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Happy New year to all our Readers

New year Parnasha blessing dilemma?



This Kasukar guy wins every year the opening of the Hekal doors for growth of parnasa. We have no chance. He beats all the bids.

You should understand that the growth of the parnasa is not for you and me. It is for the growth of the parnasa of the synagogue! For you and me God takes care of the parnasa.



@rabbi sad sack

Letters

Dear Leo brother,

I just watch the Shaniwar Teli news issue. Very nicely arranged and all information provided inside the magazine. Entire team of Shaniwar Teli has taken due care for printing the information provided by our Jewish community, all over the world. Give my regards to Dr. Shulmith Solomon. Blessings to entire team of Shaniwar Teli, from BETH EL SYNAGOGUE Panvel.

Moses Korekar
डिअर लिओ ब्रदर.

शनिवार तेली चा नवीन अंक पहिला. फारच उत्तम आहे.

संपूर्ण जगामधील ज्यू लोकांनी पाठविलेली माहिती वाचून आनंद झाला. या अंकात प्रकाशित झालेली माहिती आणि फोटोज सुद्धा छान आहे. शनिवार तेली मधील टीम वर्क मुळे या अंकाचे प्रकाशन उत्तम आहे.

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सर्वांना आशीर्वाद बेथ एल प्रार्थनालय पनवेल. मोझेस कोरेकर

I received also Shaniwar Teli of this month few days ago.

You have almost 100 pages. I salute you and your team.

Please accept our "Kol Hakabod" from "Maiboli team". We wish Shaniwar Teli" all the best.

The "Maiboli" Marathi quarterly in Israel" completed 35 years and on the way to closed and issue our last issue.

We wish Shaniwar Teli to continue many many more years.

Noah Massil

Dear Noah,

Thank you for your wishes. It is a thankless job. How did you manage 35 years?!!

We will not go so long, as I see your team.

Maiboli was always a pleasure to read for my family and the whole community.

Thank you.

Leo Daniels



Leon from where did you get this stupid article that the Cochin Jews gave the Bene Israel Jewish Education. What are you trying to do make life more difficult for the Bene Israel Jews. This not the First time you have gone Tangent. The Cochin do not need any one else if they have a Jewish editor publishing their Half-truths and nonsense. You will not find one from any other community doing this. I am very annoyed with you on this subject.
Nissim Moses.



On further clarification with Nissim Moses the confusion is cleared;

1. Cochini teaches did teach Bene-Israel Jews prayers, preparing children for Bar-Mitzva , Marriage. That is what is written in ST.

2. The language Hebrew (like English Hindi) Bene-Israel was taught at school as Hebrew was added as a language for Matriculation exam. They studied Hebrew and then printed Marathi prayer books that we all have seen.

Cochin Jewish teachers made valuable contributions towards us Bene-Israel and this should not be forgotten.

And it was a cochin Jewish visitor who first discovered the Shaniwar-Teli could be Jews.

We agree with the article on Cochin Jewish teachers. My Aunty will write the reaction and will send you later as my aunts are 70+. For your information :
My daddy in 1946 learned for his Bar Mitsva with Cochini Hhajjan. My uncle's Brith-Milah was done by a Cochini Mohel in 1943.

Shulmith Kolet



From the Editor

We at Shaniwar Teli wish all our readers A Very Happy New Year and Well over the fast. We hope and pray that we will be able to achieve our goals and fulfill them to the best of our abilities.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Johnny E Jhirad the Dean of O.R.T for being awarded the Top Educator Award for 2022.

Mr. Sassoon Samson E Phanspukar the Jewish Minority Community for Maharashtra hopes to solve the various problems related to synagogues, cemeteries, Charity Commission pending matters, individual problems and aliyah guidelines. He has also arranged online Selichot broadcast on Zoom from various synagogues in India.

