करण्यावर भर देणारा वारसा आणि इतिहास.	מטרות: מסעלה שמה לה למטרה להילחם בגזענות. לקיים אירועי תרבות יהודים ומתוך ראייה כי זה חייב להיות חלק מהנוף המקומי. חיבור רב דורי לתרבות מורשת והיסטוריה תוך שימת דגש על שינוי בחינוך ובאקדמיה.
Previous achievements: We introduced Malida ceremony of Tu Bishvat date into the Hebrew calendar for thanksgiving ceremony for Prophet Elijah.	मागील कामगिरी : प्रेषित एलिया यांच्या साठी धन्यवाद समारंभासाठी आम्ही हिब्रू कॅलेंडरमध्ये तू बिश्वत तारखेचा मालीदा सोहळा समाविष्ट केला.	הישגים קודמים: המשמעותי להכנסת מועד חדש ללוח השנה העברי טקס הודיה לאלהו הנביא הטבע של בני ישראל מהודו. מטרת ההכנסה הייתה שלב ראשוני לקידמת הבמה, מההסלון לבימות ישראל.
Types of activities 1. Presenting Indian identity and culture in the Israeli public 2. Processes of change in consciousness among community members 3. Pooling and creating historical and contemporary knowledge about the community 4. Connecting the community with other oppressed communities in Israel 5. Combating institutionalized racism against members of the community	क्रियाकलापांचे प्रकार[संपादन] 1. इस्रायली जनतेसमोर भारतीय अस्मिता आणि संस्कृती सादर करणे 2. समाजातील सदस्यांमधील चेतना बदलण्याची प्रक्रिया 3. समुदायाबद्दल ऐतिहासिक आणि समकालीन ज्ञान एकत्र करणे आणि तयार करणे 4. इस्रायलमधील इतर शोषित समुदायांशी समुदायाला जोडणे 5. समुदायाच्या सदस्यांविरुद्ध संस्थात्मक वर्णद्वेषाचा मुकाबला करणे	סוגי פעילויות שמסעלה מתכננת להוביל: 1. הנכחת הזהות והתרבות היהודית בציבוריות הישראלית 2. תהליכי שינוי תודעתי בקרב בני הקהילה 3. איגום ויצירת ידע היסטורי ועכשווי על הקהילה 4. חיבור בין הקהילה לבין קהילות מדוכאות אחרות בישראל 5. מאבק בגזענות הממוסדת כלפי בני הקהילה

About the association: Board Members: Dr. Rafi Shovali, Yeshayahu Ashtamker (Late), Ms.Sarah Groner, Gavsivan Tahal, Gevshona Rubens, Geshrona and Rolker, Mr. Itamar Taharlev, Ms. Tzipora Dan Harel. CEO Shriker Zriker Golan, VP Eliaz Reuven Dandeker	संघटनेबद्दल: मंडळाचे सदस्य : डॉ. रफी शोभाली, येशाहू अष्टमकर (दिवंगत), सारा ग्रोनर, गावशिवन टहल, गेवशोना रुबेन्स, गेश्रोना आणि रोलकर, श्री. जीपोरा डैन हैरेल। सीईओ श्रीकर झिकर गोलन, उपाध्यक्ष एलियाज रुवेन दांडेकर	על העמותה: חברי ההנהלה: ד"ר רפי שובלי, ישעיהו אשטמקר (ז"ל), גב' שרה גרונר, גבסיון תהל, גבונה רובנס, גשרונה ורולקר, מר איתמר טהרלב, גב' ציפורה דן הראל. מנכ"ל החל; שריקר צריקר גולן, סמנ;לאליעז ראובן דנדקר
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Massale holds many meetings within it to examine the models for working for social change. From our experience, a dialogue with community members from all over the country and an explanation of why It is important to talk and expose and edit current events from what was in the past to what we and communities see today as civic identity for our situation. We believe that change will come from the Messiah In a meeting and combination of entertainment familiar to the community or a personal ceremony that can seat guests from other communities around it. The connection must be voluntary on the part of activists To hear and reveal personal layers about their journey and how to see the world elsewhere.	मसगला सामाजिक परिवर्तनासाठी काम करण्याच्या मॉडेलसची तपासणी करण्यासाठी त्यात अनेक बैठका घेतात. आमच्या अनुभवावरून, देशभरातील समाजबांधवांशी संवाद आणि त्याचे स्पष्टीकरण भूतकाळातील घडामोडींपासून ते आजच्या परिस्थितीची नागरी ओळख म्हणून आपण आणि समाज काय पाहतो, यावर बोलणे आणि उलगडा करणे आणि संपादित करणे महत्वाचे आहे. आम्हाला विश्वास आहे की बदल मसीहाकडून येईल समाजाला परिचित असलेल्या करमणुकीच्या बैठकीमध्ये किंवा वैयक्तिक समारंभात जे आजूबाजूच्या इतर समुदायातील पाहुण्यांना बसू शकते. हे कनेक्शन कार्यकर्त्यांच्या वतीने ऐच्छिक असणे आवश्यक आहे त्यांच्या प्रवासाविषयी आणि इतरत्र जगाकडे कसे पहावे याबद्दल वैयक्तिक थर ऐकणे आणि प्रकट करणे.	מסע&#39;לה מקיימם מפגשים רבים בתוכה כדי לבחון את המודלים לעבודה לשינוי חברתי. מתוך ניסיון שלנו שיח עם אנשי הקהילה מכל רחבי הארץ והסבר למה חשוב לדבר ולחשוף ולערוך אקטואליזציה ממה שהיה בעבר למה שרואה היום אצלנו ואצל קהילות זהות אזרחית למצבנו. אנו מאמינים שהשינוי יגיע משיח במפגש ושילוב של בידור מוכר לקהילה או טקס מלידהאישיו שיכול להושיב סביבו אורחים מקהילות נוספות. החיבור חייב להיות מתוך רצון של פעילים לשמוע ולחשוף רבדים אישיים על המסע שלהם ואיך אפשר לראות את העולם במקום אחר. מסע&#39;לה פועלת לתיקון עולם אין לנו ברירה אחרת אין לנו פריבילגיה להמשיך למחוק את התרבות הכי עתיקה, עשירה ויפה עלי אדמות.
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Shaniwar Teli e-Newsletter is proud to be associated with Mas'glah group that is made up of Israeli born Indians who are proud for their heritage.

Mas'glah movement & Shaniwar-Teli have joint hands to help those in India who have problems immigrating to Israel. Please write to the details below. Even if you have been rejected, please send details and let us work on your files.

Shaniwar-Teli e-Newsletter		
For Helping those who are waiting in India to Immigrate to Israel.. इस्रायलमध्ये स्थलांतरित होण्याच्या प्रतीक्षेत असलेल्यांना मदत केल्याबद्दल...		
Mr. Abraham Samuel Fansapurkar who immigrated to Ashdod Israel this month, June 2023 protested strongly to Shaniwar-Teli about harassment the waiting immigrants in India. There is no help.	या महिन्यात, जून २०२३ मध्ये अशदोद इस्रायलमध्ये स्थायिक झालेल्या अब्राहम सॅम्युअल फणसापूरकर यांनी भारतातील प्रतीक्षेत असलेल्या स्थलांतरितांच्या छळाबद्दल शनिवार-तेली यांना जोरदार विरोध केला. कोणतीही मदत मिळत नाही.	מר אברהם סמואל פנספורקר, שעלה החודש לאשדוד, ישראל, יוני 2023, מחה בחריפות בפני שניואר-טלי על התנכלויות למהגרים הממתנים בהודו. אין עזרה.
Shaniwar-Teli has decided to coordinate with the NGO of Mr. Golan Sharikar, "Masala" who is an Israeli-Indian, born in Israel and has also helped Mr. Fansapurkar immigrate. Even if your case is rejected, contact Golan.	शनिवार-तेली यांनी इस्रायलमध्ये जन्मलेले, इस्रायली-भारतीय असलेल्या गोलन शारीकर यांच्या स्वयंसेवी संस्थेशी समन्वय साधण्याचा निर्णय घेतला असून, श्री. फणसापूरकर यांना ही मदत केली आहे. तुमची केस फेटाळली गेली तरी गोलन यांच्याशी संपर्क साधावा.	שניואר-טלי החליטה לתאם עם העמותה של מר גולן שריקר, "מסעל", שהוא ישראלי-הודי, יליד ישראל וגם סייע למר פנספורקר לעלות. גם אם תביעתך נדחת, צור קשר עם גולן.
Please discuss your case with Mr. Golan Sharikar / कृपया श्री.गोलन शारीकर यांच्याशी आपल्या प्रकरणावर चर्चा करा Email: shrikeriya@gmail.com WhatsApp: -972-504-5656-09 Facebook: (7) Golan Chariker Shriker Facebook Masala : (7) Facebook Website: go-card.co.il (מ"לה מסע בין דורי של קהילות יהדות הודו בישראל ובעולם בע'מסע)		

Our Community Members in Ashdod city Councils

חברי הקהילה שלנו במועצות העיר אשדוד/अशदोद शहर परिषदेतील आमचे समुदाय सदस्य

First time in the history of Ashdod two of our Bene-Israel members have got to the Municipal offices. Both appointments have been made by the Mayor candidate Dr. Eli Nachmani Mrs. Ora Shmueli as a member of the city council. Moshe Ben Tzur (Tzordekar) member of the Ashdod Religious Council.	अशदोदच्या इतिहासात प्रथमच आमचे दोन बेने-इस्रायल सदस्य पालिकेच्या कार्यालयात गेले आहेत. दोन्ही नियुक्त्या महापौर पदाच्या उमेदवाराने केल्या आहेत. एली नाचमनी, डॉ. श्रीमती ओरा शमुएली नगर परिषदेचे सदस्य म्हणून. मोशे बेन त्झूर (ता. अशदोद धार्मिक परिषदेचे सदस्य	פעם ראשונה בהיסטוריה של אשדוד שניים מחברי בני ישראל שלנו הגיעו למשרדי העירייה. שני המינויים נעשו על ידי המועמד לראשות העיר ד"ר אלי נחמני גב' אורה שמואלי כחבר מועצת העיר. משה בן צור (צורדקר) חבר המועצה הדתית אשדוד
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בס"ד

אורה שמואלי – חברת המועצה מטעם "אשדוד תנצח"

שמי: אורה שמואלי, (שם נעוריי יעקב, נובגאוקר).

בת: 62

נשואה לאלחנן שמואלי (בירודקר)+5.

מכהנת כחברת מועצת העיר אשדוד, ומזכירת הסיעה "אשדוד תנצח" בראשות דר': אלי לחמני.

אני בעלת תואר שני במנהל חינוכי +עבודת מחקר תיזה (אוני' בר אילן).

תואר ראשון- חינוך, וחינוך לא פורמאלי (אוני' בר אילן)

מנחת הורים, ומגשרת (מטעם אוני' בר אילן)

פרשתי ממשד החינוך לאחר 35 שנות עבודה חינוכית כמורה בכירה ומחנכת.

כיום אני עוסקת כמורה להוראה מתקנת, ובעלת קליניקה - להוראה מתקנת.

לאחר פרישתי ב: 2018, הצטרפתי לסיעה "אשדוד תנצח" בראשות דר' אלי לחמני, ומאז משמשת כמזכירת הסיעה,

מתמקדת בסיוע בתחום החינוך, מכהנת כחברה בוועדת מכרזים, ובוועדת הרווחה בעיר ומסייעת בתחום זה.

תומכת בדר' אלי לחמני, משום שאלי לחמני ישר והגון, בעל ניסיון רב בתחום המוניציפלי.

כיום אלי לחמני מכהן כיו"ר האופוזיציה והגיש מאות שאלות לטובת התושבים.

עיסוקי: רואה חשבון ועו"ד.



מאמינה שהוא ינהל בעתיד את תקציב העיריה בצורה מושכלת ונכונה, עם רגישות לצורכי כל תושבי אשדוד, **להלן:**

1. חינוך - הקצאה מיידית של 2% מההווים 55 מיליון שקלים לטובת תוכניות לימודים ייחודיות.
2. תחבורה - קידום 3 כניסות חדשות לאשדוד, ושינוי משמעותי בתחבורה הציבורית.
3. דיור - הקמת מודל עירוני של בנייה לזוגות צעירים בלבד בעלות מופחתת (18-25%)
4. תעסוקה - הבאת מפעלים התחום ההייטק והקצעת משאבים עירוניים בהתאם.
5. תיירות - קידום הקמת בתי מלון בעיר ויצירת תשתית תיירותית ברמה הארצית.
6. ביטחון - ביטול אגרת השמירה וצד הרחבת פעילות השיטור העירוני, קידום מידי של פרויקט המיגון לכל הדירות חסרות המיגון בעיר.
7. איכות הסביבה - טיפול במפגעים החמורים הקיימים בעיר ופוגעים בבריאות התושבים.
8. בריאות - קידום פעולות למען שלום הילד והתפתחותו, הקמת מרכז פעילות למען תושבים בעלי צרכים מיוחדים ומשפחותיהם.

שיפור בקהילה ההודית:

בניית מרכז תרבות עירוני בו תוצג ההיסטוריה של קהילת יוצאי הודו, שישמש כמוזיאון להצגת העבר המפואר של הקהילה בהודו, המרכז יתפקד כמקום מפגש לצרכים התרבותיים של הקהילה ומועדון חברתי ייחודי של העדה.
דר' אלי לחמני מינה את מר' משה בן צור לנציגו במועצה הדתית, כאשר המטרות המרכזיות הן השגת תקציבים לטובת בתי הכנסת בעיר, הסדרת נושא מורשת הקהילה לדוגמא בנושא מנהגי הקבורה ועוד...
אלי לחמני, מעורב מאוד גם בניהול החשבונות של בתי כנסת ההודים באשדוד, תומך מייעץ ומסייע בידע המקצועי ליעילותם ותחזוקתם.

Ora Shmueli – Councillor for "Ashdod will win"

My name: Ora Shmueli, (my maiden name Yaakov, Novagawker).

Daughter: 62

She is married to Elhanan Shmueli (Birodker)+5.

She serves as a member of the Ashdod City Council, and secretary of the "Ashdod Will Win" faction, headed by Dr. Eli Lachmani.

I have a Master's degree in Educational Administration + a thesis research paper (Bar Ilan University).

Bachelor's degree – Education and Informal Education (Bar Ilan University)

Parent facilitator and mediator (on behalf of Bar Ilan University)

I retired from the Ministry of Education after 35 years of educational work as a senior teacher and educator.

Today I work as a teacher of remedial teaching, and the owner of a clinic - for remedial teaching.

After my retirement in 2018, I joined the "Ashdod Won" faction headed by Dr. Eli Lachmani, and since then has served as the faction's secretary, focusing on assistance in the field of education, serving as a member of the tenders committee, and the city's welfare committee, and assisting in this area.

I support Dr. Eli Lachmani, because Eli Lachmani is honest and honest, with extensive experience in the municipal field. Eli Lachmani currently serves as opposition leader and has submitted hundreds of queries in favor of the residents.

His occupation: accountant and lawyer.



I believe that in the future he will manage the municipality's budget in an informed and correct manner, with sensitivity to the needs of all Ashdod residents, as follows:

1. Education – immediate allocation of 2%, NIS 55 million, for unique curricula.
2. Transportation – promotion of 3 new entrances to Ashdod, and a significant change in public transportation.
3. Housing – establishing an urban model of construction for young couples only at a reduced cost (18-25%)
4. Employment – bringing in high-tech factories and allocating municipal resources accordingly.
5. Tourism – promoting the establishment of hotels in the city and creating tourism infrastructure at the national level.
6. Security – cancellation of the guard fee and expansion of municipal policing activities, immediate promotion of the protection project for all unprotected apartments in the city.
7. Environmental protection – dealing with the serious hazards that exist in the city and harm the health of the residents.
8. Health – promoting activities for child welfare and development, establishing an activity center for residents with special needs and their families.

Improvement in the Indian community:

Building a municipal cultural center where the history of the community of Indian immigrants will be presented, which will serve as a museum to present the glorious past of the community in India, the center will function as a meeting place for the cultural needs of the community and a unique social club of the community.

Dr. Eli Lachmani appointed Mr. Moshe Ben Tzur as his representative on the Religious Council, with the main goals being to obtain budgets for the benefit of the city's synagogues, to regulate the issue of community heritage, for example on burial customs, and more...

Eli Lachmani, also very involved in the accounting of Indian synagogues in Ashdod, supports, advises and assists with professional knowledge for their efficiency and maintenance. (Google Translate)

ओरा श्मुएली - "अशदोद जीतेगा" के लिए पार्षद

माझे नाव: ओरा श्मुएली, (माझे मूल नाव याकोव, नोवागावकर).

मुलगी: ६२

तिचा विवाह एल्हानान श्मुएली (विरोडकर)+५ शी झाला आहे.

ती अशदोद सिटी कौन्सिलची सदस्य आणि डॉ. एली लचमानी यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखालील

"अशदोद विल विन" गटाची सचिव म्हणून काम करते.

माझ्याकडे एज्युकेशनल अॅडमिनिस्ट्रेशनमध्ये पदव्युत्तर पदवी + एक प्रबंध शोधनिबंध (बार इलन विद्यापीठ) आहे.

पालक सूत्रधार आणि मध्यस्थ (बार इलान विद्यापीठाच्या वतीने)

वरिष्ठ शिक्षक आणि शिक्षक म्हणून ३५ वर्षे शैक्षणिक कार्य केल्यानंतर मी शिक्षण मंत्रालयातून निवृत्त झालो.

आज मी उपचारात्मक अध्यापनाचा शिक्षक आणि क्लिनिकचा मालक म्हणून काम करतो - उपचारात्मक शिक्षणासाठी.



२०१८ मध्ये निवृत्त झाल्यानंतर मी डॉ. एली लचमानी यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखालील "अशदोद वॉन" गटात सामील झालो आणि तेव्हापासून या गटाचा सचिव म्हणून काम केले, शिक्षण क्षेत्रातील मदतीवर लक्ष केंद्रित केले, निविदा समिती आणि शहराच्या कल्याण समितीचा सदस्य म्हणून काम केले आणि या क्षेत्रात मदत केली. मी डॉ. एली लचमानी यांचे समर्थन करतो, कारण एली लचमानी प्रामाणिक आणि प्रामाणिक आहेत, त्यांना नगरपालिका क्षेत्रातील व्यापक अनुभव आहे. एली लचमानी सध्या विरोधी पक्षनेते म्हणून कार्यरत असून त्यांनी रहिवाशांच्या बाजूने शेकडो प्रश्न मांडले आहेत.

त्यांचा व्यवसाय : लेखापाल आणि वकील.

मला विश्वास आहे की भविष्यात ते सर्व अशदोद रहिवाशांच्या गरजा संवेदनशीलतेने, खालीलप्रमाणे माहितीपूर्ण आणि योग्य पद्धतीने पालिकेचे बजेट व्यवस्थापित करतील:

1. शिक्षण - अद्वितीय अभ्यासक्रमासाठी 2%, एनआयएस 55 दशलक्ष, तात्काळ वाटप.
2. वाहतूक - अशदोदसाठी 3 नवीन प्रवेशद्वारांचा प्रचार आणि सार्वजनिक वाहतुकीत महत्वपूर्ण बदल.
3. गृहनिर्माण - कमी खर्चात (18-25%) तरुण जोडप्यांसाठी बांधकामाचे शहरी मॉडेल स्थापित करणे
4. रोजगार - उच्च तंत्रज्ञानाचे कारखाने आणणे आणि त्यानुसार पालिकेच्या संसाधनांचे वाटप करणे.
5. पर्यटन - शहरात हॉटेल उभारणीस प्रोत्साहन देणे आणि राष्ट्रीय स्तरावर पर्यटनाच्या पायाभूत सुविधा निर्माण करणे.
6. सुरक्षा - गार्ड फी रद्द करणे आणि पालिकेच्या पोलिस उपक्रमांचा विस्तार करणे, शहरातील सर्व असुरक्षित अपार्टमेंटसाठी संरक्षण प्रकल्पाला त्वरित प्रोत्साहन देणे.
7. पर्यावरण संरक्षण - शहरात अस्तित्वात असलेल्या आणि रहिवाशांच्या आरोग्यास हानी पोहोचविणार्या गंभीर धोक्यांचा सामना करणे.
8. आरोग्य - बालकल्याण आणि विकासासाठी उपक्रमांना प्रोत्साहन देणे, विशेष गरजा असलेले रहिवासी आणि त्यांच्या कुटुंबियांसाठी क्रियाकलाप केंद्राची स्थापना करणे.

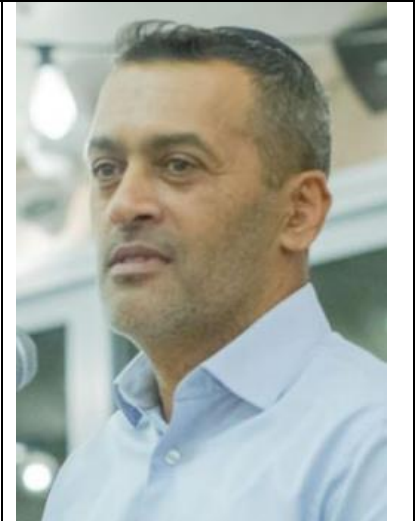
भारतीय समुदायातील सुधारणा :

भारतीय स्थलांतरितांच्या समुदायाचा इतिहास सादर केला जाईल, जे भारतातील समुदायाचा गौरवशाली भूतकाळ सादर करण्यासाठी संग्रहालय म्हणून काम करेल, असे म्युनिसिपल कल्चरल सेंटर तयार करणे, हे केंद्र समुदायाच्या सांस्कृतिक गरजा भागविण्याचे ठिकाण आणि समुदायाच्या एक अद्वितीय सामाजिक क्लब म्हणून कार्य करेल.

डॉ. एली लचमानी यांनी श्री मोशे बेन त्झूर यांना धार्मिक परिषदेवर त्यांचे प्रतिनिधी म्हणून नियुक्त केले, मुख्य उद्दीष्टे शहरातील सिनेगॉगच्या फायद्यासाठी बजेट मिळविणे, सामुदायिक वारशाच्या समस्येचे नियमन करणे, उदाहरणार्थ दफन विधी आणि बरेच काही...