We are also thankful to Mr. Hillel Gadkar for his summary of the Torah portion every Friday on Zoom.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Queen Elizabeth. The Queen had visited India especially the Matran Cherry synagogue on 17th October 1997

Our heartfelt condolences to Menashe on the death of his dear sister Myrtle. She passed away on 25th September 2022. She was a wonderful person and a very active JRU Youth group member. Myrtle you will be missed by all of us in the Youth group. May her soul rest in peace.

We pray for all our Jewish friends that they are safe in Florida. We hope that the Hurricane passes over them without great damage.

The Ragiad Jewish board has placed a direction board to help the visitors to travel easily to the Eliyahu Hanabai Rock in Khandale, Ghodkand Alibag. Our thanks to the committee.

An international convention of Indian Jews will be held on 13th October 2022 in the park Yad Lebanim Petah-Thivah.

Dr. Shulmith Charikar,
Editor



From the creator of the e-Newsletter

These last three months have been amazing with so many activities going on in Bene-Israel communities in India, Israel and Canada. Several shows, Independence Day, kirtan singing, book releases, synagogue celebrations and others. We received so many activities to be updated on the Shaniwar-Teli Facebook and we try to do it on the same day.

The essay competition was well participated and the judges did a wonderful job. We sincerely thank Mr. Noah Massial, Ms. Riki Shi and Mr. Johnny Jirad.

The Parnel case is in progress and we have most updated information that we have received from the lawyers. We have also spoken to the other side to understand their point of view.

The discussion of Herzl Bhonkar in his RJA page is of importance for all our community. Please do read it as offer us solutions that you can think of.

We are told again and again that there is no one taking care of

potential immigrants. Since now all the process is on-line you need a computer educated person to help the families out. We have discussed this with Mr. Johnny Jirad, Dean of O.R.T if they can appoint a young man who can charge a small fee.

Elijah (Leo) Daniels Walwatkar
Creator of the newsletter idea



“Living Legend Crown” for members of the Bene-Israel Community

In this issue we have decided to award our Living Legend Crown to a Bene-Israel lawyer and advocate

David Talegaonkar

David is everywhere in the Bene-Israel community in Mumbai. We find him active in managing committees of Synagogues, Cemeteries and various Bene-Israel Jewish originations in India. His effort is always to keep things in order in the Bene-Israel society and make sure people who actually did the work will get also the credit and admiration through Bene-Israel Jewish representative groups. He is always ready to answer questions on community activities in a fair and just manner.

David works at Profession Advocate High Court. He graduated from at Guru Nanak Khalsa College of Arts, Science & Commerce and completed his law degree from University of Mumbai.

We have found David always cooperative and updated about the latest information on the community matters; may it be matters of Panvel, Raigad or Jewish cemeteries in Mumbai. Lots of information and update that we offer on facebook and in the Shaniwar Teli issues are, many times, are first confirmed with David.

We wish David lots of success and to keep up his love for his community!



David Talegaonkar

Mazal Tov Johnny Jhirad

Glad to announce that Ort's Dean Mr. Johnny E Jhirad has been awarded the Top Educator's Award 2022 organized by Rhythms group and SCLRRC on the occasion of Teachers Day.

Johnny is a B.Tech. graduate from IIT Mumbai has lived in Israel and Netherlands where he has done many major chemical plant projects. In Israel He has done a classified developmental power plant project in 1987 to fight the threat of oil embargo.

At Ort in less than a year's time, he has started many courses among them Data Science, Digital Marketing and Cybersecurity. He is talking to many students who are doing or done recently courses like BSc, B.Com, BA, BMS etc. to easily change over to a professional track and increase their employability and salary.

Considering the importance of personality and soft skills in one's life he arranged three workshops for different age. He also guides parents and students to plan their education as per their aptitude and interest in and mentors them throughout. We wish Johnny the best in future.

Do contact him if applicable to you on WhatsApp 9819137437



Mr. Johnny E Jhirad, Dean ORT India

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WHO MADE THE RULES

Dr. Reuben Daniel, Pune, India



Rabbinic writings state that the Oral Torah was given to Moses at Mount Sinai, which, according to the tradition of Orthodox Judaism occurred in 1312 BCE. The Talmud says that the Torah was written By Moses with the exception of the last eight verses of Deuteronomy written by Joshua.