अशदोदमधील भारतीय सिनेगॉगच्या हिशेबातही गुंतलेले एली लचमानी त्यांच्या कार्यक्षमतेसाठी आणि देखभालीसाठी व्यावसायिक ज्ञानाचे समर्थन, सल्ला आणि मदत करतात. (Google Translate)

1. שמי משה בן צור (צורדק) נשוי+3. אני פעיל חברתי שפועל בקרב הקהילה באשדוד ובארץ. כבר למעלה מעשור. משתדל לפעול בכל מקום שבו מבקשים מימני לעזור. מונית לחבר המועצה הדתית אשדוד.
2. נכון להיום אני חבר המועצה הדתית (ממתין לאישור משרד הדתות)
3. אני תומך בד"ר אלי לחמני לראשות העיר.
4. אני תומך בו לראשות העיר כי אין מתאים מימנו לתפקיד הזה. הגיע הזמן לעשות שינוי בעיר אשדוד.
5. בנוסף הוא כבר פועל למען הקהילה בזה שמינה גם אותי וגם את הגברת אורה שמואלי לחברת מועצת העיר.
5. אלי לחמני יפעל לקידום הקמת בית קהילות שבו הקהילה ההודית תקבל מקום מכובד משל עצמה.
- יפעל לקבלת תקציב תרבות לקהילה.
- מרכז יום לגמלאים בני הקהילה.
- הסדרת מנהגי הקבורה ע"פ מורשת " בני ישראל"
- הנצחת העליה ע"י מתן שם לאחד הרחובות בעיר וגם אחד הכיכרות לפחות.
- ועוד ועוד. היחד שמתייחס בהתאם לקהילה שלנו.



1. My name is Moshe Ben Tzur (Tzordekar) Married+3. I am a social activist active in the community in Ashdod and Israel. For over a decade. I try to act wherever they ask me to help. I was appointed a member of the Ashdod Religious Council.
2. As of today I am a member of the Religious Council (awaiting approval from the Ministry of Religious Affairs)
3. I support Dr. Eli Lachmani for mayor (see next page).
4. I support him for mayor because there is no fit for this position. It's time to make a change in the city of Ashdod. In addition; he is already working for the community by appointing both me and Mrs. Ora Shmueli as a member of the city council.
5. Eli Lachmani will work to promote the establishment of a community house in which the Indian community will receive an honorable place of its own.
Will work to receive a cultural budget for the community.
Day centers for retirees from the community.
Regulation of burial customs according to the heritage of the "Children of Israel"
Commemorating Aliyah by naming one of the streets in the city and at least one of the squares.
And on and on. The togetherness that relates according to our community. (Google Translate)

१. माझं नाव मोशे बेन त्झूर (तजोर्डेकर)
विवाहित +3. मी अशदोद आणि इस्रायलमधील समुदायात सक्रिय सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता आहे. एक दशक से अधिक समय तक। ते मला जिथे मदत करायला सांगतील तिथे मी कृती करण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो. अशदोद धार्मिक परिषदेचा सदस्य म्हणून माझी नेमणूक झाली.
२. आजच्या घडीला मी धार्मिक परिषदेचा सदस्य आहे (धार्मिक कार्य मंत्रालयाच्या मंजूरीच्या प्रतीक्षेत आहे)
3. महापौरपदासाठी डॉ. एली लचमानी यांना माझा पाठिंबा आहे.
4. या पदासाठी योग्य नसल्यामुळे मी त्यांना महापौरपदासाठी पाठिंबा देतो. अशदोद शहरात बदल करण्याची वेळ आली आहे. शिवाय नगरपरिषदेचे सदस्य म्हणून मला आणि श्रीमती ओरा श्मुएली या दोघांना नियुक्त करून ते आधीच समाजासाठी काम करत आहेत.
5. एली लचमानी एक कम्युनिटी हाऊस स्थापन करण्यासाठी काम करतील ज्यामध्ये भारतीय समुदायाला स्वतःचे एक सन्माननीय स्थान मिळेल.
समाजासाठी सांस्कृतिक अंदाजपत्रक मिळावे यासाठी काम करू.
समाजातील निवृत्तींसाठी डे सेंटर.
"इस्राएल च्या मुलांच्या" वारशानुसार दफन विधींचे नियमन
शहरातील एका रस्त्याला आणि किमान एका चौकाला नाव देऊन आलियाचे स्मरण करणे.
आणि पुढे आणि पुढे. आपल्या समाजाशी निगडित असलेली एकजूट. (Google Translate)

Ashdod Mayor Election on 31.10.2023

The Ashdod Elections are due soon. Who will be a good Mayor for the city and for our Israeli-India community in Ashdod.

लवकरच आशदोद विधानसभा निवडणूक होणार आहे. शहरासाठी आणि अशदोदमधील आमच्या इस्रायल-भारत समुदायासाठी कोण चांगला महापौर असेल.

הבחירות באשדוד צפויות להתקיים בקרוב. שיהיה ראש עיר טוב לעיר ולקהילה הישראלית-הודית שלנו באשדוד.

During a discussion with Mr. Moshe Chordekar (a member of the religious council from Eli Lachmani) on the election topic, he said he was supporting Mr. Eli Lachmani.

मोशे चोरडेकर (एली लचमणी येथील धार्मिक परिषदेचे सदस्य) यांच्याशी निवडणुकीच्या विषयावर झालेल्या चर्चेत त्यांनी एली लचमणी यांना पाठिंबा देत असल्याचे सांगितले.

בשיחה עם מר משה צ'ורדקר (חבר המועצה הדתית מאלי לחמני) בנושא הבחירות, אמר כי הוא תומך במר אלי לחמני.

When I asked him why, he arranged a meeting with Mr. Eli Lachmani on 26.6.2023 where only Israel-Indian community was invited. 25 members attended who heard him and asked questions.

मी त्यांना का विचारले तेव्हा त्यांनी २६.६.२०२३ रोजी श्री. एली लचमानी यांच्याशी एक बैठक आयोजित केली होती जिथे फक्त इस्रायल-भारतीय समुदायाला आमंत्रित करण्यात आले होते. २५ सदस्यांनी उपस्थित राहून त्यांचे म्हणणे ऐकून घेत प्रश्न विचारले.

כששאלתי אותו מדוע, הוא קבע פגישה עם מר אלי לחמני בתאריך 26.6.2023 אליה הוזמנה רק קהילה ישראלית-הודית. 25 חברים נכחו בו ששמעו אותו ושאלו שאלות.



Dr. Eli Nachmani

Operations manager ▪ Logistics
▪ Supply Chain ▪ Priority Implementation ▪ Planning ▪ Customer Support ▪ Customer Services ▪ Strong communication ▪ Educator



1.5 Hour Talk by Eli (some major points) 1. During this meeting Eli informed us that the total budget of Ashdod Municipal is NIS 2,200,000,000 of which the Israeli-Indian's get NIS 150,000 per year, while other communities get in millions. 2. Synagogues of other communities are financed from the Municipal budget but Indian-Israelis always have to spend from their pocket. 3. Our educated children have no jobs or place to buy in Ashdod. They leave us go away to other cities. Why? 4. The high-tech land in south of Ashdod is being considered for home and office building by the owners of the land. If this happens our children will never come to back to Ashdod.	१.५ एली यांचे तासाचे भाषण (काही प्रमुख मुद्दे) 1. या बैठकीदरम्यान एलीने आम्हाला माहिती दिली की अशदोद नगरपालिकेचे एकूण बजेट NIS2,200,000,000 आहे ज्यापैकी इस्रायली-भारतीयांना दरवर्षी NIS 150,000 मिळतात, तर इतर समुदायांना लाखो रुपये मिळतात. 2. इतर समुदायांच्या सिनेगॉगना महानगरपालिकेच्या बजेटमधून अर्थसाहाय्य केले जाते परंतु भारतीय-इस्रायली लोकांना नेहमीच त्यांच्या खिशातून खर्च करावा लागतो. ३. आमच्या सुशिक्षित मुलांना अशदोदमध्ये नोकरी किंवा विकत घेण्यासाठी जागा नाही. ते आम्हाला सोडून इतर शहरात जातात. का? ४. अशदोदच्या दक्षिणेकडील हायटेक जागेचा विचार जमीन मालकांकडून घर आणि कार्यालय ाच्या इमारतीसाठी केला जात आहे. जर असे झाले तर आमची मुले कधीही अशदोदकडे परत येणार नाहीत.	1.5 שעות הרצאה של אלי (כמה נקודות עיקריות) 1. במהלך פגישה זו הודיע לנו אלי כי התקציב הכולל של עיריית אשדוד הוא 2,200,000,000 ש"ח, מתוכם הישראלים ההודים מקבלים 150,000 ש"ח בשנה, בעוד שיישובים אחרים מקבלים מיליונים. 2. בתי כנסת של קהילות אחרות ממומנים מתקציב העירייה, אך ההודים-ישראלים תמיד צריכים להוציא מכיסם. 3. לילדינו המשכילים אין עבודה או מקום לקנות באשדוד. הם משאירים אותנו, נוסעים לערים אחרות. למה? 4. קרקעות ההייטק בדרום אשדוד נבחנות לבנייה למגורים ומשרדים על ידי בעלי הקרקע. אם זה יקרה, הילדים שלנו לעולם לא יחזרו לאשדוד.
The whole recording for 1.5 hours is on Shaniwar-Teli website. It is worth listening to it especially Eli answering the questions from our community. Wbwo Daniels - As Mayor what will Eli Lachmani will do for... Facebook	दीड तासांचे संपूर्ण रेकॉर्डिंग शनिवार-तेली संकेतस्थळावर आहे. हे ऐकण्यासारखे आहे विशेषतः एली आमच्या समुदायाच्या प्रश्नांची उत्तरे देत आहे. Wbwo Daniels - As Mayor what will Eli Lachmani will do for... Facebook	ההקלטה כולה במשך שעה וחצי נמצאת באתר שניוואר-טלי. כדאי להקשיב לו במיוחד אלי עונה על שאלות הקהילה שלנו. Wbwo Daniels - As Mayor what will Eli Lachmani will do for... Facebook

What Did I liked in Eli's talk : Eli said that no matter how small the Israeli-Indian community is in Ashdod that should not decide what contributions they should get from Municipal budget. As a community Israel-Indians have contributed in progress of Ashdod from last 70 years. This is enough reason to give them the equal rights by the Municipal. We all know that Israeli Indian families are in minority, not just in Ashdod but even in Israel and India. So their contribution to the election too will be smaller. But this should not be the reason to neglect the community. If others get to make four synagogues, let the Israeli-Indian built one. But not leave then behind. Indian-Israeli community is humble quiet and don't even demand much. But whatever little they demand, they should get it. They spent 2200 years in India. They too have their Jewish leaders like Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimikar who wrote the history of the Israeli Indian Jews and is world famous. We should have a road circle names in his name and a road too.	एलीच्या बोलण्यातलं मला काय आवडलं - एली म्हणाले की, अशदोदमध्ये इस्रायली-भारतीय समुदाय कितीही लहान असला तरी त्यांना महानगरपालिकेच्या अर्थसंकल्पातून काय योगदान मिळावे हे त्यांनी ठरवू नये. एक समुदाय म्हणून इस्रायल-भारतीयांनी गेल्या ७० वर्षांपासून अशदोदच्या प्रगतीत योगदान दिले आहे. त्यांना महापालिकेने समान अधिकार देण्याचे हे पुरेसे कारण आहे. केवळ अशदोदमध्येच नव्हे तर इस्रायल आणि भारतातही इस्रायली भारतीय कुटुंबे अल्पसंख्य आहेत, हे आपल्या सर्वांना माहित आहे. त्यामुळे निवडणुकीतील त्यांचे योगदानही कमी असेल. पण समाजाकडे दुर्लक्ष करण्याचे हे कारण नसावे. जर इतरांना चार सिनेगॉग बनवायला मिळाले तर इस्रायली-भारतीय ांना एक बांधू द्या. पण मग मागे राहू नका. भारतीय-इस्रायली समुदाय नम्र शांत आहे आणि जास्त मागणीही करत नाही. पण त्यांनी जी थोडी थोडी मागणी केली, ती त्यांना मिळायला हवी. त्यांनी भारतात २२०० वर्षे घालवली. त्यांच्याकडेही इस्रायली भारतीय ज्यूंचा इतिहास लिहिणारे आणि जगप्रसिद्ध श्री. हायम सॅम्युअल केहिमीकर यांच्यासारखे त्यांचे ज्यू नेते आहेत. त्याच्या नावावर रस्त्याचे वर्तुळ असावे आणि रस्ताही असावा.	מה אהבתי בהרצאה של אלי: אלי אמר שלא משנה כמה קטנה הקהילה הישראלית-הודית באשדוד, זה לא צריך להחליט אילו תרומות הם יקבלו מתקציב העירייה. כקהילה, ישראל-הודים תרמו להתקדמות של אשדוד מ-70 השנים האחרונות. זו סיבה מספקת לתת להם את שוויון הזכויות על ידי העירייה. כולנו יודעים שמשפחות הודיות ישראליות הן מיעוט, לא רק באשדוד אלא אפילו בישראל ובהודו. כך שגם תרומתם לבחירות תהיה קטנה יותר. אבל זו לא צריכה להיות הסיבה להזניח את הקהילה. אם אחרים יזכו לעשות ארבעה בתי כנסת, שהישראל-הודי יבנה אחד. אבל לא להשאיר אז מאחור. הקהילה ההודית-ישראלית צנועה, שקטה ואפילו לא דורשת הרבה. אבל כל מעט שהם דורשים, הם צריכים לקבל את זה. הם בילו 2200 שנה בהודו. גם להם יש מנהיגים יהודים כמו מר הים שמואל קהימיקר, שכתב את ההיסטוריה של יהודי הודו בישראל והוא מפורסם בעולם. צריך להיות לנו מעגל דרכים על שמו וגם כביש. We were told about Eli so we wrote this. If others too tell us why they are supporting others, we will print it.
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Asha Bhosle Show /11. 5. 2023 / Aviv Geffen Show



Raymond Kandlekar, Sion Charikar and Eli Nacht (Deputy Mayor of Ashdod) made this show possible in these difficult conditions.



With Gaza barrages ongoing and first Israeli fatality just hours before, crowds stream to Aviv Geffen show; [video shows Iron Dome intercept rockets in the distance](#) [Tens of thousands attend Tel Aviv outdoor rock concert despite threat of rockets](#) | [The Times of Israel](#)

Despite looming threats of rocket fire from Gaza, an estimated 40,000 people attended a concert of Israeli rock star Aviv Geffen in Tel Aviv on Thursday 11.5.2023 evening. At the same time estimated 1000 Israeli-Indians attended the Asha Bhosle show in the amphitheater at Mimi Israel close to Latrun. 90 years old National Award Winner singer dazed all her audience, old and young equally, into her magical songs from Dum Maro Dum to Umrao Jaan.



Our Loving Bene-Israel People; “I don’t want to be involved.”

After John Perry sent us the accounts of donations collected in 2018 (close to 6 lacs Rs) and we shared it with the community in an epically supplement issue Vol. 14A, many asked us the same question, now what next?

When we saw such a long list of donors that we too were surprised that so many people keeping quiet for 6 years not asking what happened with their donation for repairs of the monument or asking for refund.

It was only after Shaniwar Teli started asking for donations for repairs of the monument, some of the community members stopped us. They claimed they had given serious donations for this purpose in 2018, and where is that money. It was only then that we realized that why people refused to re-donate for same purpose.

We decided to ask some of the donors as to why did they keep quiet for 6 years. Our team in India and Israel asked a few donors why they **NOT** asked any questions.

To our surprise, no matter India or Israel, our people gave almost the same reply; "once we have donated our job is over. Then it is the job of those who collected the donations to do their job".

From well-known names of the community to those who donated in thousands or in hundreds; all of them had similar/ same reply. One thing common in all of them was that no one wanted to get involved or ask questions and requested not to mention their names.

We don't know if we should be happy to have such lovely people in our community or sad that their hard earned money in lacs is not used for the purpose, and still they don't have courage to ask questions and demand their money back.



I never ask after I donate

I did my job. Collector has to do theirs.

I don't want to be involved.

I remember I paid. I have a receipt. But don't give my name.

I paid but the memorial is same for 6 years.

I don't care any more.

I donated once. I will not donate again.

I was cheated. Whole community was cheated

They should return our money at today's rate.

I knew they will never do it.



Looking back at my participation: I was studying at St. Joseph's High School, Umerkhadi which was then a neighborhood with a majority of Hindus and Bene Israelis. The Etz Haeem Synagogue attracted our community members for prayers residing in the vicinity including Umerkhadi, Dongri, Char Nal, Noor Baug and J.J. Hospital.

Hence at the meetings of Reuben's Athletic Club before an athletic event, those present would share responsibilities of informing the community about it. Being close to Etz Haeem Synagogue I would be the one chosen to give leaflets. In addition, I used to write for "Maccabi," a Marathi monthly published by the late Mr. Bunderkar from Parel and hence would announce the event through its publication.

Those were the days when there was no internet and every rupee counted hence we saved money on postage whenever possible. Others would take over the responsibility of keeping our community informed from other synagogues in Mumbai, Thane and Pune.

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When it came to finances, Nissim Reuben, who was the organizer was helped by the committee whose president was Diamond Pugavkar, a senior customs officer. His financial contribution was always the highest but most members who share in the expenses of the yearly Bene Israeli sports event held at Central Railways Ground, situated on the main road in Parel. But still Nissim Reuben, known for being on the road with his cycle would meet members of the community and collect funds. There were no fees for participating in the events and the expenses included rent for the ground, cost of trophies, rental of loudspeakers etc.

Our youth from all over would participate in the event. I remember Nissim Talkar, who was in Bombay Police for a short time, was always the favorite in the one-mile running race. I am having trouble remembering names but could not beat our cyclist from 'Saat Rashta,' that's the way Jacob Circle was called those days. Hence had to be content with the second place for long years. Thane did not have as many Bene Israelis those days in the 1950s and hence the battle would be between Dongri and Saat Rashta for most of the events.

Later on in the 1960s, Reuben's Athletic Club would have some events opened for all communities in athletics, cycling etc. and I would get the best of those athletes to compete from my alma mater, St. Xavier's College and my cycling circle from Mumbai. Thus, a sizeable number of our youth who represented the Indian Jewish community at World Maccabean Games were selected on their performance at this Bene Israeli Games. Of course, together with their performance record at this event, they would be asked for their records at schools, university and Bombay State sports events. Those were the days!

Author: John Perry

The recurring story of Worli Cemetery

David Talagaokar



There was a post in May 2023 in the by Salma Shir and Sholomo Sur from Israel who visited the Worli cemetery and complained about its maintenance. But her pictures and videos showed a well maintained cemetery. See the link below.

[קהילתי ליוצאי הודו \(facebook.com\)](https://www.facebook.com/קהילתי-ליוצאי-הודו)

The names of the trustees and contact details are mentioned on the wall. They could have called them first before spreading fake information. Israeli Bene-Israel groups do not contribute a penny towards the maintenance of any cemetery in India. But they come once in a while and compare municipal maintained Israeli cemeteries to our cemeteries that are maintained by our synagogues and donations.

These visitors also expect that the committee should have each grave tomb repaired, cleaned and where ever the names have been erased to get it repaired. Where does the cemetery trust get funds for this? In Israel too, you have to repair your family grave. Electricity has to be paid, property tax to be paid salary of the caretakers, and other employees.

Five years back one could not reach some of the grave stones. Now one can reach easily all the tomb stones. All the Bene-Israel synagogues are contributing Rs.10,000/- each every year as donations. We trustees have ourselves contributed by giving donations and raising it from our relatives and friends. Sion and his father Rahamin Charikar have done a fabulous job. But it's an everyday attention which is required.

If every Bene-Israel family abroad will contribute just **\$100/year** (less than \$10 per month) for maintaining the cemeteries and other Bene-Israel sites, the story would be different. Don't blame. Start helping to find a solution.



Taken from their video
**If you are willing to contribute
 \$100 per year (less than \$ 10
 per month) please contact us.**
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Sitting 5000 KM away, people have no idea what we have to deal with maintenance of the cemeteries. Some recent examples:

1. As regards the working cemetery, when Mr. Rahamin Charikar was personally inspecting the land near to the side walls of the cemetery, he called us to come to the at the cemetery, and myself and Sammy Wasker reached the cemetery, we saw about 5000 rats dead in this area, some of them were in the land beneath the graves.
2. One fine morning the caretaker reported that some unauthorized structures were coming up on the footpath adjacent to the cemetery wall. Three shops were coming up, which were authorized by the BMC. These shops which were coming up adjacent to the cemetery wall, were opposed by us trustees and we i.e. Myself, Sammy Wasker and Rahamin Charikar met the municipal officer on Saturday morning and we went right to the top most officer and stopped the work. None of the other Trustees were ready and willing to come to B.M.C. office. And if we would not have acted the work of erecting the stalls would have been completed by Monday morning.
3. Similarly, we have to visit the Worli police Station, the R.T.O. office, the Income Tax office and we are only the three of us running about.
4. It's the same as regards the Shar Ha Rahamim Synagogue. It becomes difficult to find time for my professional work. And these Israeli Tourists they create unnecessary problems without giving any donations.

We request all Bene-Israel tourists coming from Israel and other places, to understand that they are not contributing a penny towards the maintenance of the cemeteries, synagogues and other Bene-Israel sites in India. It is all done by locals here under various political and economic pressures and no one is getting paid to runs about for the community work like we do. These are some dedicated volunteer work. We also have a family and job and responsibilities.

Whoever is interested in getting 8000+ graves repaired and re-grave all the written words, please get in contact with us and we will then have a quotation. Like Mr. Sion Charikar, he worked with us and got the whole cemetery renovated spending lacs of rupees of his own.

They have now also undertaken the work of **digitalization of all the records** of Worli Cemetery.



Must Read

Free Regime

Rav Dr. Michael Laitman – Through Ora Samson Ashtamkar

[Dr. Michael Laitman](#) | [To Change the World - Change Man](#)



Many years passed until humanity realized that it was impossible to continue with the selfish and exploitative bourgeois capitalist regime - then it began to rebel and experiment with other, socialist systems of government. Before that, generations upon generations of society was progressing and developing with the drive of selfishness, without an iota of thought for the welfare of others. Capitalism is natural and understandable to the human race, because selfishness is the instinct that drives each of us, whether we are extremely rich or desperately poor; That's why entire lifetimes passed until the company was able to notice that something here was not quite right. There are people who suffer a lot so that others can enjoy and maybe that is wrong. But the attempts to establish egalitarian social societies did not produce brighter results, and sometimes much worse than the competitive method. Because man is drawn to competition of his own free will, out of a drive to earn and an aspiration to succeed, while the socialist system leaves man without a natural incentive. Why make an effort and bother if I won't get even the slightest personal benefit from it? So if it weren't for the power of arms, communism would have gone bankrupt a long time ago. Neither capitalism nor communism put us on the golden path to create a happy humanity. Both have certain advantages, and both have many shortcomings. According to Orem, it is not possible to build a society where everyone will feel successful, equal and good, that everyone will have correct relationships and use the economy in a correct way that will develop them and with it the whole society. But it's not for nothing that we went through all the capitalist and socialist attempts in all their shades, with all the ups and downs, and all the crises of all kinds. All the ways of social development make us wiser, through them we find out what is good and what is bad. In the end it will become clear that the right regime for humanity is only in having *"love your neighbor as yourself"*. And not *"love your neighbor as yourself"* as a moral work slogan, to be diligent, submissive and kind. But a regime that will be based on real love, which stems from a new strait built on top of selfishness. Through it, everyone feels that they are an inseparable part of a special body called a nation, which is part of a unified body that is humanity. The body faithfully takes care of all its organs, and they belong to it. This is an emotional intellectual revolution that should pass over us after we have tried all the shades of the methods and clarified them to the end. There is no doubt that we will reach it, but without pressure, without oppression, without any application of external forces. Such a development should be created in a person, in a nation, in the world, from within, and only out of free choice.



Why is Yaakov called Yaakov and **Israel** alternately in the book of Genesis?

Yaakov wrestling with the angel is described in [Genesis](#) (32:22–32; also referenced in [Hosea](#) 12:3–5). The "angel" in question is referred to as "man" (אִישׁ) and "God" in Genesis, while Hosea references an "angel" (מַלְאָךְ).^[1] The account includes the renaming of [Jacob](#) as [Israel](#) (etymologized as "contends-with-God").

In the Genesis narrative, Jacob spent the night alone on a riverside during his [journey back to Canaan](#). He encounters a "man" who proceeds to wrestle with him until daybreak. In the end, Jacob is given the name **"Israel"** and blessed, while the "man" refuses to give his own name. Jacob then names the place where they wrestled [Penuel](#) (פְּנוּאֵל "face of God" or "facing God").

"Israel" is the title showered on Yaakov for not giving up the fight.

Shema Israel or Sh'ma Yisrael, Jewish prayer (known as the Shema) that serves as a centerpiece of the morning and evening; word "Israel" is instead of Yaacob.

"Hear, O **Israel** (Yaacob and children of Yaakov) our God is one"

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד



To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

Attachment in Detachment with Children

Must read for senior citizens

Written by Sudha Murthy



"When my daughter, the elder of my two, wed and left home, I felt a part of me gone. With a daughter and a son, I know what both mean, differently. When she was in her teens I felt as if she was my "physical extension" ! So when she left home to set up her own, I felt I lost a limb. Next time she came to stay with us, I was astonished how her priorities had changed. We too must've given the same shocks to our own parents!

When she said Amma, she meant her mother-in-law, not me! I felt she was always in a hurry to go back to her house and not stay with me for a few more days. That was the first time; it dawned on me that I have to start practicing detachment with attachment. Two years after my daughter's marriage, my son left for higher studies to US. Having experienced a child's separation once, I was better equipped emotionally."

Sudha Murty (née **Kulkarni**; born 19 August 1951) is an Indian educator, author and philanthropist who is chairperson of the Infosys Foundation. She is married to the co-founder of Infosys, N. R. Narayana Murthy. Murty was awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India, for social work

I plunged head long into various classes held in the city starting from Vedanta to healing to ikebana - I just wanted to be away from home...since my husband was a 24/7 workaholic. My son used to write how he was missing my home cooked food, how he was waiting to come back to live in Chennai with us. After a few years, he did come back and we got him married. He started living separately with his wife and we were also happy that they wanted to be independent from the beginning. But now, it was all changed! When in the U S, he missed my cooking, now if I called him to come over with his wife for a meal, it was always some excuse like "oh, Amma, we have other plans for the day, please don't mistake us if we don't drop in today" ! I could see that his priorities had also changed completely.

We talk so many things and give so much advice to others, but when it comes to our own children, acceptance comes very late.

Our next step is to just leave them undisturbed in every way. It was at that time, that I made the following, my 'new profile'.

In all my relationships, rather interactions, I give my best and do my best to live up to what I say. My attachment with them is complete. However, I remain detached in the sense that I do not expect them to reciprocate my affection. Most importantly, I make a conscious effort , not to interfere or pass judgements on the lives they choose to lead.

My concern for my near and dear ones will not fade with my detachment. If you let go of the ones you love, they will never go away –this is the beauty of attachment with detachment! I have learnt to love and let go. This dictum has developed tolerance in me. When I let the people live the way they want to, I learn to accept them for what they are. Most importantly, I learn to tolerate the world around me and this tolerance brings in me a sense of peace and contentment. Now I have realized that we start growing mentally much more only after the children leave the house and we have to tackle the emotional vacuum that arises, along with age-related problems.

I specially dedicate this post to my friends, who are totally dependent on their children's lives, to nurture their own selves emotionally. Please develop your own interests, hobbies etc., however mundane they seem to be. We must learn to love whatever we do instead of doing whatever we love !!

Our Confidential Lonely World

(Recommended Reading)



Everyone is busy with their phone. What are they doing on their phone? Not talking to their parent's sibling's children or friends as all of them have no time and are busy with their own phones.

So what is there to do on your phone? WhatsApp chat, chat groups on every topic in the world, religion, politics, war experiences. Instagram with beautiful pictures. Twitter with short messages on every topic, YouTube and audio books, crime stories, politics, fashion education and much more. Then there is Google search with online translations and world of information at your fingertips. TikTok with videos to win cash prize in hundreds of dollars. Not to forget the games. YouTube pays for most shares and Facebook for their Reel shares.

Does this show how lonely the world was and is?

Idling is the time we have free and have nothing to do. May be you have no idling time in the morning as you rush for work or studies. Once at work, you work, but there are idling periods when you want to relax. In this time, in the past days people use to smoke by themselves or with a group. After lunch you have some idling time. Then in-between lunch and leaving home there are more idling periods. At five you leave and reach home by six. While traveling you have idling time. Reached home at six and dinning being at eight or nine PM, you have long idling time. What can you talk to the people in your family more than enquiring how their day went? They too will reply quickly and get busy with their own routine.

Idling was the reason alcoholism increased. People came back from work at 5 PM and then had nothing to do. To kill their boring time during idling alcoholism was restored to. At least alcohol was not available to children. But mobile phone is for everyone, children and adult; of any age. It only shows how much idling time we have when we have nothing to do.



Over 325 Bene-Israel Prayer Halls in Raigad in the 18th and 19th centuries

(Know your heritage reading) Architecture



The first Bene Israel synagogue was built at Mandvi, Bombay in 1796 by Samuel Ezekiel Divekar as per the article of **Kranti Farias**. (re-printed below this article: **The Bene Israel Community of Mumbai, Thane and the Konkan and its encounter with Christianity**.) However before this, there was prayer hall, some in homes of the Bene-Israel families and later in a Prayer Hall that were built in 325 villages.

Note that it was not David Sassoon who built the first synagogue in India, as he was born in 1792 and came to Bombay only in 1832.

An article of Indian Express (printed in past Shaniwar-Teli) mentioned that there were more than 325 Bene-Israel prayer halls all over Raigad in different villages. These started existing from late 17th and early 18th century. Now in 21st. century only one or two of them remain. One of them is in Ashtami, 150 years old (built in 1873) that had been used as a school. The other one was in Ambepur that has been demolished in 2020 and is being rebuilt by RJA under leadership of Herzl Bhonkar.

When we look at the pictures of the Ambepur synagogue before its demolition shows a lot of similarities with the Ashtami synagogue. Many early immigrants from India now living in Israel remember their village prayer hall similar to the one in Ashtami or Ambapur. So it looks like the first one prayer hall was built and later the same architecture was copied and rebuilt in all the villages.



Internal Architecture:

We requested the school principal of the Ashtami school to send us some pictures of the internal of the school where the Jewish building work still remained. We got some pictures from them.

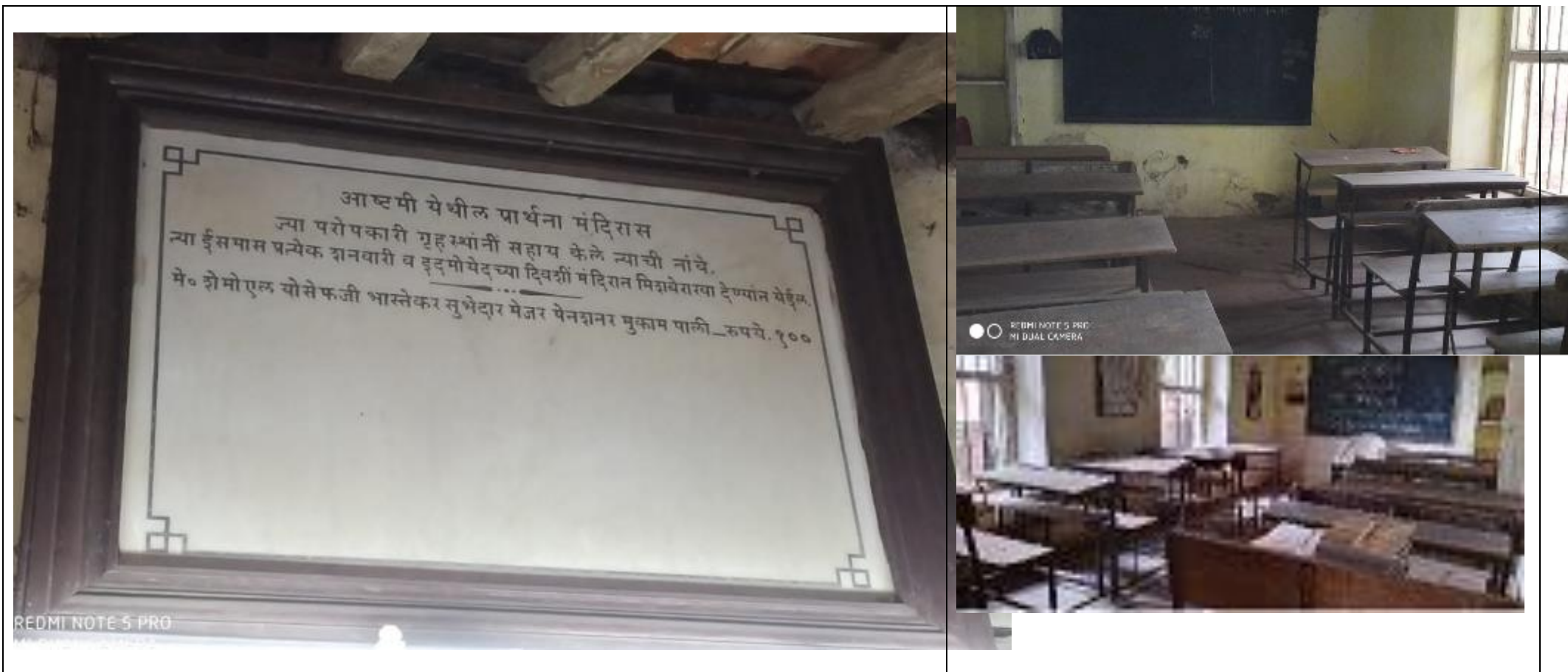
In early 18th century Rs.100 were required to build such a place which is like 1 Cr Rs. of today. Then too our people gave such donations for building prayer halls.

Shmuel Yosefjee Bhastakar Rs. 100

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Entrance of the Ashtami Prayer Hall

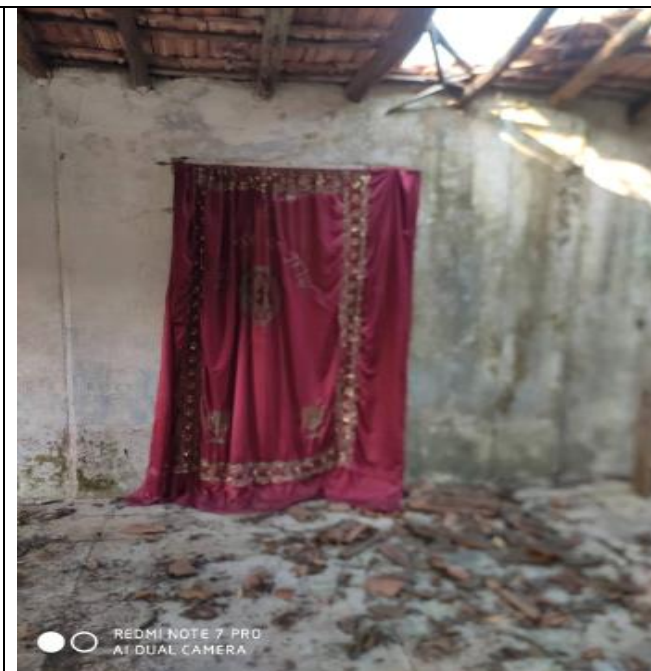


Mr. Abraham Shalom Fansapurkar had visited this school in 2017

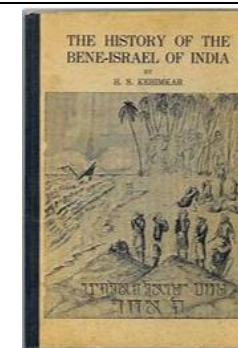
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The internal of the Ambepur's Ner prayer hall in 2020. It was built in 1874, which is similar to the Ashtami prayer hall called Beth-El built around 1959's. (We thank Mr. Herzl Bhonkar for sharing the photos on the next page.) These are the pictures of the Annapur Ner prayer hall in 2020 just before it was demolished by Raigad Jewish Association to rebuild a newer synagogue. Leaving this prayer hall as it is, would have attracted local people to use it as home and then the place is gone forever. You can't remove families living in a place. That is very difficult process. Now this new synagogue is included in the "*Bene-Israel Heritage Passage*"





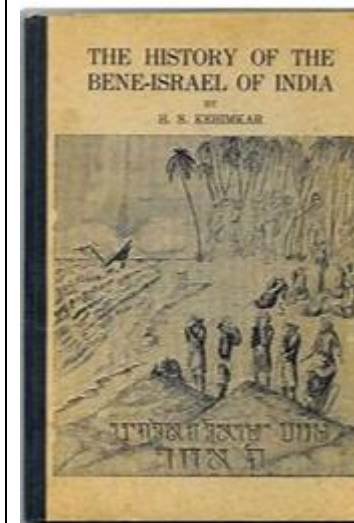
As per our discussion with Mr. Noah Massil, and as per his knowledge the first prayer hall was started by a family in Shirvadhan in their home.



“You don’t stumble upon your heritage. It’s there, just waiting to be explored and shared.” ~ Robbie Robertson

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Mr. Kehinkar therefore is considered as father of the Bene-Israel community. His grave is in Mazgao cemetery that needs to be made in to a memorial and added to the Jewish route. [wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org) [בני ישראל \(הודו\) – ויקיפדיה](#)



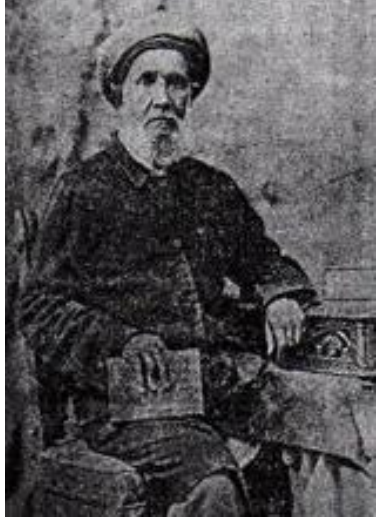
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 HAREIN SAMUEL BENIMICH
 FARMER AND FOREMAN
 ISRAELITE STRONG FOR HIS PEOPLE
 AND DEPARTED THIS DAY
 OCTOBER 27th 1870 AFTER 60 YEARS
 HIS WIFE SARAH CALLED AFTER 40 YEARS
 OF MARRIAGE AND HAD 10 CHILDREN

श्री. हायम सॅम्युअल केहिमकर यांच्याशिवाय आमचा बेने-इस्रायल समुदाय कुठे असता?

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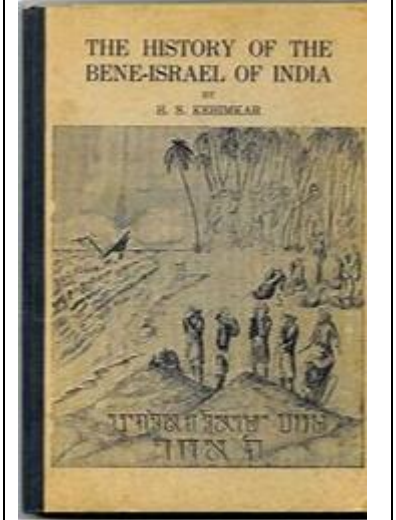


१६ व्या आणि १८ व्या शतकात मध्यपूर्वेतून व्यापारासाठी भारतात आलेल्या आणि वेश्या व पाळत असलेल्या ज्यू पुरुषांच्या भारतीय वेश्यांची मुले म्हणून बेने-इस्रायल समुदायाला घोषित करण्यात आले. हा सिद्धांत बगदादी ज्यूंनी मांडला, ज्यांनी बेने-इस्रायल ज्यूंना अर्ध्या ज्यू रक्तातून जन्मलेले कृष्णवर्णीय ज्यू म्हटले.

हेम सॅम्युअल केहिमकर यांच्या 'द हिस्ट्री ऑफ द बेने-इस्रायल ऑफ इंडिया' या पुस्तकाने बेने-इस्रायलला सन्मानजनक पार्श्वभूमी दिली. हिंद महासागरात मध्यपूर्वेपासून पश्चिम आणि पूर्व आशियापर्यंत अवजड वाहतूक असल्याचे संशोधनातून सिद्ध झाले तेव्हा त्यांचा सिद्धांत अधिक सिद्ध झाला. पुढे बेने-इस्रायलची डीएनए तपासणी उर्वरित जगातील ज्यूंशी जुळली.

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केहिमकर, मुंबई (मुंबई) येथील बेने इस्रायल समुदायाचा इतिहासकार अयिम सॅम्युअल (१८३०-१९०९). कोकण किनारपट्टीवरील अलिबाग येथे जन्मलेले ते आपल्या समाजातील अनेकांप्रमाणे मुंबईत सनदी अधिकारी झाले. १८५३ मध्ये त्यांनी बॉम्बे बेने इस्रायल परोपकारी सोसायटीची स्थापना केली. १८७५ मध्ये त्यांनी आणि त्यांच्या दोन भावांनी मुंबईत एक शाळा उघडली ज्यात मराठी आणि हिब्रू या दोन्ही भाषा शिकवल्या जातात.

१८८५ पर्यंत प्रसिद्ध झालेल्या 'इस्रायल' या नियतकालिकाचे ते संपादक होते आणि १८९२ मध्ये त्यांचे 'स्केच ऑफ द हिस्ट्री ऑफ द बेनी-इस्रायल अँड अ अपील फॉर द एज्युकेशन' हे पुस्तक प्रकाशित झाले. त्यांच्या निधनानंतर त्यांनी बेने इस्रायल समुदायाचा इतिहास आणि चालीरितीवरील माहितीची खाण "हिस्ट्री ऑफ द बेने-इस्रायल ऑफ इंडिया" हस्तलिखितात ठेवली, जी इमॅन्युएल *ओल्सवांगर यांच्या पुढाकाराने १९३७ मध्ये तेल अवीवमध्ये प्रकाशित झाली.

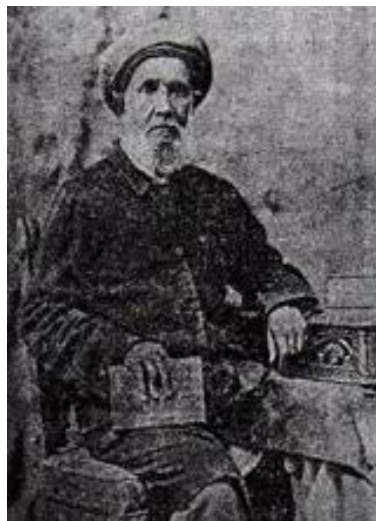


ללא מר חיים שמואל קהימקאר, היכן הייתה קהילת בני ישראל

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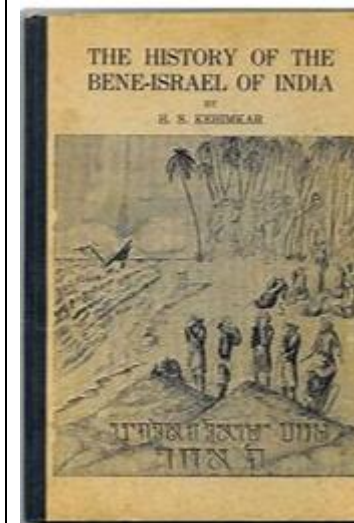


קהילת בני ישראל הוכרזה כילדיהן של הזונות ההודיות של הגברים היהודים שהגיעו להודו מהמזרח התיכון במאות ה-16, ה-17 וה-18 לצורך מסחר, ועסקו בזונות ובמשמורות. תיאוריה זו הוצגה על ידי היהודים הבגדאדיים שכינו את יהודי בני ישראל יהודים שחורים שנולדו ממחצית הדם היהודי כיום.

היה זה ספרו של מר חיים שמואל קהימקאר "תולדות בני ישראל בהודו נתן לבני ישראל רקע מכובד. התיאוריה שלו הוכחה עוד יותר כאשר המחקר הוכיח תנועה כבדה באוקיינוס ההודי מהמזרח התיכון למערב ומזרח אסיה. יתר על כן, בדיקת הדנ"א של בני ישראל התאימה ליהודי שאר העולם.

מר קחינקר נחשב אפוא לאבי קהילת בני ישראל. קברו נמצא בבית הקברות מזגאו שצריך להכניס אותו לאנדרטה ולהוסיף אותו לדרך היהודית.

[בני ישראל \(הודו\) – ויקיפדיה \(wikipedia.org\)](https://www.wikipedia.org)



קהימקאר, חיים שמואל (1830-1909), היסטוריון של קהילת *בני ישראל בבומביי (מומבאי). הוא נולד באליבאג שבחוף קונקאן, כמו רבים בקהילתו, והפך לעובד מדינה בבומביי. בשנת 1853 ייסד את אגודת החדש "בני ישראל" בבומביי.