Benjamin Franklin is credited for discovering electricity in the 1700s. Electricity was first introduced in the people's homes near the end of the Victorian period in the late 19 th century. The telephone was invented around 1854 and the first hand held mobile phone was launched by Motorola in 1973. The first smart phone was an Android version released in 2008. Mobile phoes have become an integral part of our lives. It is as if an attachment to the human body.

Now the question arises where in the Torah is it written that you cannot put on the electric light and television, laptop nor talk on the phone. Did the Orthodox people even imagine these modern appliances or even various modes of transport like aircrafts, trains, cars etc., I am not challenging the written words in the Torah, but doubt arises who changed these rules (definitely not written in the Torah) that create a hindrance in the day to day living of the present generation. Suppose there is a medical emergency, like a heart attack or a paralytic stroke or any other problem to loved ones, how do we call someone, who strictly follows Sabbath and will not pick up the phone, nor will he travel to help? Isn't this a big problem in the present time?

The reason for all the above dates is just to show thousands of years have passed from the time Torah was passed on to the Jews till the present generation which cannot live without their mobile phone in their hands. Even a new born baby when they see a mobile phone they wants to have it. Many parents give in and hand over the gadget to the child. How can we have a balance between these two contradiction? Whenever guests visit we will find most of the hosts glancing at their phones, this is seen even in Synagogues. How can we go for Sabbath prayers walking 10 – 15 km to the Synagogue? Many more such examples can be written about following Sabbath the Jewish way in the twenty first century.

**MAKE YOUR
OWN RULES.
BREAK YOUR
OWN RULES.
LIFE IS
TOO SHORT
TO LIFE IT
SO RIGIDLY.**

'Haifa Day' in Rajasthan where Lebana Penkar was the chief guest

Dear friends, I had the honor of attending the commemoration ceremony of the 'Haifa Day' on 18 Sept'22 in Jaipur Rajasthan amidst Parliamentarians Mr. Sumedhan and Saraswati and Mr. Manoj Rajoria, Ex Minister, Mr. Jaiveer Singh, General Anuj Mathur, Brigadier Mohan Shekhawat, MLA Mr. Sharma and Group President, AD. Vikram Parihar, and pay my respect and tribute to the 'Haifa Hero' - Major Thakur Dalpat Singh Shekhawat, who led the Jodhpur Lancers to liberate the crucial port city of Haifa in Israel from the Ottoman rule, 104 years ago. Sharing a few snippets of the grand ceremony.





The 'Haifa Day' on 18 Sept'22 in Israel



All blood that falls is never for any other reason, but the family.

MUMBAI KONACHI?

'Majha nau Liang ahe'

The Chinese in Mumbai are Indian Chinese, not Chinese Chinese. Lunch is chapati bhaaji, not soup. The city's last few members of the Jewish and Chinese communities talk assimilation and contradiction



The Shaar Ha Rahamin synagogue was built in 1796 by Samuel Ezekiel Divekar, after he escaped unscathed as a prisoner of war in the second Mysore War. PIC/GETTY IMAGES

munity made their way here. "My great grandfather came via Burma, I think," says Tung Shang Chen, adding with a laugh, "My mother, from Kalyan. My grandparents were nomads, trying to settle in Africa, Saudi Arabia and England, but finally came back to India."

In the 1950s and 1960s, for those living between Mazagaon and Colaba—the choice of hairdresser and dentist would have to be Chinese. This area covered the major hubs of occupation, Mazagaon and Byculla with their proximity to the docks, and Colaba to the centre of British life, Fort.