בשנת 1875 הוא ושני אחיו פתחו בית ספר בבומביי שלימד גם מארתי וגם עברית. הוא היה עורכו של כתב העת "ישראל", שהופיע עד 1885, וחיבורו "סקיצה לתולדות בני-ישראל ופנייה לחינוכם" יצא לאור ב-1892.

עם מותו השאיר בכתב יד את "תולדות בני ישראל של הודו", מכרה מידע על ההיסטוריה והמנהגים של קהילת בני ישראל, שיצא לאור בתל אביב בשנת 1937 ביוזמתו של עמנואל אולסונגר.



New Light on Potential Bene Israel Origins

Dr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan

Readers of Shaniwar-Teli already know Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan who is one of the experts on the Bene-Israel community and has written many interesting articles. While doing excavation for University of Mumbai in the year 2015, Mr. Raamesh discovered a forgotten Bene-Israel graveyard. His article “The Discovery of a Bene Israeli Cemetery During the Archaeological Investigations at Chandore, District Raigad, Maharashtra” has beautifully summarized about this discovery. We have printed this whole article in one of the earlier issues. Mr. Raamesh has amazing knowledge on Bene-Israel community. Many a time when we are stuck, we speak to him, and he usually has the answer.

Here we see in his article further proof that Mr. H.S Kehimkar’s assumption that during 2nd century BCE indeed there was heavy traffic of trade ships in the Indian ocean from Middle East. Few of these ships reached Konkan on that stormy day.

He refers to two articles. We cannot publish them. But if anyone wants it as reference, we can send them personally.



Dr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan

[About Me \(republicarumia.blogspot.com\)](http://republicarumia.blogspot.com)

We know the story of the shipwreck off the Konkan coast of India, likely around 175 BCE (3585AM), which gave rise to the Bene Israel, separated from the Holy Land. But why was the ship there in the first place, and what were the community's ancestors doing on it?

Two recent articles, when read together, can shed some interesting light. One is a genetics research article using DNA studies to identify some people buried at the archaeological site of Pattanam in Kerala, which is believed to be the port of Muziris as described by ancient Greek writers. The other is a review of three books about Indo-Roman trade. We need to go back a century earlier for a possible answer, and perhaps a few centuries more. The Egyptian Pharaohs, from the time of Joseph and perhaps earlier, had

established sea-based trade with India. Pepper from India was a much sought-after resource for preserving the mummies of Pharaohs among other uses. Other resources traded were cotton, timber and animals.

After Alexander of Macedon conquered the Persian Empire, he paved a direct land route to trade with India. After Alexander's death though, the Macedonian Empire split into many states, with the Seleucid Dynasty ruling Persia and the Ptolemaic Dynasty ruling Egypt; the land of Israel was often contested between them. The Ptolemids were eager to revive the sea route to India via the Red Sea, to bypass their rivals the Seleucids, who controlled the land route to India.

Later, the Seleucid Empire was replaced by the Parthian Empire and the Ptolemaic Empire (whose last ruler was Cleopatra) was taken over by the Romans. Jewish people played a tremendous role in trade between the Roman Empire, Egypt and India. Papyri from Alexandria show that many of the merchants who owned ships that sailed from the Red Sea ports of Myos Hormos and Berenike Troglodytica were Jewish men, and two of them were even Jewish widows (This Berenike is on the Red Sea coast of Egypt near the border with Sudan, and not to be confused with the port of Berenike where modern Eilat is built). But that is not all. DNA records from Pattanam in Kerala, a southern state of India, show that many of the sailors may also have been Jewish.

Pattanam is believed to be the site of Muziris, a port that was described by ancient Greco-Roman writers like Claudius Ptolemaios and Strabo. Archaeological excavations have been carried out there for many years in the past decade by the Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR). During some of these excavations, burial grounds were discovered containing bones of people buried as far as 2000 years ago.

DNA was extracted from some of these bones, sequenced and compared with DNA of both living people as well as DNA found from similar ancient bones. The DNA of one of the people buried at Pattanam (Person no. 4, or #PT4) is super interesting. It seems to be someone from Greece or the Levant. Radiocarbon dating of the same person's bones seems to suggest they died and were buried around in India ~175 BCE $\pm$ 200 years. The DNA of another person buried at Pattanam matched the DNA of living Jewish people even closer.

Now this is the time suggested by historians for the arrival of the seven male and seven female ancestors of the Bene Israel in India. Is it just a coincidence, or is there more?

175 BCE was when the Seleucid ruler Antiochus persecuted Jews, trying to impose his religion on them. As Egypt was ruled by a rival dynasty not friendly to Seleucids, it is reasonable that many Jewish people would have taken refuge there. Many would have settled in major Egyptian towns like Alexandria and Luxor, and taken up professions like carpentry and weaving, as well as going into business, as

papyrus records show. Given their intrepid nature, some would have taken up the adventure of setting sail to India as well, because the trade was extremely lucrative.

Over time, lasting well into the period of the Roman Empire, Jewish people from Egypt would have joined the Egyptians, Nubians, Arabs, Ethiopians, Persians and Indians in sailing ships from the Red Sea ports of Egypt to the many ports on the Western Coast of India, including Sopara, Kalyan, Chaul and Muziris. The presence of many West Asians and possibly at least one Jewish person provides evidence for this idea. Many cave temples in Western India dated to the 2nd and 1st centuries BCE have inscriptions pointing to donations made by 'Yavanas', the Sanskrit word for people who came from across the Red Sea. Archaeological excavations on India's west coast have found Roman coins and jars containing the ancient Mediterranean fish sauce called garum. These suggest that contacts were well established in that period.

Thus, the period when the ancestors of the Bene Israel were stranded on the Konkan was already one when Jews and others were regularly trading with India. Skilled Jewish craftsmen in Egypt would have created the demand for Indian timber and Indian cotton, which they made into much sought-after furniture and clothing. This demand would be fulfilled by ships that would have had Jewish sailors among others regularly sailing the Indian Ocean. Other traders would have taken the goods made in Egypt to Rome and Greece in ships sailing on the Mediterranean Sea. And these traders would have needed Cohanim, the only people who could press olive oil, for religious guidance. We know from prior DNA studies that the Bene Israel are related by descent to the ancient Cohanim.

This would easily explain what a ship full of Jewish people, especially Cohanim, was doing off the coast of India when it got wrecked. They would have been an integral part of the trading economy well before the Seleucid persecutions of 175 BCE began. When things got tough in the Holy Land, they knew where to go (India), and how to go there.

It would also explain the warm welcome the Bene Israel got from the Indians — they would have known them for many years through the trading expeditions. Unfortunately, their descendants eventually lost contact with their Jewish brethren, when the trade died out by the 5th century BCE. This was largely because the Roman Empire went bankrupt and was soon conquered by northern European

tribes like the Goths and Slavs. Yet, the Bene Israel continued without losing their faith for many centuries.

In conclusion, archival and genetic studies are providing new evidence for the arrival of the Bene Israel in India, which was known as a story and as community history, but for which little archaeological evidence was previously available. A lot more needs to be done, in terms of archaeological excavations of the ancient ports of India, followed by DNA studies of any ancient people found buried there.

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This article is based on two articles I read recently. The first is a scientific paper published in the journal *Genes* (Volume 14, 23 April 2023) titled 'Deciphering the West Eurasian Genetic Footprints in Ancient South India'. It is written by Bhavna Ahlawat, Lomous Kumar, Parayil John Cherian, Jagmahender Singh Sehrawat, Niraj Rai and Kumarasamy Thangaraj. The second is titled 'Garum Masala' by the noted historian William Dalrymple in the *New York Review of Books* (April 20, 2023 issue). In this article, in which he reviewed three historical books as follows:

1. The Indian Ocean Trade in Antiquity: Political, Cultural and Economic Impacts, edited by Matthew Adam Cobb and published by Routledge.
2. Globalization and Transculturality from Antiquity to the Pre-Modern World, edited by Serena Autiero and Matthew Adam Cobb, and published by Routledge.
3. Rome and the Indian Ocean Trade from Augustus to the Early Third Century CE, written by Matthew Adam Cobb and published by Brill.



Dancing School "EXCLUSIVE"

Ronen Ezekiel (Talkar)



Dances from the 17th-19th century (like from the Netflix series Bridgeton...) were performed at the yearly ball held at the Rally Museum in Caesarea on Saturday night, 24 June, 2023.

We are a dancing school called "EXCLUSIVE" (with branches in Rishon Lezion, Caesarea Hod Hashron, Haifa & soon in Ashdod) and our students are all aged 45+. The school is headed by **MARIA FIGOVSKY** (Director of the school) who was a champion dancer in the Ukraine before she made aliya (she is the person I am dancing with). I started 6 years back to dance in one of her classes.

Today I dance in a few of her classes...train with her for performances and for international dancing competitions for armature seniors and have also started teaching



THE MAIN FEILDS OF DANCING WE DO ARE
BALLROOM AND LATIN AMERICAN.
Contact us by FB for learning professional dancing



[\(7\) Maria Figovsky - כל הכבוד
לכל מי שלקח חלק באירוע
וגאלה הקסום של רשת
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During JRU Youth Group meetings in 1980's Ronen's Father Mr. Enok Ezekiel taught all of us Ballroom Dancing. Sometimes at Rodef Shalom and some Sundays at his home in Mahim. Ronen was very young then when I got married in 1984 but he read loud and clear, with no mistakes our Kitubba (wedding vows) in Hebrew. People had clapped on his reading. Leo Daniels

JRU Centenary Celebrations

Elijah Jacob



The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) until 2003, founded in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, is the congregational arm of Reform Judaism in North America. The other two arms established by Rabbi Wise are the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The current president of the URJ is Rabbi Rick Jacobs.

Dear Friends,

The Jewish Religious Union (JRU) - the only Reform Jewish congregation in India will be celebrating its Centenary in the year 2025.

The JRU was founded in Bombay in 1925 by Dr. Jerusha Jhirad who introduced it to the local community. Those who were interested in a practical approach to Judaism in consonance with the current needs and time joined the movement. It was common practice at that time for most families to be affiliated members of one of the orthodox synagogues in Bombay. Therefore, while constituting the JRU, these families continued their membership in other synagogues as well. Mr. Solomon Aptekar was its first President along with the support of Dr. Jerusha Jhirad, Rebecca Reuben and Abraham Chincholkar who assumed the mantle of its lay minister from its inception.

The JRU secured an interest free loan from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Sir Victor Sassoon Trust through the personal efforts of Rabbi Hugo Gryn who was instated as the officiating Rabbi for JRU in the fall of 1957. These loans helped the JRU to purchase Matilda Building near Victoria Gardens in Bombay in 1959 and was later renamed "Rodef Shalom" which means "In pursuit of Peace". With the acquisition of Rodef Shalom, Sunday religious classes were held at a central location at the synagogue premises. The large Hall and the adjoining Rabbi's flat annexed to it managed to accommodate the large congregation during the High Holy day services. During his two year tenure with JRU, Rabbi Gryn made it a vibrant and thriving congregation. He placed the congregation, sisterhood, youth group and Jewish education on a firm footing for the JRU.

I was one of the students of the Sunday Religious School instituted by JRU to impart basic Jewish Education to its members and their children. In 1967, my cousin Sheba Yehuda nee Jacob used to pick us up in a hired bus and bring us to Rode Shalom for the Sunday classes. After her Aliyah to Israel in 1969, the lay minister for JRU-Mr. Aaron David Shapurkar conducted these classes. He also helped me to prepare for my Bar-Mitzvah. My association with the JRU continued and I used to attend the weekly.

Shabbat and High Holyday services of the JRU from then on. In 1979, along with some of JRU members' children viz. Solomon, Jacob and Nathan Elijah, Leo Daniels and Joshua Shalom, we revived the JRU Youth Group. During the early 1980s the JRU Youth Group had a membership of 163 members at its peak. Most of these members have today migrated to Israel, USA, Australia and Canada. A few of us who remain in Mumbai are widely dispersed but stay in contact with each other.

The JRU will be celebrating its Centenary in 2025 and a special committee has been formed to organize the Centenary celebrations. Tentatively, the celebrations will commence in September 2025 with the conduct of Rosh Ha Shana services with the help of overseas Rabbi/s followed by Kippur, Sukkoth and Simchat Torah celebrations in October 2025. A professional Marathi drama will be subsidized by the JRU for the local Jewish community in an auditorium in Mumbai in November 2025 along with the release of a souvenir wherein information of founder and active members of JRU will be chronicled over the years till the present committee. We are planning to have a grand Reunion of the JRU youth group members from 1980 to 1992 during November 2025. In December 2025 a special Limmud" event will be organized at a resort in Mumbai culminating with Hannuka Celebrations and special overseas guests from Union for Progressive Judaism (UPJ) and World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) will be invited as Guest speakers.

A special Centenary Fund is being instituted to mark this occasion. All past and present JRU Youth Group members are requested to contribute to this fund, the details of JRU's Bank Account are given below.

We look forward to your support and cooperation with your presence and overwhelming response in making the Centenary Celebrations of JRU a grand success.

Elijah Jacob
Hon. Secretary - JRU

Name of the Account – Jewish Religious Union
Name of the Bank – State Bank of India
Branch – Wadala, Mumbai – 400037
Account Number – 33929776177
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Shaniwar Teli will announce for next two years the donors list.

Name	Rs./\$	Rs
Elijah & Annie Jacob	10,001	10,001
Johnny Jhirad	5000	5,000
Leo Daniels	\$ 100	8,200
Total (so far)		23,201

The religious revival among the Bene –Israel & Baghdadi Jews

Must Read for Bene-Israel Read Kranti Farias articles to understand early history of Bene-Israel in India.

[\(61\) The Bene Israel Community of Mumbai, Thane and the Konkan and its encounter with Christianity | Kranti Farias - Academia.edu](#)

The Bene Israel Community of Mumbai, Thane and the Konkan and its encounter with Christianity.

The Souvenir, “Gate of Mercy Synagogue”, published on the occasion of the 185th anniversary of the Synagogue held on 6-12-1981, has an article “The Religious and Cultural Heritage of the Bene-Israel’s of India” which made me want to expand the notes gleaned so as to include the social aspects too of this Community. That would allow the reader to see, in a span of a third of an hour the history of a Community with a ‘very long span’ of life, hitherto unknown to many, including this writer; of a Community, living in India and yet diaspora by demographic and territorial aspects and tied to their native Israel.

Relationships are nothing but bonds, though one is want to think that a nation has to survive on more than bonds. It is the roots which have deepened and bound the ties which, wherever one goes, can never be fully cut off. The Jews of India, commonly known as the Bene Israel, are really three Communities of Jews: the first and the earliest to be settlers in this land of tolerance were the Jews of Cochin; the second were the Bene-Israel of the Konkan and the third, the Baghdadi Jews, mostly of Kolkata and Mumbai. This article will focus on the Beni-Israeli of the Konkan region including Mumbai and Thane.

As this author researched on the Community, she found that almost all of the interviewees stated that the origins of the Bene Israel community dates back to about 2000 years! This is corroborated by certain facts which lead us to accept the date of the Bene Israel finding themselves rooted , through a sad accident of fate, in the Konkan .

Research methodology

Method of Sampling

The method of sampling employed is Selective Sampling. Starting with my being informed by informants in each zone, who in turn identified some members of the Community in order to fulfill the requirements to include a wide section of the Community and to reduce the problem of subject bias stemming from the identification of informants to be included in the sample.

Around the year 1987-88, there were 5,500 Beni Israelis in India of which Thane had the largest number, 1,200. In the last census taken , they number about,-----

History of the Bene Israel Community: Early History

Dr. Wilson, the great Scottish Missionary has in his published work, “The Lands of the Bible” and also in an Anniversary Meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society in 1838 stated that his study has led him to conclude that the Bene Israelis are the undoubtedly members of the “The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel”.¹

Dr. Wilson in 1866 when he wrote his “Appeal for Christian education for the Bene-Israelis, states that their ancestors came from Yemen or Arabia Felix in the 6th Century A.D.

Israel Joseph Benjamin has also written about the Bene Israelis in “Eight Years in Asia and Africa from 1846 to 1854 published in Hanover in 1879. They were lost in the time of Hosea , the last King of Israel, carried away by the Assyrians (555BC) ².

Jacob Sopher in his

We see how the first Bene Israel Synagogue was built in 1796 due to the benevolence of Samuel Ezekiel Divekar (Samaji Hasaji Divekar after his retirement from the Bombay Army with the rank of Native Commandant (Subehdar Major). One of five brothers who all served as officers in the Bombay Army he had been taken into captivity by Tipu Sultan with many Bene Israeli soldiers at Bednur, (Mysore) during the second Mysore War in 1783. The Bene Israeli soldiers alone were not put to death at the intervention of the Queen Mother who said that the Bene Israel had been mentioned in the Koran. He built the Synagogue in fulfillment of his vow if released, but before he could get a *Sefer Torah for the Synagogue* from Cochin where he had gone, he died there The street at Masjid has been named after him, Samaji Street , now called Samuel Street. Another street nearby has been named after his brother, Issaji Street.

The first figures of population of the Bene-Israel were those of 1891 when it was 3,320, so that in middle of the eighteen the century it must have been 5000 in the Kulaba district, distributed over several small towns and villages.

Education

Here follows an account of the First Bene Israel Graduate ³. He was Abraham Samuel Nagavkar . There were no universities no Colleges nor post and telegraph services then, nor any kind of transportation that we talk of now. He was born in 1841 and his father was in the Army.

¹ Wilson, John,

² Ezekial Moses, **History and Culture of the Beni Israeel in India**, Nadiad, October, 1948, New Year’s Day,5709,)published by the author.

³ Ezekial, I.A., “The First Beni-Israel Graduate”, **Mebasser**, Union of Orthodox Jewish Comgregations of India Publication, Vol I, No 4, 1 Tammuz 5721 (15 June 1961),pp. 12-15.

It was a time when most of the Bene Israel were still in the villages of the Kolaba District but Bombay was already attracting them as it was humming with building activity. The Army provided another field for the Bene Israel and Abraham's father who hailed from Thane was a Subhedar Major.

There was no Israelite School then nor the Etz Haeem, Magen Hassidim or Tiphareth Israel Synagogues. A small percentage of them were literate, a smaller percentage knew a smattering of English. The Bombay University came into existence in 1857 and the first batch of Graduates passed out in 1862. Nine years later, in 1871, the Community's first Graduate was Abraham, who got a Licentiate in Civil Engineering a pioneer as the next batch of Graduates was only fourteen years later!

Soon after Graduation he joined the Public Works Department in Mysore State from where he retired as Superintendent Engineer. He was reported to be so honest and strict that all corruption was wiped out or officials transferred, before he came in on transfers! Though educated as an Englishman he never took to drinking or smoking like the Englishman, an exemplar in his family as he was far from the Community in Thane.

His daughter was the first lady graduate, Mrs. D.J Solomon and his son-in-law, Mr. D.J.Solomon the only Bene- Israel to graduate from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati (USA). To show the influence of this man, another daughter was married to Mr. Ezra Reuben, Chief Judicial Officer of Junagadh whose daughter, Rebecca Reuben topped the list of successful candidates in the Matriculation Examination, got the David Sassoon Scholarship for Hebrew, graduated after a brilliant academic career and above all, dedicated her life to the service of the Community.

Again, it was his eldest son, Solomon Reuben an M.A. with Mathematics was at the age of 20 appointed Deputy Collector and at the age of 25 became Superintendent of land records, North Division. Sadly, he passed away at the very early age of 27! Another son, David E. Reuben stood high in the Matriculation Examination and secured a First Class in the B.A., went to Cambridge where he became a Wrangler in Mathematics, and topped the list of successful candidates at the I.C.S. Examination in 1917. He rose to be the Chief Judge of the Patna High Court, and later retired in Bandra.

Another daughter of Abraham Nagavkar was married to Jacob Jhirad whose daughter, Dr. Jerusha J. Jhirad had an unparalleled educational career as she excelled right through her till her University and got her L.M.& S. degree. After this she went to England got her M.D. B.S. from London university and then returned to India and established high ethical standards in her profession. She established the Bene-Israel Stree Mandal and the Jewish Religious Union. The senior Nagavkar was said to have written to his son-in-law (Ezra Reuben) on joining his new appointment, that dishonesty did not consist only in being corrupt, but the man who did not put forth his best effort in the discharge of his duties was "guilty of gross dishonesty". And to his grandson, "No battle of life or those of

nations for supremacy are won without lot of preparation and hard work”. One would picture his wife always by his side, a marriage in early boyhood to the lady who was like a “Laxmi” to him, a tender and loving wife. His death occurred at Malhalli Estates in the Mysore State on 27th January 1919.

The Bene Israel Fund Education Fund

There was fund created for the education of poor Bene Israel children in villages .

The donors were Mr. E.E. Jhirad, bar at law, Judge Advocate of the Indian Navy, New Delhi.

News

Samuel Aaron Nagawkar, the first of the three students to be trained in Rabbinate at the Yeshiva Kol Torah, left for Israel on May 31, 1961.

The Union of Jewish Congregations of America has very kindly undertaken to pay for the training of these students. One or two students are also to be trained for Hazanuth and Teacher’s course.

Impact of Education on religious life

From the forties of the nineteenth century Jewish literature in Marathi started being published with the collaboration of the Cochin instructors, and later by the Bene-Israel themselves. The Hebrew-Marathi *Haggada* , The “*Haggadah Shel Pesach*”,(a special service for home use to inaugurate the Passover Festival was published in 1846, written by Joseph Hallegua of Cochin and Hyam Issac Galsulkar who prepared the Marathi translation without knowing Hebrew with the assistance of Hyam. The Marathi translation of the *Exodus* was done by the Missionaries. Later translations went on from Hebrew into Marathi and later also from Jewish writings to English too. Outstanding was the work of the whole Daily Prayer Book from Hebrew into Marathi by Joseph Ezekial Rajpurkar.⁴. This *Haggadah* is a milestone as it helped link the Bene-Israel with their Jewish heritage.

With growing westernization and migration into the cities the Bene -Israel became more westernized for the last three -quarters of the century and now know Marathi as a second language and prefer to learn English as the first.

Though the community never produced a creative writer of stature in Marathi , it has produced one of the foremost Indo-Anglo poets, Prof. Nissim Ezekial. A present day prolific writer of the history of the Bene-Israel Community is Rachel Gadkar, former Principal of the Sir Elli Kadoorie School at Mazagon and a writer in Hindi, Sheba Navgaonkar who hailed from Nagpur and after marriage moved to Mumbai.

⁴ Israel , Benjamin J. “Introduction”, **The Bene Israel of India**, Orient Longamn,Limited, 1984, p.26; Vol VIII- Passover Haggadah 1968, “The Orphan Hospitals Ward of Israel, New York, n. p.

Civic life and political involvement

While retaining their exclusive identity as Jew, with the observances strictly adhered to by almost all of them, they also mixed and mingled with their Hindu and Muslim neighbors. They have always identified themselves with India and also served the British faithfully. But when it came to the Freedom Struggle, though the majority did not fully identify themselves with the National cause, some individuals did participate in the Civil Disobedience and the Non-cooperation movements. In 1916, David Erulkar who had been impressed by Lokmanya Tilak as a student in England, represented him in an appeal before the Bombay High Court as Junior counsel with Mr. M.A. Jinnah and Mr. Joseph Baptista.

His brother, Dr. Abraham S. Erulkar attended on Mahatma Gandhi when on his fast, and along with I.J. Samson started the Jewish Nationalist party like the Muslim Nationalist party and the Christian Nationalist Party, supporting the Indian National Congress. Dr. Elijah Moses was Mayor of Bombay in 1937-38.

One could conclude that the Bene-Israel never had cause to fear as did their brethren elsewhere as there was no danger in free intercourse with their neighbors and full participation in the life of the general community. Latterly too they no longer continued their earlier occupation of only oil pressing and agriculture (or called Shaniwar Telis....Saturday Oilmen) indicating their profession as well as their practice of abstaining from work on Saturdays which was not such a characteristic occupation after the mid-eighteenth century.

Social ostracism from fellow Jews in Israel.

Life was not as easy. Being a Jew, and even though they were covered by the Law of Return, the Bene-Israel found they were discriminated against.

There were problems faced by the Bene-Israel when marriage licenses were refused if they wished to marry persons of other parts of the Jewish population. The Rabbis and chief men said that it was owing to the fact that since many generations important Jewish religious laws such as **getting, halizah and arayot** were not being observed by the Bene-Israel. This could be remedied not by just inviting a young reform Rabbi from the US to come to India to take care of this but a strictly Orthodox Rabbi from Israel to take care of the Religious education of the Bene-Israel.⁵ It is true that the only religious observance of the Bene-Israel till David Rahabbi came to teach them was the laws of the Sabbath and circumcision, and they refrained from eating certain items of food that was not *kosher*. They might have followed the customs of their Muslim or Hindu neighbors in as much as these were cultural, such as marriage and funerals but not

⁵ Letter from Dr. Arie Tartakower, Chairman, Israel Executive, World Jewish Congress to Mr. B.B. Benjamin, Chairman, Association of Jewish Synagogues in India, New Delhi. Dated May, 31, 1961, **Mebasser, op.cit.**

on questions of religion proper.

Points to show that the Bene Israel were indeed Jews were:

The first Bene Israel synagogue was built at Mandvi, Bombay in 1796. The religious revival among the Bene –Israel of Bombay must be earlier and not due to David Sassoon as he was born in 1792 and came to Bombay only in 1832.

At Alibag as early as 1829, there was a Hebrew School with an average of 30 scholars including 8 girls , run by Christian Missionaries who recognized Bene-Israel as Jews.⁶

When in 1934 an attempt was made by the Trustees of the Musmeah Yeshuah Synagogue in Rangoon to prevent members of the Bene-Israel community from participating in Torah Readings on the grounds that they did not observe the Mosaic law with regard to divorce, *Yibbnoom and Halissa*, and should give an undertaking that they would observe it faithfully, the Bene- Israel refused to do so, not for any other reason but to show that they deplored the accusation.

On learned counsel prevailing, given by a former Trustee, Mr. A.J. Cohen and Mr. J.E. Joshua, who were not in any way connected with them, as well as the opinions gathered from other Rabbis and authorities of Iraq, Palestine and Great Britain, and from the late Chief Rabbi, Dr. J.H. Hertz and Rev. Dr. Haham Moses Gaster, the latter stated *inter alia* that the Bene Israel were “full-fledged Israelites”. Mr. Justice Leach on 9th April 1935 (Case No 85 of 1934) declared that the Bene Israel were eligible for appointment as Trustees and to vote at election meetings, since they, like modern Jews elsewhere may neglect the minute details of the law, but as they adhered strictly to the Fundamental principles of Judaism, practiced circumcision and observed other major laws, it did not put them outside the category of Orthodox Jews.

Another attempt was made when they were to be denied the benefits of special accommodation to be provided for Jews in the Sir Sassoon David Annexed of the Sir. J.J. Hospital opened in 1936. Thanks to the opinion obtained by Dr. Abraham S. Erulkar who informed the Surgeon- General with the Bombay Government that the Bene-Israel were indeed part of the Jewish community that it was restored.

Still another attempt was made when Mr. Barukh B. Benjamin in 1959 implored a Rabbi to be sent to India to give the Bene-Israel ‘a sound education’ , accusing them of inter-marrying for centuries with the Hindus and for practicing Hindu customs such as that they do

⁶ Editorial, (1)“Purity of the Jewish race”, (2) “Similarity among Jews of Various Countries”, (3) “ Why the question of the purity of the Bene Israel should have arisen at this stage?”, Cover page 1, and continued on p.21-24, **Mebasser,op.cit.; Wilson, The Land of the Bible**, Shaniwar Teli e-Newsletter for Bene-Israel Volune # 15 July 1, 2023

not eat beef, and that their women break their bangles as the Hindu widow does at the death of her husband and removes the *mangal sutra* from her neck.!

When Mr. Israel Cohen addressed a public meeting of the Bene -Israel in the then Israelite School, Dr. E. Moses, who presided referred to the colour bar that had been raised against the Bene -Israel by other Jews in India and whether they would be treated similarly in Israel? He was assured that this would not be the case and that they would be as welcome as the Yemenites or the Eastern Jews. He accused them for turning a blind eye to the German Jews returning to Israel, even though they had assimilated with their Christian neighbors until Hitler reminded them that “they would remain Jews up to the fourth generation despite the Christian cloak”.

They were informed where the Israel Government was concerned that the Bene- Isarel are undoubtedly Jews, entitled to the benefits of the Law of Return. But those individual Rabbis cannot be prevented from practicing discrimination against the Bene-Israel as this came as a matter of religion for the Orthodox Jew covering all aspects of social relations. This was felt as unwarranted as it still cast a slur on the Bene-Israel who alone out of Jewry in Israel had to submit to an emanation of their bonafides by the authorities.

Mr.Samson Moses in an open letter to this Paper, deplored, “The moral for all self-respecting Bene-Israel in India is clear. Until our brethren in India are established in their rightful position of full equality with other Jews, we cannot *with honour* participate in the activities of the Jewish Agency or Zionist Association, or attend functions arranged by the Consulate for Israel. We would even be justified asking the Government of India to withdraw facilities to foreigners to carry on activities, ostensibly cultural or religious or educational in character, but which in reality are a camouflage to prepare and predispose our youth for Aliyah.”

They expressed deep hurt over all this and hoped that the select committee formed to deal with this would be effective when they put forth the issue of the Israeli ruling, without begging, before the World Jewry and get it repudiated.⁷

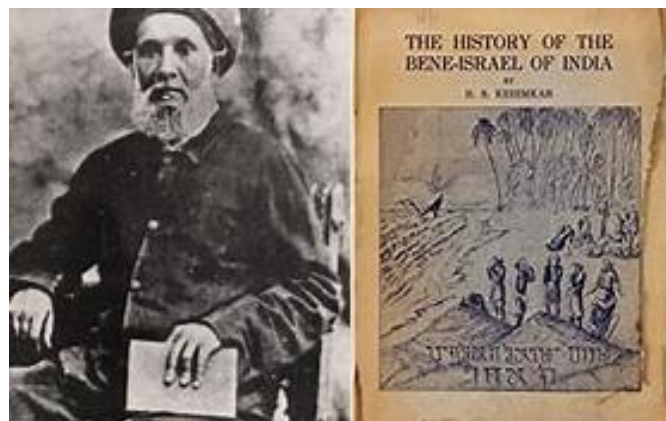
David Ellenson on "Israel Should Accept All Jews as Jews "
- Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles (see the article), pril 8, 2005

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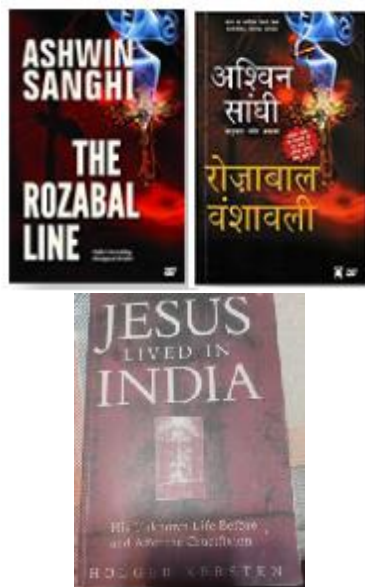
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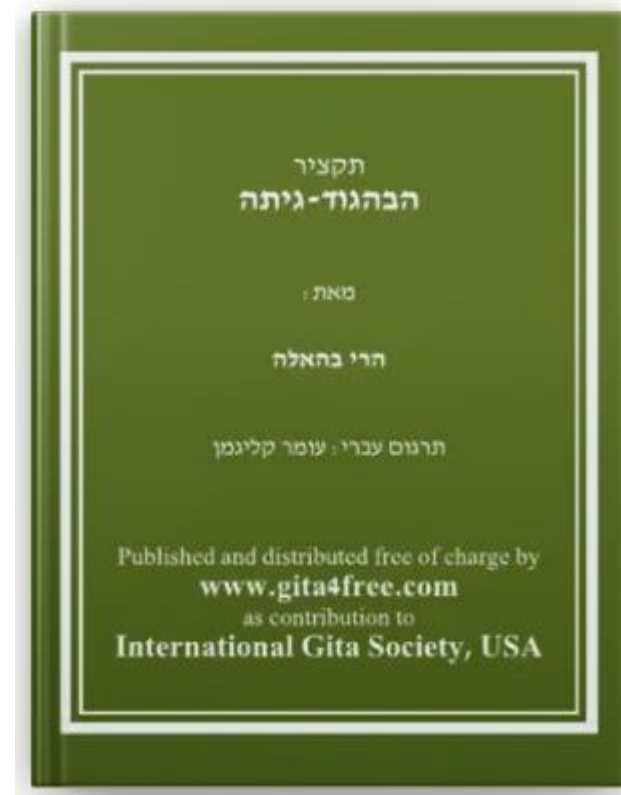


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The Bhagavad-Gita in Hebrew

[The Bhagavad-Gita in Hebrew on Apple Books](#)



The Gita Doctrine was first introduced to man-kind some five thousand years ago by Lord Krishna. The doctrine explains relationship between Body and the Soul. It explains options available to us and their consequences. It does not dictate how we should behave or worship but leaves us to decide how we chose to spend our present tour of duty on Mother Earth.

The Israel-Samsons: An Illustrious Bene Israel Family (Wargharkar/Killekar)

Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan, Thane, India <http://republicarumia.blogspot.in/p/about-me.html>



Thank you Raamesh, once more.

Did you know that Leela Samson is Jewish, daughter of V Adm Benjamin Samson (Wagharkar), a Bene Israel and himself grandson of Shalom Bapuji Israel through his daughter Sarah? He was the **Dewan of Janjira** who oversaw its transformation as a model princely state. Adm Samson's uncle was Jacob Bapuji Israel, the karbhari of Aundh who oversaw the famous 'Aundh Experiment' of village democracy that Mahatma Gandhi dreamt of. Few families have more nationalist credentials than the Samsons.

The minuscule Bene Israel community produced a remarkable number of educated members, who excelled themselves in government service, the armed forces, the legal and medical professions, and academic life. The Israel-Samson clan is one of the many illustrious families, serving with distinction for generations in diverse fields.

According to the family historian Benjamin J Israel, the Wargharkar family is very small and traces its roots to the tiny Warghari (now Wadghar) village in the erstwhile state of Janjīrā. This family of humble origins gave India three prime ministers to three different Princely states (Janjīrā, Akalkot, and Aundh), one decorated admiral, a historian, a principal, a publisher and a dancer. The earliest we know of the family is Abrahamji Wargharkar, enlisted in the Fourth Rifles Regiment of the English Bombay Presidency Army. He rose to become a Havildar Major. Deployed to China in a military expedition prior to the First Opium War (1839), he went missing in action. His brother Solomon alias Satkelji, was a Havildar in the 25th Regiment of Bombay Native Light Infantry. In 1835, Ezekiel Abrahamji Wargharkar was given a job in the 4th Rifles Regiment of the British Indian army at the age of 18 after being orphaned. At the time of recruitment, he was asked for his caste, and he said 'Bene Israel' – because of which his name in the army records became 'Bapuji Israel'. He won two war medals, Mooltan (1848-49) and Persia (1856-57), and rose to the rank of Subedar. He took premature retirement and joined the Bombay Police, serving for many years in the Ahmednagar District.

Leela Samson



Leela Samson

He showed his talent again and rose to the rank of Police Inspector, getting a posting in Poona. He declined several transfer-promotions in order to remain in Poona to oversee the education of his sons, Shalom, Hyam and Jacob. Sadly, education of daughters was not considered a priority in those days. He also helped in the management and distribution of aid during 1875-76 Deccan Famine. In 1878 he retired as Chief Constable. Though not greatly educated, he was well-respected and was Mukadam or head of the Ahmednagar Bene Israel community for some time. He died on 22nd August 1892, aged 74. His son Hyam predeceased him in 1880, dying of tuberculosis.

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At this time of British Rule, India was made of 'Provinces' directly ruled by British officers and over 600 'Princely States' of many sizes, ruled by puppet Hindu 'maharajahs and Muslim 'nawabs'. Janjīrā, off the Konkan coast of Maharashtra, was one such state, ruled by a nawab of African descent called the Sidi. The population consisted of Hindus, Muslims and Jews, living without conflict for centuries.

Shalom Bapuji Israel studied up to class 10 and joined government service as a clerk in 1872 at a salary of Rs 10 per month. His talent was soon recognized, and in just 8 years (1880), he became a deputy collector. In 1888, he was given the title of "Khan Saheb". In 1891, he was appointed karbhari of Janjīrā state with a high salary, where he served till 1896. From 1879 to 1922, Janjīrā was 'ruled' by Nawab Sidi Ahmed Khan, considered a wise and progressive ruler. The Nawab along with his prime minister, did away with many regressive practices in Janjīrā that had set in from medieval times, and the state saw a renaissance during Khan Saheb's leadership.

The Nawab and Shalom Bapuji Israel initiated many far-reaching reforms. Governance in the state improved, and modern methods were introduced to raise the yield of crops. As a result, collection of revenue soared, which pleased the British overlords (obviously!). After six years of service, Khan Saheb returned to British service. He died in June 1942 at the age of 88 and is buried in Pune, Maharashtra.

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Shalom Bapuji Israel's son, Hyam Shalom Israel, joined government service after graduation and soon distinguished himself. He was appointed karbhari of Akalkot state in 1917 during the reign of Raje Saheb FS Bhosle. In 1923, he became Mamledar in East Khandesh district, and in 1931, became Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, in Poona. He was given an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1938. His son Joseph Hyam Israel joined the British and later Indian Army and served at various places.

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Shalom Bapuji Israel's brother Jacob too joined government service as a clerk in the revenue department in Poona district. He too rose speedily through the ranks. In 1901, he was appointed karbhari of Aundh, a tiny princely state adjoining Satara district. This was a troubled period for the

state, which saw three rulers in just 10 years due to succession struggles and poor relations with the British.

In 1901, Meherban Shrimant Parashuramrao Shrinivas “Dada Sahib” Pant Pratinidhi (born 1858) became the ruler of Aundh upon the death of his father. However, he died four years later, aged just 47 years. His elder son was Meherban Shrimant Gopalakrishnarao Parashuram “Nana Sahib” Pant Pratinidhi, born 1890. However, he had been disowned by his father and grandfather due to doubts about his paternity. Nevertheless, he was the British government’s choice in place of his uncle, and crowned on 3rd November 1905. His rule was tumultuous and he had many conflicts with his *karbhari*, who complained to the British. After a plot to murder Jacob Bapuji Israel was uncovered in 1909, he was deposed by the British while they started an investigation. He was deposed permanently by the British in favor of his uncle, Meherban Shrimant Raja Bhawanrao Shriniwasrao “Bala Sahib” Pant Pratinidhi**, on 4th November 1909. In 1910, Israel went back to British service.

Jacob Bapuji Israel kept the peace and maintained a stable government throughout this period. He has thus been called both “king-maker and king-breaker”. In 1910, he too was awarded the title of Khan Bahadur. The family settled in Mumbai's Bandra suburb after his early retirement in 1916. Jacob started many business ventures, but these failed and left the family in dire circumstances. His eldest son had to give up his plans to study engineering in the US to help support the family. Nevertheless, he managed to educate his other children quite well. He passed away in 1933.

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Benjamin Joseph Israel, son of Jacob Bapuji Israel, was born in 1906 and educated at Elphinstone College, Bombay, where he was selected as a College Scholar (1923-27) and Dakshina Fellow (1927-29). He served for 30 years in the Bombay Government Secretariat (1929-1959) and for ten years as Secretary of the Bombay Public Service Commission. Between 1962-64, he acted as President of the Bombay Philosophical Society, for which he wrote several papers and reviews. Upon retirement in 1960, he took to researching the history of the community. His book "The Jews of India" (published in 1982, republished 1988 & 1998) is considered a landmark treatise and a worthy successor to Haeem Samuel Kehimkar's magnum opus. It includes chapters such as The Jewish Contribution to India, Religious Evolution among the Bene Israel of India since 1750, and Bene Israel Surnames and their Village Links. The latter is still considered an unsurpassed piece of research, locating village by village. Benjamin Joseph Israel died in 1987.

He is also remembered for his successful and convincing defense of the Jewishness of the Bene Israel in articles co-authored with Isaiah Shapurkar in response to the controversy of 1960-61, when some Orthodox Jews contested their Jewishness.

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Jacob's younger son Samuel Israel was born on September 22, 1920 at 110 Hill Road, Bandra, and educated at St Xavier's High School. He completed his BSc in Chemistry at Elphinstone College. Though he enrolled for MSc at the Royal Institute of Science, he got involved in Communist politics and left his studies. He became involved in publishing the fortnightly journal of the Student's Federation of India, which prepared him for his publishing career. His first job was with a railway workers' trade union in Bombay publishing pamphlets - which led him to serve two short terms in jail as a political prisoner.

In the early 1950s, Samuel took up a job with People's Publishing House, where he honed his skills in copy-editing. In late 1954, he was hired by Peter Jayasinghe of Asia Publishing House, founded 1943. He worked there till the late 1960s. Asia Publishing House under Israel became a name to reckon with, as it gave a break to many of India's upcoming academicians, who did not find much luck with other houses that stuck to well-known names. Indeed, Indian historian Ramachandra Guha said of them, "The books published by Asia Publishing House in the 1950s and 1960s... have deepened my understanding of my own country in more ways than I can relate..."

In the 1970s, Samuel Israel served as director of India's prestigious National Book Trust, which publishes books for children. Under Israel, the Trust's biannual World Book Fair moved to the sprawling Pragati Maidan. It is India's largest book fair and has introduced thousands to the joys of reading. I have bought many of my cherished books from there. In 1978, he joined Orient Longman, while continuing to be a trustee of the NBT. Samuel Israel died on 16th September 2009. His daughter Rivka also served as a senior editor at Oxford University Press. His son Reuben is a Delhi-based actor and a publisher as well.

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Shalom's grandson, the son of his daughter Sarah, was Vice Admiral Benjamin Abraham 'Chippy' Samson (25 September 1916 – 18 March 2008). He was born in Poona in the then Bombay Presidency, the seventh of ten children. His father was Abraham Samuel Samson (he was a Killekar but he used Samson as surname), who worked as a Superintendent in the Excise Department. Their house was near the Ohel David Synagogue, and Benjamin attended St. Vincent's High School. After graduating, Benjamin Samson joined the Indian Mercantile Marine Training Ship Dufferin (established in 1927) as a cadet in December 1931. After graduating in December 1934, he took a job in the British India Steam Navigation Company.

He was transferred to the Royal Indian Navy as a Sub-lieutenant in September 1939 after World War II broke out, serving on the auxiliary patrol vessel HMIS Dipavati. Soon he was promoted to command the patrol vessel HMIS Laxmi. His talent was recognized through multiple deployments. He was posted to the frigate HMIS Indus which escorted convoy ships in the Red Sea, off the coast of Ethiopia. In 1941, he served on the frigate HMIS Hindustan, which was escorting troop's convoy from Ceylon to Rangoon to fight the Japanese. He was selected for a torpedo course in England, where he soon specialized in anti-submarine warfare. On finishing the course, he was posted to the light cruiser HMS

Newcastle.

By the time of Indian Independence in 1947, he had been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He chose to stay in the Indian Navy, and was given command of the HMIS Sutlej. On 30 June 1948, Samson was promoted to acting Commander and posted as First Naval Adviser to the High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom. He served till December 1950, having been promoted to acting Captain on 1 January 1950. He was instrumental in the purchase of the destroyer HMS Rotherham, which as INS Rajput would play a stellar role in the 1971 India-Pakistan War. In early 1951, Samson took command of the cruiser INS Delhi, then the flagship of the Indian Navy. Later he took over as Chief of Personnel at Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, becoming full Captain on 31 December 1953. In 1954, took command of INS Delhi again, and also simultaneously served as the Chief Staff Officer to the Flag Officer Commanding (Flotilla) Indian Fleet. In 1957, he was appointed Captain Superintendent of the Naval Dockyard.

On 27 December 1958, Samson was promoted to acting Rear Admiral and became the first naval officer appointed as Commandant of India's National Defense Academy. He was promoted substantive Rear Admiral on 22 November 1962. On 31 December 1962, he was selected to attend a course for senior commanders at Imperial Defense College, London. On 31 December 1963, while still doing the course, he was appointed the Flag Officer Commanding Indian Fleet (FOCIF) – a role that left him effectively in command of the Indian Navy's ships. He says of this appointment, "This to me was the perfect culmination of my naval career – commanding a fleet of several fine warships at sea". On 26 January 1966, he was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, the highest peacetime service medal in India. He retired on 22 November 1966.