"We are skillful with our hands," says Dr Ma, who started assisting his father, also a dentist, while in college. "So, the Chinese worked as carpenters, dentists, hairdressers, and cobblers in workshops in Mazagaon. They made paper flowers and lanterns, and sold them outside Crawford Market." In the lane behind the Taj Mahal

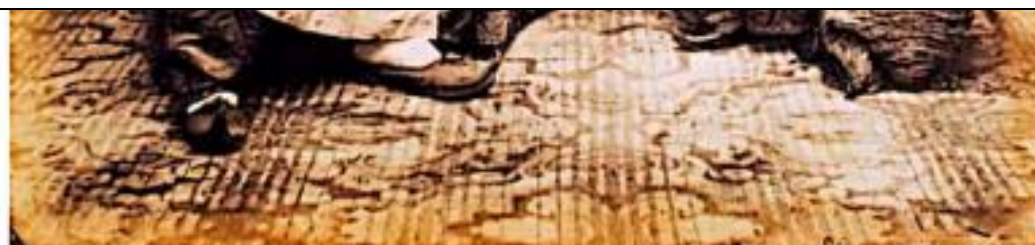
Bene Israeli Jews touch the Mezuzah—a piece of parchment containing Jewish prayers—as they leave the Magen Hassidin synagogue during Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. PIC/PAL PILLAI/ AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

MITALI PAREKH

MY Marathi is better than my Chinese," says Dr Liang-Shun Ma at his clinic in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. "In fact, when I go to any government office, I write my name down in Marathi on a piece of paper and give it to the officials. It's easier to pronounce this way." Dr Ma's family has been in India for three generations.

Unlike most communities migrating to then Bombay, the Chinese came by land from Calcutta. They had been migrating to West Bengal since the late 1700s for trade in tea, sugar and other essentials. The East India Company was trying to get a foothold in markets to the east of India, and eagerly helped Chinese businessmen such as Tong Atchew procure land in return for tea and expertise to run plantations in the Northeast. Atchew is said to have started the first sugar mill in India, bringing 1,100 workers with him. According to urban legend, this gave sugar its Hindi word: Chini.

Soon, a China Town was established in Calcutta, and it flourished while the city was the capital of the Crown. As Bombay grew in industry and prosperity, many of the com-



(Above) Leora Micah Joseph's great great grandfather Subedar Major Ezekiel Haeem Talkar and great great grandfather Aaron Ezekiel were both in the military. PICS/SAYYED SAMEER ABEDI

(Right) Sifra Lentin's family name was Pingle, indicating they came from the village of Pinglesai. PIC/SAMEER MARKANDE



In Bombay, the Bene Israelis and Sephardic Jews joined forces, and the latter served as teachers in many schools in the city. Bene Israel teachers of the Free Church of Scotland's Mission School and the Jewish English School in Bombay, late 19th century. William Johnson and William Henderson. PIC/SARMAYA ARTS FOUNDATION

In Bombay, the Benes were able to join forces with more affluent Jews such as the Baghdadis. They worked in the mills, and taught in their schools. They also set up the Sir Elly Kadoorie School in Mazagaon, whose language of instruction was, and still is, Marathi. But serving in the military remained the preferred profession

Palace Hotel, now dotted with curio shops, sat Chinese cobblers. The height of sophistication was to have bespoke shoes, made in the same luxurious fabric as the outfit, cobbled in Cheena Gully. From the 1940s to '60s, a sizeable Chinatown flourished near Kamathipura, and a community centre existed at Grant Road.

The red-doored Chinese temple to the warrior god Kwan Kung in Mazagaon was the community's centre. Only four families live in the lane now; and there is no priest. A caretaker comes every Sunday to clean the shrine.

In many ways, Dr Ma, Chen and others of the community are Chinese impersonators, more Indian than Chinese. "We eat chapati-bhaaji at home," laughs Dr Ma. "And my Marathi is better than my Chinese. My parents tried to teach me, so I know a bit." Occasionally, a soup makes it to the dining table in the Ma and Chen household.

Dr Ma has Chinese characters on the wall of his clinic and small shrines to various gods and goddesses, between whom sits a Ganesha. "My mother told me to put up the characters; they mean 'Shubh-Labhi' in Chinese. Our cultures are

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"I cannot separate my Indian identity from my religious one," says Leora Joseph née Ezekiel. "I am Indian first, and Jew later." Ezekiel is a surname with a legacy in Bombay. There's the celebrated poet, actor, playwright, editor and art critic Nissim Ezekiel, who incidentally taught Leora American Literature in Mumbai University.

He was her father's uncle. But the family, like many Bene Israelis, has a military history that stretches all the way to the Afghan War in the late 1800s.

The Bene Israelis also migrated to Bombay over land, but from nearby Konkan. "As per oral history," says Sifra Lentin, Bombay History Fellow, Gateway House, "our ancestors were shipwrecked

just south of Bombay islands and only seven men and seven women survived. The dead were buried under two mounds on Navgaon beach, close to Alibaug, and a memorial stands there now."

Lentin believes this could have been a trading ship, and that the group was marooned sometime before 70 CE. Those shipwrecked

assimilated into the Konkan cultural landscape, speaking Marathi, wearing a nauvari saree and observing many traditions.

Religiously, they observed the weekly Sabbath, maintained a kosher diet—no mixing of milk with meat, eating only fish with scales, meat slaughtered as per Kosher laws, and abstaining from eating

any animal with a cloven hoof, such as pig; and crustaceans and fish without scales. "Out of respect for Hindus," says Leora, "unlike other Jews, Bene Israelis in India don't eat beef." Most of them worked as oil-pressers, and were called Shaniwar Tellis since they didn't work on Saturdays. Eventually, they created last names by suffixing the Marathi 'kar' to the village they came from. Leora's family were Talkars from the village of Tal, until they took up the name of her great, great grandfather, Ezekiel Haeem Talkar. Her husband's family name is Dighokar from the village of Dighodi. Then there is the famous naturalist Isaac Kehimkar, better known as India's butterfly man. Lentin is Pingle on her father's side from the village of Pinglesai; her mother is Mendrekar from a village in Janjira.

The Benes were disconnected from the Jewish community in Cochin by distance, and from the Baghdadi Jews by time. They were discovered by Baghdadi traders in the 10th century, who docked at Chaul port in Raigad. They recognised that the group observed Jewish customs and holidays, but did not possess the holy Sefer Torah books. Slowly, the Cochin Jewish traders nurtured their religious revival as they travelled to and from ports in North Konkan. With the British came Protestant missionaries such as Dr John Wilson, who taught the community to read Hebrew.

There was no need to travel to Bombay yet, until the Portuguese went (taking with them their zest for conversion), and the East India Company began building Bombay up as an economic centre.

"Most Bene Israeli families have a proud military history," says Lentin. "They fought in the armies of rulers such as Shivaji, the Peshwas, and the Nawab of Murud-Janjira." In the second Mysore War of 1780-84 between the East India Company and Tipu Sultan, Samuel Ezekiel Divekar and his brother Isaac (both were colloquially known as Samaji and Isaaji) were taken as prisoners of war. They were part of the Sixth

"Legend has it that Tipu Sultan's mother saw them praying," says Leora, "and told her son not to harm them as they were also People of the Book [the first testament]. Samuel had taken a vow to build a synagogue if they escaped unharmed." And that's how Bombay got its first synagogue in 1796 the Shaar Ha Rahamim (Gate of Mercy) on Samuel Street at Masjid Bunder, named after him. "In fact, Masjid

Bunder is named after the synagogue," informs Leora. "In Marathi, a synagogue is called Mashid. 'Mi mashidi jato', one would say. That became 'Masjid'."

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Other illustrious Benes include actor David Cheulkar, Samuel Israel (former chairman of National Book Trust), Mayor of Bombay Dr E Moses, Bharat Natyam exponent Leela Samson, and the artist and author Esther David.