After retirement, he was appointed to head the Mazagon Docks Ltd, India's biggest naval shipbuilder. In his tenure from 1966 to 1973, he oversaw the construction of the first Indian-built Frigate INS Nilgiri. It was commissioned by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 3 June 1972. The same day, Samson was promoted to honorary Vice Admiral in recognition of his services. He also had a successful business career, as Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Chairman of Philips India and Vice Chairman of Damodar Bulk Carriers. He moved to Chennai to spend his last years, and died there on 18 March 2008, aged 91.

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Leela Samson was born on 6 May 1951, in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu to then acting Captain Benjamin Abraham Samson and Laila Samson. Her paternal aunt Annie Samson was the Principal of Anjum-e-Islam School for Girls in Mumbai for 31 years.

When Leela was nine years of age, her father sent her to Kalakshetra in Chennai to learn Bharatnatyam and Carnatic music under the founder, Rukmini Devi Arundale. Arundale was a leading member of the Theosophist Society, which was founded by Madame Blavatsky and Henry Olcott. She studied in the Besant Theosophical High School and completed her B.A. from Sophia College for Women. After graduation, Samson continued

to learn started a career as a Bharatanatyam soloist.

Samson achieved quick success, performing across India, Europe, Africa and the Americas. She moved to Delhi, where she taught dance at Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra and Gandharva Mahavidyalaya. In 1995, She formed Spanda, a dance group, to review the traditional forms of Bharatanatyam. Two documentary films – Sanchari and The Flowering Tree – have been made on her life. Her notable disciples included Joyce Paul Poursabahian and Justin McCarthy, Kamaljit Bhasin Maalik (Meeto), Jin Shan Shan (Eesha), Navtej Singh Johar and Anusha Subramanyam.

She has authored a biography of Rukmini Devi Arundale, as well as a scholarly book “Rhythm in Joy: Classical Indian Dance Traditions”. She received several awards including the Padma Shri (1990), the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1999–2000) and the Kalaimamani given by Government of Tamil Nadu (2005).

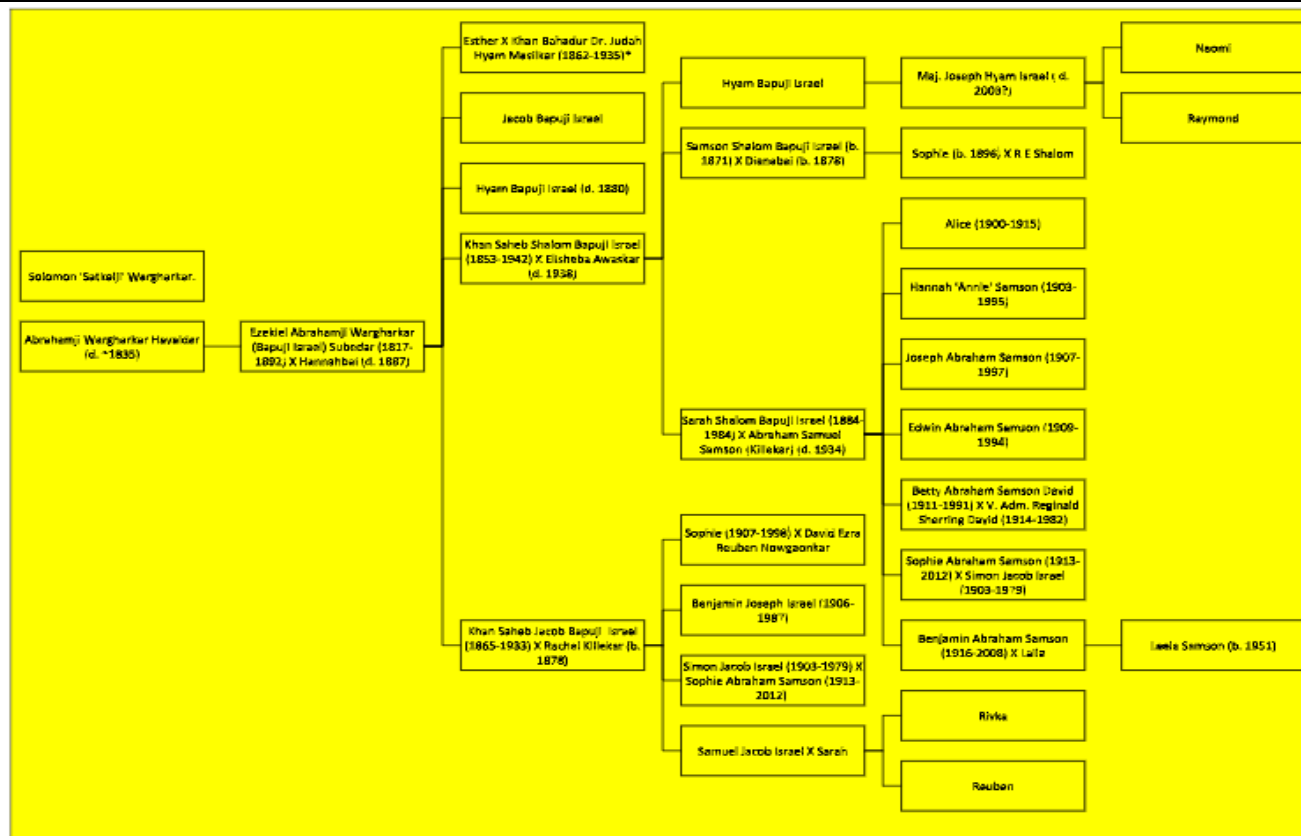
She served as Director of her alma mater, Kalakshetra from 2005-2012. She was subsequently also appointed as the chairperson of the Sangeet Natak Akademi in August 2010 and as the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in April 2011. So many top appointments in such a short period attracted criticism that she was a Congress party stooge (which ran two Indian administrations from 2004 to 2014), especially because she had taught dance to Priyanka Gandhi as a child for a short while. Her surname (Samson) has led to her being assailed as an anti-Hindu Christian missionary with a covert mission to ‘Christianize’ Indian institutions by many right-wing conspiracy theorists. She was accused of corruption, illegal appointments, arbitrary awarding of contracts, and financial irregularities, though no charges have ever been brought in court.

In 2015, at the age of 64, she took up a new career as an actress. Her debut as a blind woman in the Tamil film O Kadhal Kanmani was much appreciated.

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*I am not sure if Delhi’s Judah Hyam Synagogue is associated with him.

**Meherban Shrimant Raja Bhawanrao Shriniwasrao “Bala Sahib” Pant Pratinidhi is famous for two things – reviving or inventing the Yoga exercise “Surya Namaskar”, and for the Aundh Experiment of Grassroots democracy, pioneered by the Polish Jewish refugee Maurice Frydman along with Mohandas Gandhi.



BI Favorite's Fish

An interesting history behind the Fish name. British in India loved this Fish and called it Bombay Duck. As British headquarters was at Calcutta and British officials there would love to relish this exotic Fish, the Fish was transported from Bombay to Calcutta by MAIL TRAIN (faster train with Mail Wagon). Mail trains were called Daak डाक (Mail) रेल in Hindi. Referring to this Local Indians at Calcutta would call this Fish 'Bombay Daak Fish'. British also recognized this Fish with same name but they pronounced (or misunderstood) DAAK as Duck. This is how Bombay Daak became Bombay Duck.



मराठीत विनोद /Jokes in Marathi forwarded by Elias Daniels

होमिओपॅथीची औषधं घेण्यातली मजा काही औरच...

औषधाच्या बाटलीतून ४ गोळ्या काढाव्या म्हटलं तर साबुदाण्याच्या ६ गोळ्या बाहेर पडतात. त्यातल्या पुन्हा २ गोळ्या परत टाकायला गेलो तर ४ गोळ्या बाटलीत परत जातात...

या गदारोळात रोग्याचं लक्ष आजारावरून दूर होतं आणि तो लवकर बरा होतो...

खरं पाहिलं तर जगातला कुठलाच मनुष्य शाकाहारी नसतो ...

कारण ,

थोडं बहुत डोकं तर प्रत्येकच जण खात असतो.

नोटा कागदापासून बनतात, कागद लाकडापासून बनतो आणि लाकूड झाडापासून मिळतं

याचा अर्थ असा की पैसे झाडाला लागतात.

विवाहित माणसाला त्याच्या जीवनात किमान दोन खर्च तरी करावेच लागतात...

१. बायको गोरी असेल तर..

Sun Screen...

आणी

२. काळी असेल तर...

Fair & Lovely.....

म्हणतात की जो हसला त्याचं घर वसलं !!

पण

ज्याचं घर वसलं, त्याला विचारा.....

की तो नंतर केव्हा हसला??

जगात केवळ तेच लोक साधेभोळे असतात, ज्याच्या मोबाइल मध्ये पासवर्ड नसतो.

आणि ह्या Hmm ...वाल्यांनी तर फारच त्रास दिला आहे. असं वाटतं की आपण म्हशीशीच बोलतोय !

'बायकोला/नवरऱ्याला' समजून घेणं म्हणजे :~

32 GB चा

Video Download करणं.

31.5 GB Download

झाल्यावर Error मेसेज दिसणं !!!!

कांही लोक WhatsApp वर फक्त

दोनच स्टेटस पोस्ट करतात....

पहिलं:-- good morning....

दूसरं:-- good night

असं वाटतं..... जणू WhatsApp च्या दुकानाचं शटर उघडायची आणि बंद

करायची जबाबदारी यांच्यावरच सोपवली असावी..... आणि मालाच्या खरेदी - विक्रीची जबाबदारी आपली.

एक सर्व्हेनुसार आजही आपल्या देशात.....

'तू प्यार है, किसी और का, तुझे चाहता कोई और है'

हे गाणं वाजल्यावर १० पैकी ८ मुलं इमोशनल होऊन जातात ...

भारतातले लोक इतके टॅलंटेड असतात की 'गाडी' हालवून सांगू शकतात

गाडीत पेट्रोल किती आहे ते.

ट्रेनच्या गर्दीच्या 'चक्रव्यूहा' ला भेदण्याचं जे कौशल्य या "नमकीन अथवा कटलरी"

विकणाऱ्यांपाशी असतं ते तर 'अभिमन्यु' पाशीही नव्हतं.

माणूस सर्वात अधिक खुश तेव्हा होत असतो, जेव्हा रेल्वे फाटक बंद होत असतं त्याच्या आधीच तो आपली गाडी फाटका पलिकडे काढून घेतो.....

आई शप्पथ सांगतो की त्याला ऑलॅंपिक रेस जिंकल्याचं समाधान मिळत असतं.

अजून पर्यंत हे समजलं नाही की
OK च्या ऐवजी K आणि GOOD MORNING च्या ऐवजी GM लिहिणारे आयुष्याचे २
सेकंद वाचवून काय करत असतील ?

So confusing

आई बाप आपल्या मुलीसाठी सुयोग्य स्थळ शोधताना दोन गोष्टींकडे लक्ष देतात...

पहिली म्हणजे मुलगा खात्या पित्या घरातला असावा.....

आणि दूसरी

तो

पिणारा खाणारा

नसावा

हे कसं काय बुवा??

Kadak joke of the day.

गळ्यात मंगळसूत्र पडलेलं असेल तर मुलीचं लग्न झालेलं आहे.....

आणि

चेहरा पडलेला असेल तर मुलाचं लग्न झालेलं असावं.



जीवन चांगलं जगायचं असेल तर हसणं आवश्यक आहे.

Bene-Israel Jokes

Who gave your family name PEZARKAR??
Your family should be called BEZARKAR!!



When did you get to
know your spouse?



Sadly, a week or
two after the
wedding.

Mrs. Palkar: Had your Lunch??

Mr. Palkar: Had your Lunch??

Mrs. Palkar : I am asking you??

Mr. Palkar : I am asking you??

Mrs. Palkar : You copying
me??

Mr. Palkar : You copying me??

Mrs Palkar: Let's go Shopping.

Mr. Palkar : I had my Lunch.

Talkar, I asked
Rabbi Pingle
where
did God say not
to drink. He got
angry and walked
away



Perhaps he never
read the bible

या दोन कथा आहेत. दोन्ही कथा वाचल्या तर, आपल्या लक्षात येईल की, आपण आज जे काही करतो, त्याचा पुढील पिढीवर परिणाम कसा होतो ?

पहिली कथा

आपल्याला अल कॅपिनो माहित असेलच, एके काळचा शिकागोचा सर्वात मोठा डॉन. त्याने अक्षरशः शिकागो वर राज्य केलं आहे. दरोडे असो कि खून, किंवा जुगार किंवा वेश्यागृहे, तुम्ही ज्या कुठल्या गुन्ह्याची कल्पना करू शकाल, ते सगळे गुन्हे अल कॅपिनोनी केले होते. "इझी ऐडी" असं टोपण नाव असणाऱ्या आणि कायद्याला वाटेल तसं वाकवू शकणाऱ्या वकिलाच्या मदतीने कायद्याच्या कचाट्यातून हा माणूस मात्र नेहमीच सुटत आला. या बदल्यात इझी ऐडीला अल कॅपिनोनी जबर पैसा, मोठे घर वगैरे सगळ दिलं. इझी ऐडीच घर एखाद्या नगराएवढे मोठे होते. संपूर्ण सुरक्षा होती. नोकरचाकर देखील होते दिमतीला. या ऐडीचा जीव मात्र एकुलत्या एका मुलात होता. गुन्हेगारी विश्वाचा एवढा मोठा वकील पण त्याने आपल्या मुलाला मात्र	एवढा मोठा वकील पण त्याने आपल्या मुलाला मात्र या सगळ्यापासून दूर ठेवलं होतं. सत्य असत्याची त्याला जाण करून दिली. ऐडीला नेहमी वाटायचं की, आपला मुलगा मोठा झाला की, त्याला समाजात आदरयुक्त स्थान असावं. इतकी प्रचंड संपत्ती असून ऐडी मात्र आपल्या मुलाला न चांगले नाव देवू शकत होता, न चांगलं उदाहरण. एके दिवशी ऐडीला ही घुसमट पेलवेना आणि त्याने अल कॅपिनोची साथ सोडण्याचा निर्णय घेतला. त्याला याची किंमत माहीत होती. आखल्या शिकागोवर राज्य करणाऱ्या डॉनच्या विरुद्ध तो उभा होता. पोलिसांना आणि कर अधिकाऱ्यांना त्याने अल कॅपिनो विरुद्ध सगळी माहिती आणि पुरावे दिले. परिणाम भीषण झाला. एका दिवशी भर रस्त्यात त्याची हत्या झाली.	पण त्याने त्याच्या मुलासाठी मात्र एक उदाहरण निर्माण केलं होतं. सत्यासाठी जीवही जाऊ शकतो. सत्य असत्याची त्याला जाण करून दिली. ऐडीला नेहमी वाटायचं की, आपला मुलगा मोठा झाला की, त्याला समाजात आदरयुक्त स्थान असावं. इतकी प्रचंड संपत्ती असून ऐडी मात्र आपल्या मुलाला न चांगले नाव देवू शकत होता, न चांगलं उदाहरण. एके दिवशी ऐडीला ही घुसमट पेलवेना आणि त्याने अल कॅपिनोची साथ सोडण्याचा निर्णय घेतला. त्याला याची किंमत माहीत होती. आखल्या शिकागोवर राज्य करणाऱ्या डॉनच्या विरुद्ध तो उभा होता.	पोलिसांना आणि कर अधिकाऱ्यांना त्याने अल कॅपिनो विरुद्ध सगळी माहिती आणि पुरावे दिले. परिणाम भीषण झाला. एका दिवशी भर रस्त्यात त्याची हत्या झाली. पण त्याने त्याच्या मुलासाठी मात्र एक उदाहरण निर्माण केलं होतं. सत्यासाठी जीवही जाऊ शकतो. 'राह कठीन है, मगर अंतिम जीत सत्य की ही होती है !!!' पोराला हे शिकवण्यासाठी त्याने सर्वोच्च बलिदान दिलं होतं !! पोलिसांना ऐडीच्या खिश्यात रोझरी आणि एक कविता सापडली.
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दुसरी कथा

दुसऱ्या महायुद्धाने जगाला
अनेक नायक दिले.
असाच एक साहसी योद्धा होता, Butch
O'Hare.
फायटर पायलट असलेला बुच
विमानवाहक युद्धनौका
Lexington वर होता,
या महायुद्धात.
साऊथ पॅसिफिक या महासागरात
ही युद्धनौका तैनात होती.

एके दिवशी,
अखड्या स्क्वाड्रनला
एका मिशन वर पाठवण्यात आलं.
आकाशात उडाल्यावर
बुचच्या लक्षात आलं की,
त्याच्या विमानात पुरेसे इंधन
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हा एकाच पर्याय बुचला दिसला
आणि
तो बेभानपणे
जपानी फॉर्मेशनमध्ये घुसला.
असेल नसेल तो सगळा दारुगोळा
त्याने वापरून
काही जपानी विमानांना घायाळ केलं.
दारुगोळा संपल्यावर
विमानाचे पंख
त्याने शस्त्र म्हणून
वापरायला सुरवात केली.
जपानी स्वाइनची पाच विमाने
त्याने पाडली होती
आणि
उरलेल्या जपानी स्क्वाड्रननी
माघार घेतली.
आपल्या अतिशय

नुकसान झालेल्या
विमानाला बुचने कसं बसं
युद्धनौकेवर उतरवलं.

विमानात असलेल्या कॅमेराने
बुचचा भीम पराक्रम रेकॉर्ड
केला होता.

बुचच्या या पराक्रमाची
सगळ्यांनी दाद दिली.
आसमंतात एकू जातील,
इतक्या जोऱ्यात
टाळ्या वाजवण्यात आल्या.
२० फेब्रुवारी १९४२ ला केलेल्या
या पराक्रमासाठी बुच नौसेनेचा
FIRST ACE OF WWII झाला
आणि
शौर्यपदकांनी त्याचा
सन्मान करण्यात आला.

मात्र हा अवघा
२९ वर्षाचा महान योद्धा,
पुढील वर्षी एका
हवाई कारवाईत मारला गेला.
त्याचं मूळ शहर
त्याला विसरू शकणार नव्हतं. त्याच्या
शहराने
त्या शहरातील विमानतळाला
त्याचं नाव दिलं.

आपण कधी शिकागोला गेलात
तर O'Hare
आंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानतळावर
त्यांचा पुतळा बघा.
टरमिनल १ आणि २ च्या मध्ये
हा या वीराचा पुतळा !!!!

आता तुम्ही म्हणाल की, या दोन कथांचा एकमेकांशी काय
संबंध?

Butch O'Hare
हा ईझी ऐडीचा मुलगा होता !!



O'Hare International Airport

Good evening dear community today **Avia Moses** came out first from Ashdod with the athletic team let's wish her good luck with the help of god that she will return safely with a medal. **Shaniwar-Teli Team wishes Mazal Tov to little Aviva**



ערב טוב קהילה יקרה היום יצא אביה מוזס מ אשדוד עם נבחרת האתלטיקה בואו נאחל לה בהצלחה בע"ה שתחזור בשלום אם מדליה



Mazal Tov to the family of Samuel Daniel, President of SHAAR HASHAMAIM ,GATE OF HEAVEN SYNAGOGUE ,THANE ,INDIA



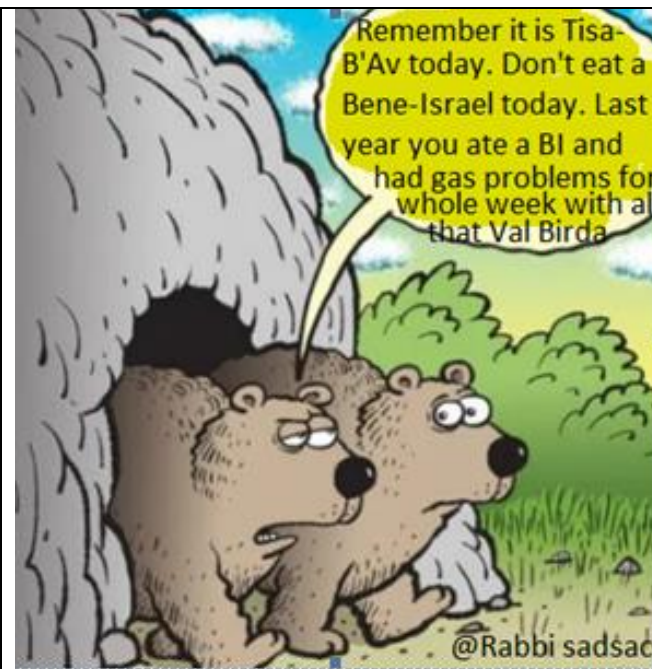
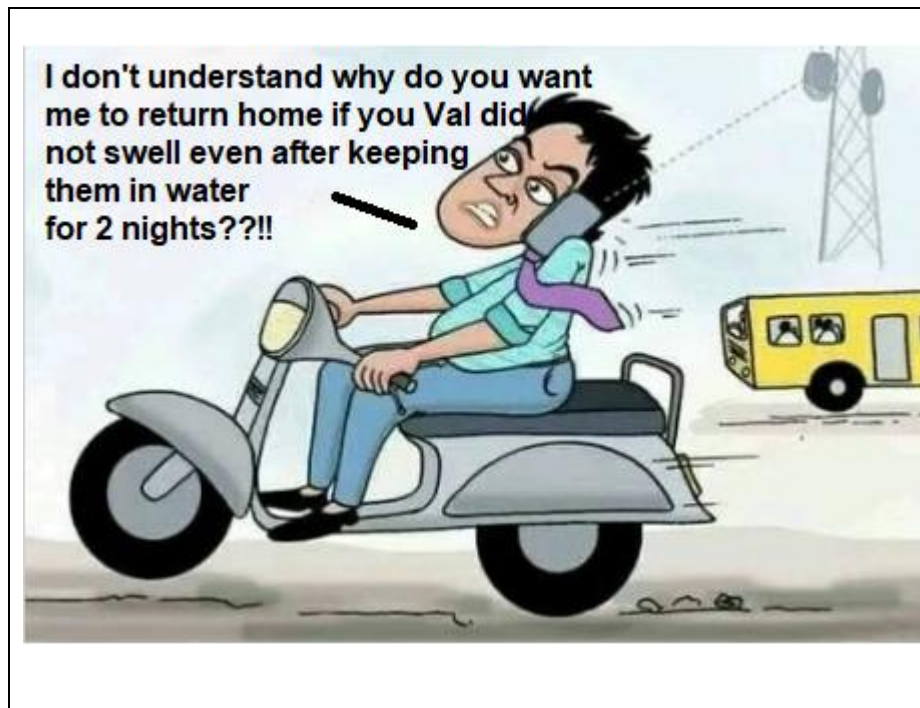
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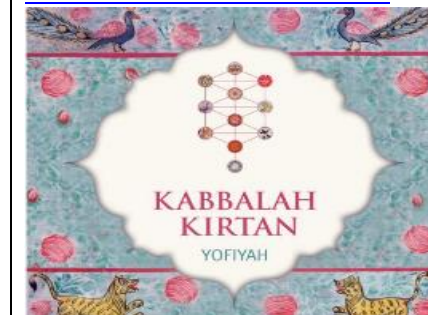
Mr. Grand Father (Saba)



God had blessed him with a granddaughter Abigael 3.5 years.
This month Samuel was blessed with a grandson.