Since the end of World War II, many of the youth of the community have made 'Aaliyah' (homecoming) to Israel as it built a Jew-

diaspora. "My bosses urged me to go," says Leora, "They assured me my job would be waiting for me if I didn't like it there. I lived on a kibbutz, studied Hebrew, travelled within Israel and loved the country, but India is home. Indian Jews, because of living with so many communities for so long, have a wider perspective. My husband and I consider ourselves very fortunate to be born in India."

I did not know
the chinese too
were in
the boat
with Jews
2200
years
ago



**Chinese Jews
Kaifeng Jews**

HOT TV Channel Decision on Indian Channels

One of the major change that affected all the Bene-Israel first generation population in Israel was the recent decision of HOT channel to stop offering the Hot Bollywood (channel 91) and Hot Bollywood Classic (channel 92) in the basic package. Hot offers a basic package of channels that include news in different languages, some other channels like National Geography and other that rarely interests Bene-Israel first generation. Their interest is basically in Zee TV (Channel 161) and BollywoodD (Channel 89) along with the above two channels; as all of them are in Hindi.



HOT insists that they will not change the configuration of their basic package for which they charge a basic price. All additional channels will be at 30 NIS per month. So when they excluded two Indian channels from the basic package, that would mean for every Indian family to add another 60 NIS per month, if they wanted these channels.

There are other ways to see all these channels (and more) using a satellite antenna that is installed and moved by remote control to different positions (angles) to see different channel. Also Zee5 can be downloaded at 30 NIS per month to see all the Zee movies and channels. But both these options are very difficult for older people to handle who are the major audience of Hot Hindi.

Prices in Israel went up between 16% to 20% during last few months including of electricity (25%) food (16%) and other daily routine products. The channels have no other way to compensate but to increase prices. They decide instead not to increase the basic package prices but reduce the package size. Though in the basic package 80% channels are not see by most of the people (like Indians don't see Turkish, French, Spanish, Russian, German, Italian channels, other don't see Indian channels) still they are included in the basic package. This is also to help the international hotel channels where guests of all kind come.

Moshe Sogaokar of the United Indian Group איחוד ארצי קהילתי ליוצאי הודו has taken up this issue with HOT. Let us see what the results will be of this effort.

Who was Judith in Bible? Why is she unknown?

<https://youtu.be/uwUDWfGpr1g>

[Book of Judith - Wikipedia](#)

While browsing in Google under the caption; Women from Bible, I reached a name Judith/Yudith. I had never heard of her in our Jewish Bible. So I read further.

Judith was a Jewish widow who uses her beauty and charm to destroy an Assyrian general and save Israel from oppression. The story revolves around Judith, a daring and beautiful widow, who is upset with her Jewish countrymen for not trusting God to deliver them from their foreign conquerors. She goes with her loyal maid to the camp of the enemy general, [Holofernes](#), with whom she slowly ingratiates herself, promising him information on the Israelites. Gaining his trust, she is allowed access to his tent one night as he lies in a drunken stupor. She decapitates him, then takes his head back to her fearful countrymen. The Assyrians, having lost their leader, disperse, and Israel is saved. Though she is courted by many, Judith remains unmarried for the rest of her life.



Judith with the Head of Holofernes, by Cristofano Allori, 1613 (Royal Collection, London)

In Judaism Yudith has no mention. Story of Hanukkah takes place during the time of the Hasmonean dynasty. In that respect, Medieval Jewry appears to have viewed Judith as the Hasmonean counterpart to Queen Esther, the heroine of the holiday of Purim.

Although the text itself does not mention Hanukkah, it became customary for a Hebrew midrashic variant of the Judith story to be read on the **Shabbat of Hanukkah** as the story of Hanukkah takes place during the time of the Hasmonean dynasty.

Judith was one of the great Jewish heroines. Judith single-handedly conceived of a daring and ingenious plan to save the Jews during an earlier time of Syrian Greek oppression.



Philosophy of Spreading Joy

The Na Nachs, as some of the group call themselves, are an offshoot of the **Bratslav Hassidim**, followers of the late Rebbe Nachman (1772-1810), great-grandson of the founder of Hasidism.

Devotees of the group, colloquially called “Na Nachs”, make themselves quite visible in the streets of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Safed, Tiberias, and other Israeli cities as they dance atop and around moving vans to techno-Hasidic musical compositions, with the goal of spreading joy to passersby.

'Na Nach Nachmu Nachman Me-Uman' is the name of our holy leader Rabbi Nachman of Breslov. (born in 1774) Through a note he sent (In 1922) in a miraculous manner to Rabbi Israel Dov Odesser (called 'Saba' or 'Saba Israel'), Rabbi Nachman revealed that his name (meaning his soul and teachings) is the Song that is **Single** (Na - נ), Doubled (Nach - נח), Tripled (Nachmu - נחמ), and Quadrupled (Nachman - נחמן). “Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye”

Na Nach Nachma Nachman Me'uman is a Hebrew language name and song used by a subgroup of Breslover Hasidim colloquially known as the Na Nachs. It is a kabbalistic formula based on the four Hebrew letters of the name *Nachman*, referring to the founder of the Breslov



Rebbe Nachman's WISDOM will change your life!

[The importance of joy and dancing - Breslov.org](http://Breslov.org)

The importance of **joy** in singing and dancing is behind this philosophy. “When there are decrees against Israel, if we dance and clap hands we can sweeten and mitigate the decrees.

They are known to be dare devils as during wars they drive along with the tanks singing and dancing; encouraging the solders and distributing water.



Bene-Israel Jokes

**Levy Doctor said
my BP has
gone up! What is
BP?**

रूथ तुजा बव्रत पना



Leah: Listen Sami, our neighbor Sankar's daughter who is a rude bitch is getting married and I will not tolerate this nonsense ever.

Sami: What is your problem? If she is getting married let her get married. Good for you.

Leah: How can you say this? I will never let this happen. If you do not do anything to stop this marriage I will leave this home and go to my Bastaker brother.

Sami: now angry ... What is this nonsense? Why and how can I stop any ones marriage. She is getting married; she is adult and can marry any one she wants. Why should I care?

Leah: Because she is marrying our son!!

Sami: Eeee.....

Dokarkar goes to the doctor, concerned about his wife's hearing problem.

Dr. Kasukar says "Stand behind her and say something and tell me how close you are when she hears you."

Dokarkar goes home, sees his wife in the kitchen, cutting carrots on the countertop. About 15 feet away he says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Nothing. He gets halfway to her and repeats the same question. Nothing. Very concerned, he gets right behind her and asks again "What's for dinner?"

She turns around and says "For the THIRD time, mixed vegetable and rice!"

Bhonkar do you know what my mother said to my new wife on wedding day?

Bhonkar: No Awaskar, what did she say?

Awaskar : On my second wedding day, my mom told my bride, "No refunds, no exchanges on sale items."

Palkar: Mother I am 38 already. When will you get me married? Do you know I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year!

Mother: Hmm..... but shouldn't that be an even number?

Kehimkar husband and wife were dining at a 5-star restaurant.

When their food arrived, the husband said: "Neomi, our food has arrived! Let's eat!"

Naomi reminded him: "David, you always say your prayers at home before your dinner!"

David replied: "That's at home, my dear. Here the chef knows how to cook..."

Humor: My Bene-Israel Parents- True Story

We are Kasukar's. I was born in Israel but my parents always remained the wonderful old Bene-Israel family. One weekend.

Mother (M): Isaac you see those Galsurkars in the next building had three Malida's in one month.

Father(F): I don't understand what is your problem Leah?

M: Three Malidas! we have to go, attend give presents three times in one month. That is too much.

F: But you know they had the first Malida as it was one year for their grandmother's death then their last son was going to the army so they had second Malida and then their first son had a new born son so they had third Malida. It is a Bene-Israel tradition to perform Malida. They do as their Hazzan tells them. If they had not done it then you would say they did not do it.

M: But I still think it is too much.

F: What really is your problem Leah?

M: No no nothing. Hmm... you know we also have to think what to wear every time or they will say you wore it last time!!