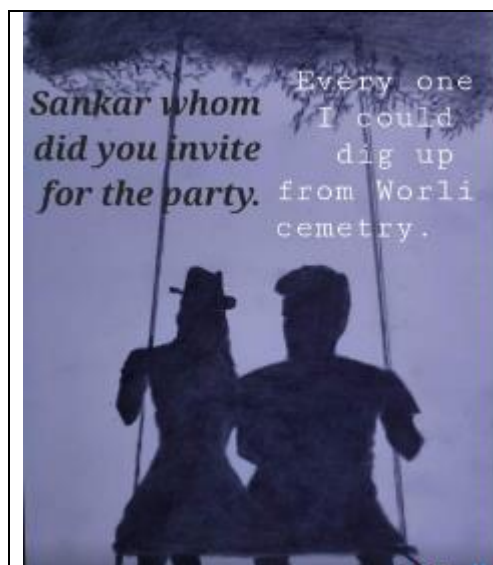


Kabbalah Kirtan – Sounds True



YofiYah is the founder of Hebrew, or

Kabbalistic, Kirtan, , an ecstatic practice based on the chanting of sacred Hebrew texts and Names of God.



Penkar tells me I should cut back on my drinking but I am not gonna listen to a drunk who talks to himself.



Why did you eat my wife?



A stone laid at a ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction of a building.

IJFC "The new generation"/" הדור החדש "

<https://youtu.be/EdI2SF4gHqc>
Watch the Video



IJHC (Indian Jewish Heritage Center) lead by Avner Isaac has been working since 2018 toward preserving the heritage of Indian Jewish communities (Bene-Israel, Bene-Menashe, Cochin & Baghdadi Jews) in a future Museum to be built in Nevatim. The estimated cost of building this project is about 40 million NIS and IJHC had succeeded in collecting 3 million NIS. They have signed a foundation paper (קלף - klaf). Once the build work starts, additional funds will be collected. The fifth community from India, the Bene-Ephraim may also be admitted to Israel (the Turmeric route) and this may be the fifth Jewish community that may also be represented in the same museum & spice garden.

As a first step towards begin the construction work, IJHC held a foundation stone laying ceremony on 8 June, 2023 in Nevatim. This was attended by the Indian Ambassador to Israel Mr. Sanjeev Singla. Members of all the four communities were present during this function. Bene-Menashe members also gave a musical presentation.

The guest signed a document named as *"The new Generation"*. The new generation is the name of an organization the Moshe Hudarkar who is now the Chairman(it was created by Ilana Shazor , Eliaz, Shimrit, Golan, and more who left). In the ceremony was also Nir Zamir, head of Bene Shiimon Consul. Nir Zamir, head of Bene Shiimon Consul also attend the ceremony. We also got a recorded blessing from President Hertzog and p.m. Netanyahu.



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We at Shaniwar Teli wish's good luck to IJHC and complement them on their constant effort in pushing this project.



משה בן צור
טקס הנחת אבן הפינה למרכז למורשת יהדות הודו ובנבטים. הוזמנתי לחתום על מגילת היסוד בשם עמותת " הדור החדש " היה מאוד מרגש להיות נוכח ברגע הזה. שיהיה בהצלחה!!

Cornerstone laying ceremony for the Center for Indian Jewish Heritage in Nevatim. I was invited to sign the basic booklet named by the association "The new generation" It was very exciting to be present at this moment. Best of luck!!



The Foundation Stone 8.6.2023



<https://youtu.be/EdI2SF4gHqc>





The "Shaare Rason" Synagogue(1840-2023)

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The "Shaare Rason" Synagogue was conceptualized and the Foundation Stone thereof was laid in the year 1840, by Late Mr. Samuel Jacob Divekar along with Late Mr. Haaem Issaji Garsulkar by collecting a sum of indian Rupees 2725.00. The Synagogue was then consecrated on 4"June 1843

The "Shaare Rason" Synagogue was built as a result of differences in opinion within the management of the Shaar Harahamim Synagogue (also known as the Gate of Mercy Synagogue - Juni Mashid) situated at Samuel Street, Masjid Bunder, Mumbai. A splinter group decided to construct a separate Synagogue at this location within the proximity of the Jewish colony which to this date is known as Israel Mohalla (meaning a Jewish neighbourhood). The newly built Shaare Rason Synagogue came to be known as the "New Synagogue" while,the Shaar Harahamim Synagogue was identified as the "Old Synagogue", Shaare Rason, the second oldest Bene Israel Synagogue in India,has stood the test of time for more than a century and even today follows the orthodox order of Judaism:

The "Shaare Rason" Synagogue has had the good fortune of having outstanding scholars on Judaism such as Late Mr. Isaiah Isaac Shapurkar and Late Mr.Menahim Shalom Shapurkar. These scholars were associated with the Synagogue's management and guided the community on Judaism, religious customs and rituals.

The Synagogue however was of its peak during the 1960s and 1970s' under the leadership of the then Prèident, Late Mr. David Judah Samuel Pugavkar, prominent leader of the Jewish community, an outstanding, Hebrew Reader and a Religious Stalwart. He participated in various debates and discussions at International Jewish forums to assert the rights of the Bene Israel community.

Over the subsequent decades, the Synagogue experienced difficult times due to financial



constraints due to lack of upkeep of the Synagogue, which led to its mismanagement. However during this period, regular prayer services remained uninterrupted due to the dedicated services of the Cantor Hon. Hazzan David Jeremiah Michael Nagawkar.

In the year 2014, a new Board of Trustees was elected under the leadership of the President Late Mr. Judah David Samuel Pugavkar, and Mrs. Sinora Yeheal Samuel Kolatkar. Funds were collected from donors in India and abroad and from persons of all faiths. The Synagogue building has since been restored. its roof repaired and strengthened without changing the heritage look thus maintaining its status.

The Shaare Rason Synagogue now has a new golden look from the inside with a refurbished teak wood antique Hekhal. The facade around the Hekhal with stone and the entire flooring has been redone.

The Re-Dedication Ceremony of the The "Shaare Rason" Synagogue was held on 23" August 2015.

The 180th year Anniversary celebrations were held on 4th June 2023.

Consul General of Israel, Mr. Kobi Shoshanni attended the Event. Dr. Daniel Jacob Penkar and Mrs. Aiyola Daniel Penkar were the Chief Guests and Mr. Aaron Benjamin Thalkar and Mrs. Hazel Aaron Thalkar were the Guest of Honour. Mr. Elraj Kolatkar the New President gave the Welcone Speech and Mr. Isaac Judah Nowgaonkar- Trustee, gave a brief about Shaare Rason Synagogue... Office Bearers of various Synagogues and Institutions were felicitated. Thanks giving speech was given by Mr. Shahar Kolatkar - Trustee.

Almost 150 people from our Jewish Community attended. Special thanks to members from Raigad Jewish Association and members from Pune who attended the Function from so far off places.

Thanking all our lovely Donors for your kind support always whenever we need.
Elraj Yeheal Kolatkar, Sinora Yeheal Samuel Kolatkar



The India Embassy in Israel

Indian Cultural Center, Tel Aviv, 24, Se'adya Gaon, Tel Aviv, Israel ((8) [Indian Cultural Center, Tel Aviv](#) | [Tel Aviv](#) | [Facebook](#))

				
Celebrated India Expo 2023 on May 9-10 in Technion University, Israel.	Ayurvedic Personality workshop held on 28 April 2023 by Ms. Darshana Rajput, at Indian Cultural Center, Tel Aviv	Celebrated the father of the Indian Constitution, Bharatratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti at Indian Cultural Center, Tel Aviv.	Ganel Yeshosua Park yoga students getting ready for International Yoga Day 2023.	Indian Cultural Center, Tel Aviv organized livestreaming of 100th episode of Hon'ble PM's 'Mann Ki Baat'.

The Embassy of India in Israel through its Indian Cultural Center is doing a wonderful job of keeping the Indian values alive and getting Israeli population interested. All can see their activities at their website (give in the title) and attend these musical and informative lectures.

It is welcome by Shaniwar Teli and many educated and cultured Israeli Indian population in Israel that the Embassy has changed its policy and are not getting involved with the local Jewish Indian population and celebrating Maharashtra day that was not appreciated by the Jews from Gujrat in Israel. Maharashtra day is the day when Gujrat lost land to Maharashtra, and its celebration is not ethically correct. The Embassy should promote their Indian interest in Israel and not get draws by local politics.

קשת עולי הודו – אשדוד / Rainbow Group of Indian Immigrants – Ashdod

भारतीय स्थलांतरितांचे इंद्रधनुष्य – अशदोद

Facebook | קשת עולי הודו אשדוד (12)



June 23, 2023: Today we marked the international yoga day! Thank you to our amazing Indian community, [שמחה סלומון](#) which brilliantly leads the Rainbow Indian immigrant community in Ashdod. Thanks to the Indian Embassy in Israel that took part and was a true partner in this event and other events that we organize together with our dear Indian community.



This [#WorldMusicDay](#), enjoy this melodious musical collaboration with the [Jerusalem Tzomort Yirushalim Mizrach Umizrach](#) [Orchestra East West](#) & music maestros [Shubhendra Rao](#) and [Saskia Rao-de Haas](#). They mesmerized the audience with their exceptional artistry during the celebration of our 75th National Day. 🇮🇱🇮🇳



Celebrated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Coronation Day on 06 June through Zoom. Eva Talegaokar from Ashdod recited Powada on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.



Magen Hassidim Synagogue

Ronen Bhonkar



The remaining repair work resumed at the Magen Hassidim Synagogue under the guidance of the managing committee.

Asian paints smart care damp proof water proofing done of Magen Hassidim Synagogue Terrace which was pending due to rains last year.

Some of the broken Mangalore Tiles are replaced before rains.

The major repair remaining is the front ground tiling's that would be the next target depending on the festivals and rainy season.

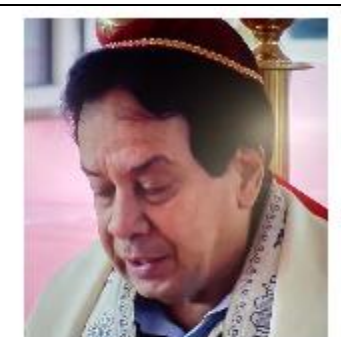


BJP- Bene-Israel Wing

Sassoon Ermiya Phansapurkar, BJP



It is a great pride and honour for the Jews of India that today New Building of the Parliament House was inaugurated by Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. Inter-faith prayer meet (Sarva Dharma Prarthana) was also organized during this auspicious occasion. Dharma Gurus from 9 different religions participated and recited prayers from their respective Holy Scriptures. Mr. Ezekiel Isaac Malekar Honorary Secretary of Judah Hyam Synagogue, New Delhi who has been actively involved in inter-faith activities for the last 43 years represented Judaism and recited prayers (Psalm number 23 in Hebrew and English) at this historic event in the presence of Honorable Prime Minister, Lok Sabha Speaker and all Cabinet Ministers. All Prayers of 9 different religions including Jewish Prayer that is Psalm No. 23 in Hebrew and English will be engraved on the copper or Bronze plates and will be fixed on the walls of New Parliament House. We All are proud of you Mr. Ezekiel Isaac Malekar for your wonderful Prayers in The New Parliament House.



Mr. Ezekiel Malaker
Represented the Jews

Shape of the New Parliament Building

Bimal Patel, The Architect of New Parliament explains why The Shape is Triangle.

He says it's based on Triangles in 'Shree Yantra' & Tridev.

The Shri Yantra consists of 9 interlocking triangles 4 upward ones which represent 'Shiva' & 5 downward ones represent 'Shakti'.

The Central Part looks like Shape of New Parliament building.

The New Parliament building represents Shiva-Shakti's Divine Union for Creation.

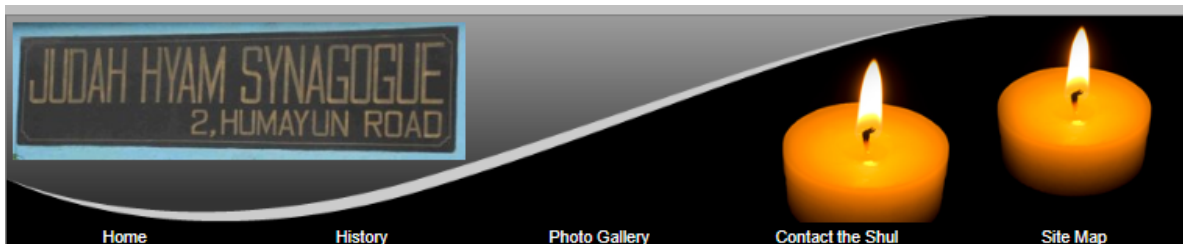
The crown is Kashmir

This is why we call Kashmir bhoomi as of "Shiv and Shakti"



News from Delhi

Mr. Ezekiel Malaker



Location: 2 Humayun Road, New Delhi 110003, India. (P) 24635500.
(Opp Taj Mahal hotel, Near Khan Market)

Synagogue Services

- Erev Shabbat services are held on Fridays at 7:00 PM during the summer and at 6:30 PM during the winter.
- Services are also held on the High Holidays, Purim, Pesach, Shavouth and Channukah.
- There are usually no Shabbat morning services for lack of Minyan.

There are only about 7-8 Jewish families who are long-term residents of the area. In addition, Judah Hyam Synagogue is the primary place of worship in New Delhi for many Jewish diplomats, business people, artisans and many others from around the world who are based in India's capital city.

In the year 2007, the synagogue welcomed more than 12,000 visitors for worship or tours from all around the world. Jews of any level of observance are welcome at the Judah Hyam Synagogue. Services are conducted both in Hebrew and in English.

For further information please contact Mr. Ezekiel Isaac Malekar at (+91)-981-831-7674.



Mr Ezekiel I Malekar
Honorary Secretary

As you know we have few Jews in Delhi besides Diplomats from various Embassies/High Commission Offices etc. Including Israel. We hold regular Erev Shabbath Service at the synagogue. We also explain weekly Sabbath Torah portion at the end of Erev Sabbath Service. Besides we also hold High Holiday services as well as other festivals such as Chanukah, Tube shevat, Fast of Esther, Purim, etc.

I have also attended more than 10 international/national inter faith seminars and represented Judaism and enlightened audience about the precepts of Judaism/Torah/philosophy/etc. I attended inter faith prayer meetings organized by the Govt. Of India on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's Martyr Day on 30th January and birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October every year as well as of Death Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 27th May and birth anniversary on 14th Nov. every year. I also write articles on various topics of Judaism and it is being published in leading newspapers & magazines. During last 4 months about 10000 visitors from Israel and other countries visited the synagogue.

Kindly noted that we have no Rabbi, Hazzard and Samash in the synagogue since inception of the synagogue in 1956 but by the Grace of Hashem single handedly I have been voluntarily doing the work of synagogue, library, Hebrew class and cemetery for the last 43 years.

[DelhiShul - Judah Hyam Synagogue - History](#)

Raigad Jewish Association

Herzl Bhonkar



RJA is now waiting for the proud moment when the Ambepur Synagogue will be inaugurated in November 2023. This is first picture allowed by RJA of the internal of the newly built synagogue where the work is in progress. Electric and snatiation work is completed.



Elly Kadoorie School(150 years)

David Talagaokar



150 years of Elly Kadoorie School will be held on 2nd July 2023 at 7 PM. We are also planning to celebrate a couple of Jewish festivals in the school, viz: Hanukkah on the 14 th December, 2023.

We also celebrated Purim festival in the school this year when we had about 225 members of our community in attendance, including about 15 tourists from Israel. Our motto is to use the school premises for our community activities.

We have completed extensive repairs to the school building and the said work is almost complete. The remaining repairs and renovations will be carried out after the rainy season.

Jewish Cemetery at Worli

David Talagaokar



After the walls of the cemetery, that is almost repaired, there is a portion of the wall near the small gate which requires to be strengthened.

It is about 90 feet in length.

The said work will commence in another two weeks. We have undertaken the said work with the funds allocated from the local MLA's fund, with the efforts of myself, Sammy Waskar and Rahamim Charikar.

We are also trying to organize a felicitation of the local MLA in the near future.

Waiting for picture

Canada

Gilad Samuel



There is a liberal social religious group called BINA (Bene-Israel of North America) here that holds some High Holy Days services and other holidays, funerals etc. There is an Orthodox synagogue too that BINA hires during high holidays and functions.

Gilad did not get much time to send a proper message as we approached him much late in June. We hope in Oct. issue Gilad will have more information to share and also pictures.



With relate to the picture above right:

Jewish identity is the objective or subjective state of perceiving oneself as a Jew and as relating to being Jewish. Under a broader definition, Jewish identity does not depend on whether a person is regarded as a Jew by others, or by an external set of religious, or legal, or sociological norms. Jewish identity does not need to imply religious orthodoxy. Accordingly, Jewish identity can be cultural in nature. Jewish identity can involve ties to the Jewish community. Orthodox Judaism bases Jewishness on matrilineal descent. According to Jewish law (Halacha), **all those born of a Jewish mother are considered Jewish**, regardless of personal beliefs or level of observance of Jewish law. Progressive Judaism and Haymanot Judaism in general base Jewishness on having at least one Jewish parent, while Karaite Judaism bases Jewishness only on paternal lineage. These differences between the major Jewish movements are the source of the disagreement and debate about Who is a Jew?

איחוד ארצי קהילתי ליוצאי הודו

משה סוגאוקר



Meeting with Mr. Danny Danon and with representatives from the cities and the [איחוד ארצי קהילתי ליוצאי הודו](#) and the chairman of [משה סוגאוקר](#) about the issues related to the Indian community in Israel because only together we will rise and succeed... Amen

פגישה עם מר דני דנון ועם נציגות מהערים וה איחוד ארצי קהילתי ליוצאי הודו ויו"ר משה סוגאוקר על הנושאים שקשורים לקהילה ההודית בישראל כי רק ביחד נוכל ונצליח אמין

डॅनी डॅनन आणि शहरांचे प्रतिनिधी आणि नॅशनल कम्युनिटी यूनियन फॉर इंडियन इमिग्रेंट्स आणि अध्यक्ष मोशे सुगावकर यांच्याशी इस्रायलमधील भारतीय समुदायाशी संबंधित मुद्द्यांवर बैठक, कारण एकत्रितपणेच आपण उभे राहू आणि यशस्वी होऊ... कलावंत

Danny Danon served as Israel's 17th Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and currently serves as Chairman of the World Likud. Danon previously served as a member of the Knesset from the Likud Party, as Minister of Science, Technology and Space, and as Deputy Minister of Defense. During his term in the 18th Knesset, Danon served as Deputy Speaker, Chair of the Special Committee on the Rights of the Child, and Chair of the Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs. In June 2016, Danon was elected as chair of the UN's Legal Committee, the first Israeli to ever hold the position.



איחוד ארצי קהילתי / The National Union ליוצאי הודו

Evening of poetry and poetry 25.6.23 in Kiryat Gat, Gates of Mercy Synagogue...The Facebook group from the heart and soul.

ערב שירה ופיוט 25.6.23 קרית גת...האיחוד הארצי..בית כנסת שערי רחמים..קבוצת הפייסבוק מהלב והנשמה..

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July 2023 Tammuz - Av 5783						
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The EPJCC Library is open every Monday & Wednesday. Members are requested to kindly renew their membership for 2023.
 For further clarifications, kindly contact Ashley on Mobile No.9820300234 / Sinhora on Mobile No.9867100846

Australia

Solomon Erulkar



Over the last few weeks more interesting and important events have been happening here in Australia. Just following up on my last report from March 2023.

Reeva Ashton - (Nureen Ashtamkar) will be part of another Art Exhibition in Sydney. This event is a very big Exhibition and it's in mid June.

A few weeks ago an Interfaith Event for the Indian Communities in Melbourne was organised in the Melbourne CBD. The Victorian Multicultural Commission set up an evening of prayers with the leaders representing Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Jain faiths.

This was organised by The Sephardi Sassoon Yehuda Synagogue which is in St Kilda East Balaclava, Melbourne. Some of our Bene Israel families go to this synagogue.

A very big thank you to Jerry Ashtamkar and Yfrah Aptekar who represented the Jewish community from India.



Beth-El Synagogue, Panvel – Protection

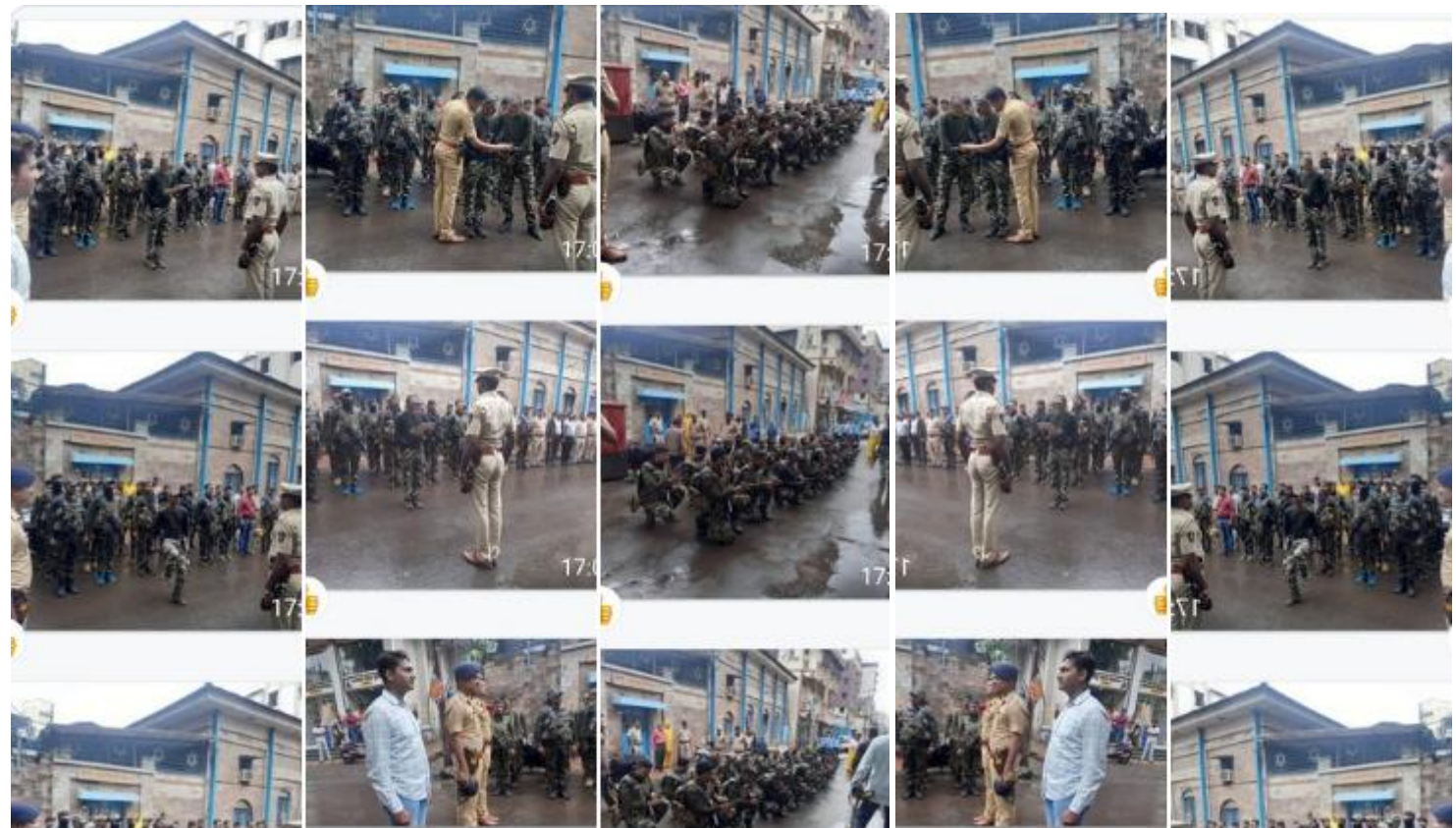
Moses Koletkar



Mock Drill to protect the Beth-El Synagogue.

A mock drill is a practice of how to handle an emergency situation. It is a method of practicing the evacuation of a building, handling for a fire or other emergency. The drill involves creating a fake emergency situation and practicing how to respond to it. The purpose of a mock drill is to prepare people for a real emergency situation and to ensure that they know what to do in case of an emergency.

Jewish building in Maharashtra is protected from terrorist attacks and therefore once a year this drill takes place in front of the synagogue.



Panvel Cemetery

A case has been filed before the Hon'ble Joint Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
Hon'ble Court has issued Notice to Mr. Aslam Munshi, partner City real estates. And now the matter is before Hon'ble Court.


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प्रति,

सहाय्यक संचालक (पुरातत्व)
रत्नागिरी विभाग, रत्नागिरी

विषय- इसायली तलाव आणि इसायली गार्डन शेजारील भूखंडांवर बेकायदेशीर बांधकामाच्या तक्रारीबाबत

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सदर विषय हा आपल्या कार्यक्षेत्रा अंतर्गत येत असल्यामुळे पुढील उचित कार्यवाहीस्तव आपल्या कार्यालयाकडे अग्रेषित करण्यात येत आहे. याप्रकरणी उचित कार्यवाही करून संबंधित अर्जदारास कृपया परस्पर कळविण्यात यावे व केलेल्या कार्यवाहीची प्रत संचालनालयास सादर करण्यात यावी.

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9th May 2023

To,

Panvel Municipal Corporation,
Swami Nityananda Rd,
Opp. Gokhale Marriage Hall,
Panvel, Navi Mumbai - 410206.

Sub: Complaint regarding illegal construction on plots neighbouring Israeli Lake and Israeli Garden.

Ref: Final Plot No.210, 217 and neighbouring plots as allocated to the Jewish Community as Cemetery / Graveyard.

Sir,

I wish to bring your kind attention to the deeming condition of the graveyard which was assigned to the Jewish Community bearing final Plot No.210, 217 and plots adjoining to the final plot No. 216 and 209. There is a lot of illegal construction of building / houses / slum and the said illegal encroachment is actively carried out without obtaining relevant permission from the Municipal Corporation. **We suspect that this shall lead to a law and order situation.**

Jewish Community have raised a lot of objections and no proactive steps are taken by the authorities till date. Trespassers are utilizing this as a tool to illegally encroach the subject land by injecting / encouraging slums, to create unlawful possession and illegal title to the aforesaid land, which was originally allotted to the Jewish Community for specifically using it as graveyard. With an evil motive to destroy the Jewish graveyard, the trespassers did not pay any heed and are still carrying out illegal construction

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along with injecting / encouraging slums without obtaining any necessary permissions / license from the Government / Municipals department.

Few parties which are encountered red handed carrying out illegal encroachment are as follows:

1. City Developer
2. Aslam Abdul Munshi

I request your good office to please have a kind look and take cognizance to procure necessary judicial steps in order to remove and prohibit illegal encroachment by taking necessary steps for catering justice to the Jewish Community in Panvel jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,


Raymond Gadkar
Advocate

CC:

1. Shri Eknath Shinde
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra
6th Floor, Mantralaya,
Mumbai 400032.
2. Shri Devendra Fadnavis
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
6th Floor, Mantralaya,
Mumbai 400032.
3. Shri. Mahendra K. Mahajan
Hon'ble Charity Commissioner
Dharmaday Ayukt Bhavan,

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2nd Floor, Sasmira Building,
Sasmira Road, Worli,
Mumbai 400 032.

4. Town Planning Department
Swami Nityanand Rd, Tal,
Opp. Gokhale Marriage Hall,
Panvel, Navi Mumbai - 410206.
5. Chief Executive officer
Maharashtra Estate Wakf Board
Panchakki, Aurangabad - 431001.
6. Maharashtra State Waqf Board
Kohinoor Colony Rd, Nagsenvan,
Aurangabad, Maharashtra - 431001.
7. Director of Archaeological & Museums
St. George Hospital Complex,
CST, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400001.
8. Archaeological Survey of India
Supertending Archaeologist,
Near Nehru Garden and R. N. College, Joglekar Wadi,
Sion, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400022.
9. Ministry of Law and Justice India
3rd Floor, 'C' Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan,
Khan Market, New Delhi - 110003.
10. Law and Judiciary Department
Madam kama marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
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The Indian Government Thanked GPM

Jacob Sztokman, Gabriel Project Mumbai



Gabriel Project Mumbai was honored to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Deputy Executive Magistrate Mr. Kakasaheb Thakare, of the sub-district of Mokhada on behalf of the Gabriel Project Mumbai and IsraAID team in their work providing social protections for Adivasi (tribal) communities in rural India.



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Gate of Mercy Synagogue

David Talagaokar



The mikveh in the synagogue is repaired and renovated. The way to the mikveh is being tiled now. There was lot of water dropping in the office rooms, near the entrance to the Synagogue. One of the office room is cleaned and repaired, but there is lot of plaster work remaining. We are planning a small function in the Synagogue during Selichot.

Waiting for picture

ORT

Sivanah David Ashtamkar, Director



Pesach seder conducted by ORT India , day 1 at Tifereth Israel synagogue, April 5, 2023



IJF

David Talagaokar



After the grand function we had during Purim, IJF is planning a get together of the Bene Israel Community in September - October.

Before that we are having the elections and the newly elected committee will plan future functions. What we are busy now with is to gather funds for the memorial to be set up in Nowgaon. We hope to get the sanction for the funds very soon. We are not disclosing our cards now, as we do not want someone to sabotage our project. But once we get the sanction, we will declare our plans.



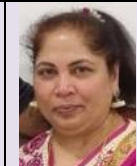
SHAAR HASHAMAIM ,GATE OF HEAVEN SYNAGOGUE , THANE ,INDIA



June 13, 2023 We have Rabbis visiting our [SHAAR HASHAMAIM ,GATE OF HEAVEN SYNAGOGUE ,THANE ,INDIA](#) synagogue. Mr. Moses Phansapurkar (Mohel), Mr. samuel Daniel President, Grace Maam, Hassan Siyon Chordekar, Mr. Samson David Awaskar [Jeffrey Samuel](#) welcoming the Rabbis with flower bouquet.

Many Bene- Israeli families see the help and guidance of Bet- Din, regarding their technical difficulties of conversion, Kohen ceremony, Alia etc.





A fun and Frolic-filled Purim party was organized by IOBI for its Golden Age group members on the **7th of March 2023**.



8th June 2023: IOBI participated and supported the IJHC and the Cochini committee in the laying of the foundation stone for the Heritage and Cultural Centre of Indian Jews at Nevatim.

It is commendable that IJHC extended the invitation to IOBI and other groups recognizing their importance and urging them to join in signing the significant document marking the laying of the cornerstone.



A memorial service for the fallen soldiers and those fallen in terror act belonging to Indian Jewish Community was organized by The International organization of Bene Israelis(IOBI) for the third consecutive year. This time it was held at Lod Cemetery (old) on **23-April-2023**. Thanks to Mr. Nissim Moses and Mr. Tsur Israel for preparing and sharing the list of names.

Thanks to all who attended it. Special thanks to Michael Daniel, David Levy, Saul Aptekar, Yosef Reuven, Noah Massil and Yosi Benjamin.



ORT-India



During the year 2022-2023 ORT India gave scholarships to a total of 259 students.

The processing of applications for 2022-2023 is complete. The scholarship form for the year 2023-2024 will be uploaded on the ORT India Website by end July 23.

ORT is looking for Donors for remaining part of the amount required for Taglit Birthright 23.

A workshop on "Relationship Skills" was organized by ORT on 14 May 23. 17 people from the community attended. The engagement level was high and the workshop was appreciated by the participants.

Three Day outings were arranged for school children during summer holidays at **KidZania**, **Nehru Planetarium** and **Baccha Party**. These were education cum fun outings. Children enjoyed thoroughly.

On demand we are re-organizing the Smartphone Usage by Elders workshop repeat on 5th and 6th July.

Sunday morning real time online "Entrepreneurship Development" program will be starting from 9th July 23 till 23rd August 23.

ORT-India

wants to send 35 Bene-Israel youngsters to Israel for Taglit Birthright 2023.

They have enough funds for 25 youngsters.

They are asking donations.

If you had come on your Taglit on the cost of other families, this is the time to help sponsor some of these students.

Please contact

Sivanah David Ashtamkar,
Director

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ओआरटी-इंडिया

टॅग्लिट जन्मसिद्ध हक्क 2023 साठी 35 बेने-इस्रायल तरुणांना इस्रायलमध्ये पाठवायचे आहे. त्यांच्याकडे २५ तरुणांसाठी पुरेसा निधी आहे.

देणग्या मागत आहेत. जर आपण इतर कुटुंबांच्या खर्चावर आपल्या टॅग्लिटवर आला असाल तर यापैकी काही विद्यार्थ्यांना मदत करण्याची ही वेळ आहे.

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ORT-הודו

רוצה לשלוח 35 צעירים בני ישראל לישראל לתגלית 2023.

יש להם מספיק כסף ל-25 צעירים.

הם מבקשים תרומות.

אם הגעתם לתגלית שלכם על חשבון משפחות אחרות, זה הזמן לעזור לחלק

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Eilat Synagogue "Shaar Ha Shalom" (Gateway to Peace) Celebrates 15 years

Yafet Pingle



29 June 2023



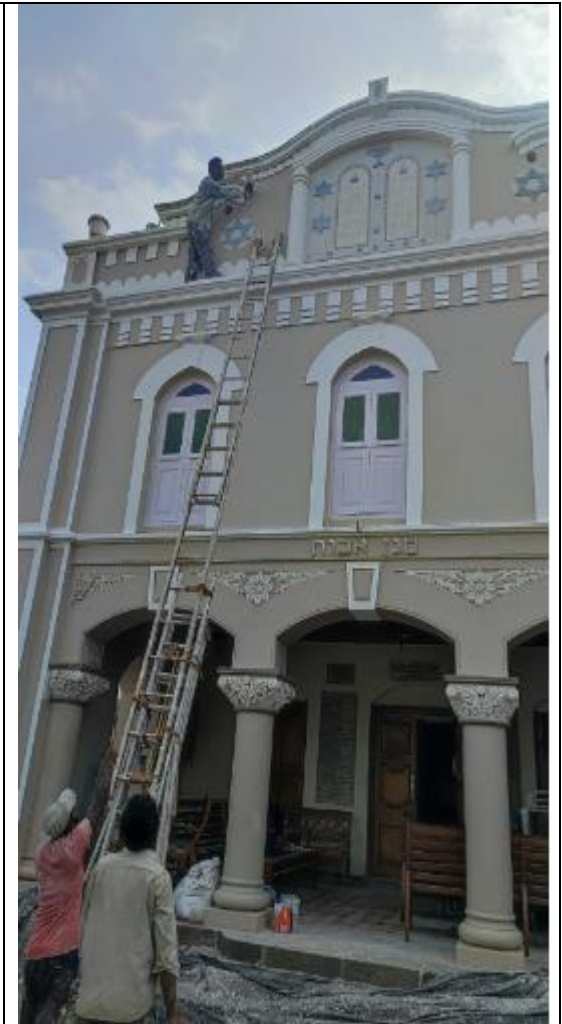
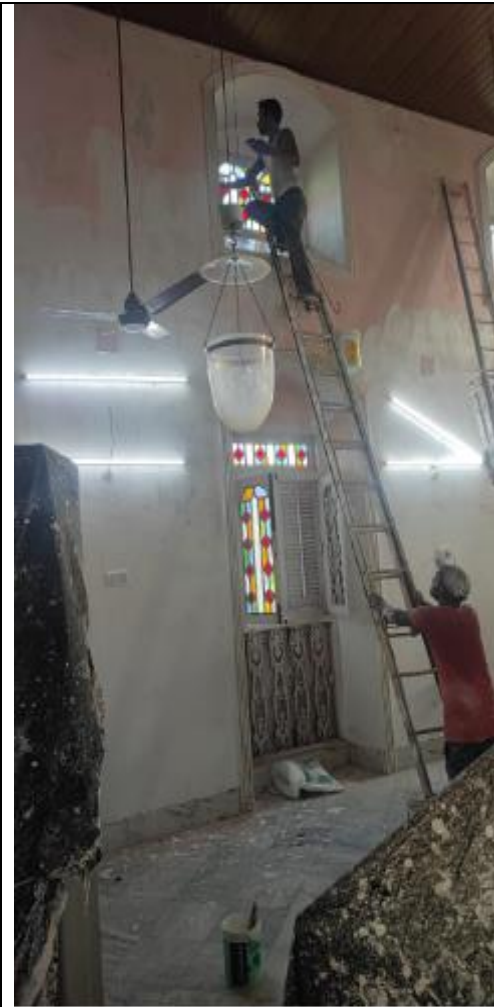
Magen Aboth Synagogue, Alibaug

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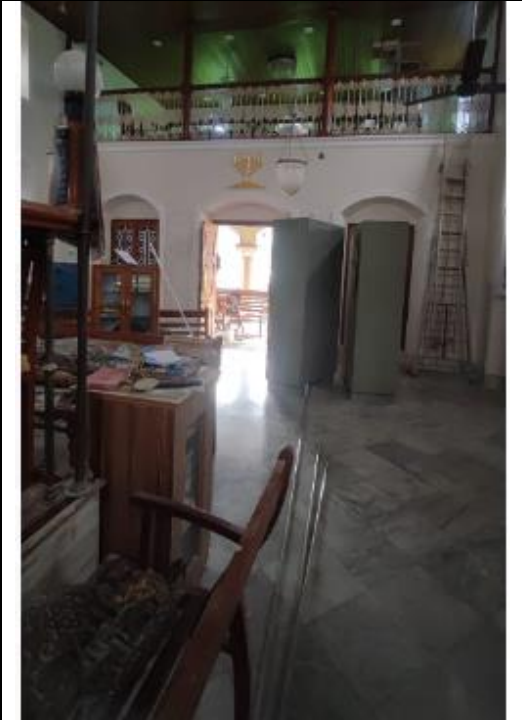


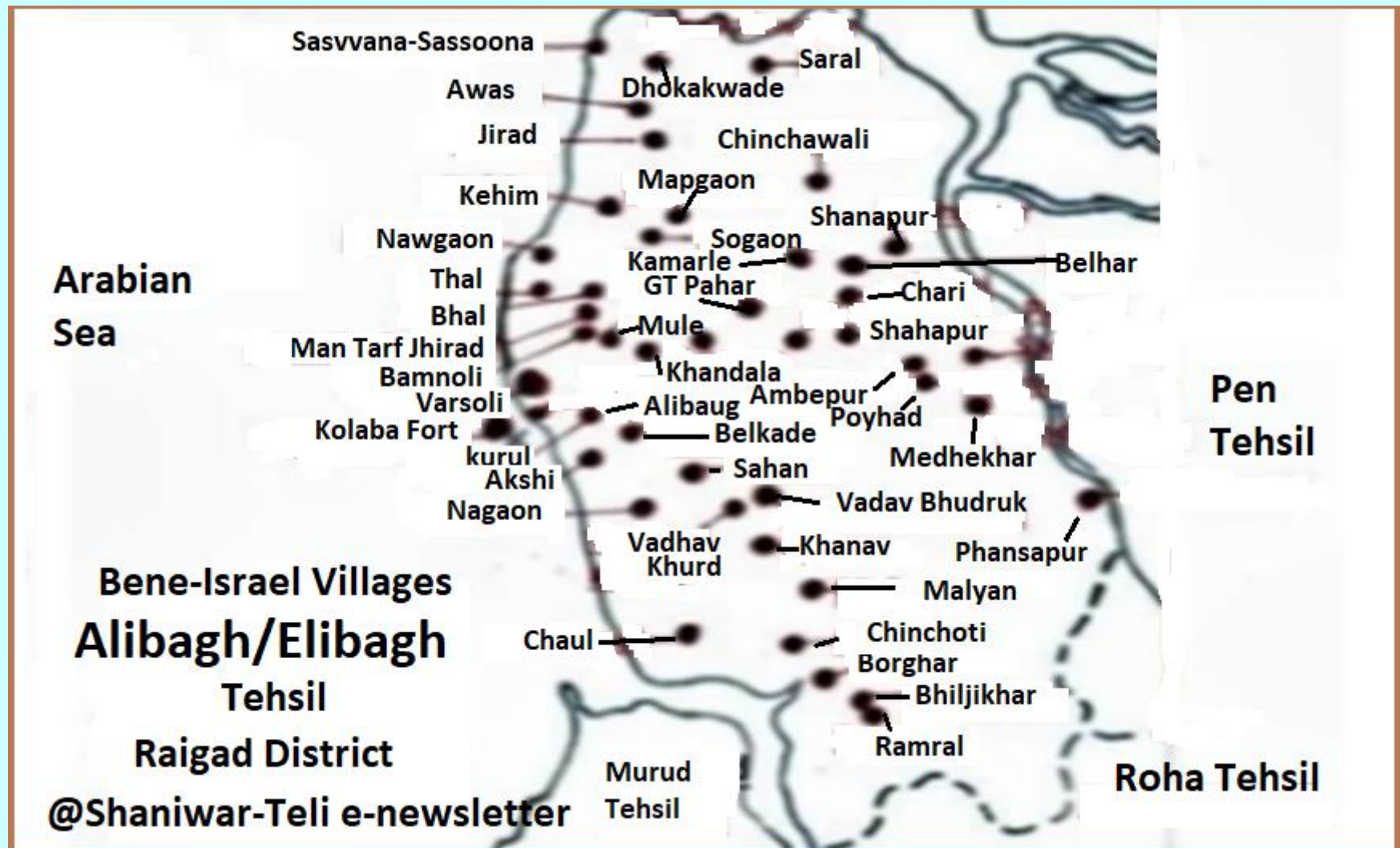
Magen Aboth synagogue painting work

Before the festivals starts the management of the Synagogue decided to get the internal and external of the synagogue plastered and painted.



After Repairs:





A Humble Request from Shaniwar Teli

Our Bene-Israel Communities Moral Obligation

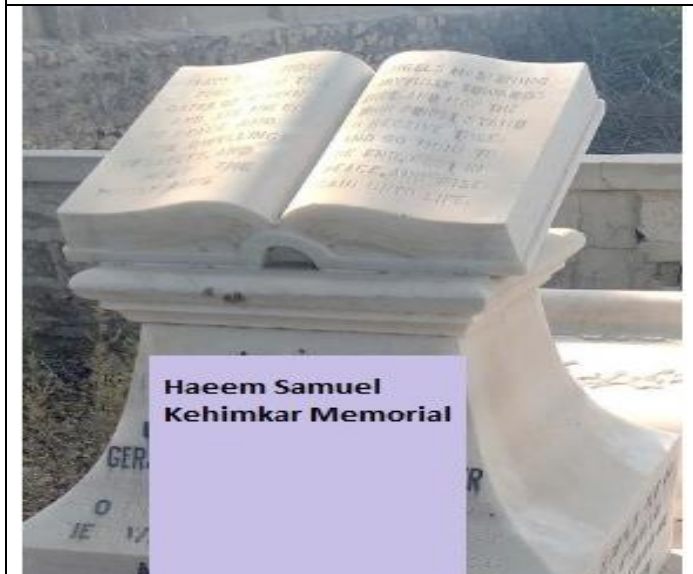
To
Mr. H.S. Kehimkar.

Bene-Israel would have gone down in the world history as children of prostitutes and keeps of Jewish traders who came to India during 15th 16th 17th and 18th century. This was the theory Baghdadi Jews presented to the world; calling Bene-Israel as “Kala Jews” (Black Jews or Bastards).

If it was not for Mr. H.S.Kehimkar book, we would have no heritage or rich past of 2000 years that we are blessed with today. Mr. Kehimkar’s theory was later proved true by the fact that indeed in those days thousands of merchant ships traveled from middle east to Asia the through Indian ocean. Further newer evidence proved that the Bene-Israel’s carry DNA of Cohens and Levis.

We request our committee members of IJF, RJA, IOBI, ORT, Eli Kaboori School Trust , Bene-Israel Synagogues or a new groups formed from members sent from all the above groups ; “Kehimkar Memorial Group” to do the following.

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



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

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Sept 15, 2023