F: But you did buy two new sari's this month for the Malida.

M: Yes I know, they have the Malida and we have to bear expenses, give presents buy sari!!

F: So don't go for the Malida. Stay home.

M: What are you talking about. You can't show back to the Malida. It is a sin.

F: So what do you want to say?

M: I am just saying that those Galsurkars in the next building had three Malida's in one month.

(I sat their listening and laughing and though it was over and then..)

F: So you want to take revenge. So you too have three Malidas next month.

M: What rubbish, we have no reason to do that.

F: Why not. You can say first Malida for your sister is out of hospital in Canada, second Madida for your round birthday that is next month and third Malida for the increase in salary and promotion that I got recently.

M: Confused Really we can do that???

F: And you can also buy three new sari's too to show-off.

M: Yes yes... that is what you want that I work like dog whole month cooking and cleaning the home doing dishes and they will come to eat and will go away ... no one will help. And why should I tell anyone my sister was in the hospital or my age. And what do you want that everyone will put an evil eye on your salary and promotion. Nakko –Baba I am good the way I am.

F: (In a teasing tone) I am just saying this because those Galsurkars in the next building had three Malida's in one month.

M. Shut-up. You just don't like to sit with me peacefully and talk. You just don't like to see me relaxes. (She stood up and walked in to the kitchen)

My dad looked at me and we both winked at each other as we laughed in control, so that mother will not hear us.

Humor- Happy Bene-Israel Husband's Day

Let us keep *2 minutes silence* and read some quotes of great personalities.

After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin, they just can't face each other, but still they stay together.

– Nissim Moses Talkar

There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage.

– Daniel Daniels Bhonkar

A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong.

– Leo Daniels Walwatkar

When you are in love, wonders happen. But once you get married, you wonder, what happened.

- Johnny Jhiradar

Marriage is a beautiful forest where Brave Lions are killed by Beautiful Deers*.

- Sion Charikar

Position of a husband is just like a Split AC, No matter how loud he is outdoor, He is designed to remain silent indoor.

While getting married, most of the guys say to girl's parents, " I will keep your daughter happy for the rest of her life* ".

Have you ever heard a girl saying something like this to the boy's parents like* *I will keep your son happy for the rest of his life

Nooooo ... because women don't tell lies!

- Moshe Digodkar

If wife wants husband's attention, she just has to look sad and uncomfortable.

If husband wants wife's attention, he just has to look comfortable & happy.

- David Goslakar

A Philosopher HUSBAND said:- Every WIFE is a 'Mistress' of her Husband...

Miss" for first year & "Stress" for rest of the life...

Me to my wife : You should learn to embrace your mistakes*

She hugged me immediately.

-Benny Roheraker

Common Expressions and their background!

OK

It wasn't as strange as it might seem for the author to coin OK as an abbreviation for "all correct." There was a fashion then for playful abbreviations like **i.s.b.d (it shall be done)**, **r.t.b.s (remains to be seen)**, and **s.p. (small potatoes)**.

They were the early ancestors of OMG, LOL, and tl;dr. A twist on the trend was to base the abbreviations on alternate spellings or misspellings, so **"no go" was k.g. (know go)** and **"all right" was o.w. (oll write)**.

⁵ So it wasn't so surprising for someone come up with **o.k. for oll korrekt**. What is surprising is that it ended up sticking around for so long while the other abbreviations faded away.

Sorry

The phrase "sorry" was shortened from "I'm sorry", where "sorry" is an adjective, that originally meant "sad" or "sorrowful".

The adjective "sorry" derives from Old English 'sāriġ', originally meaning 'grieved' or "sad", in turn deriving from a root meaning "suffering". The Old English sense can still be seen in phrases like "sorry state", where "sorry" has kept its meaning of "sad".

Bank

The word 'bank' is used in the sense of a commercial bank. It is of Germanic origin though some persons trace its origin to the French word 'Banqui' and the Italian word 'Banca'. It referred to a bench for keeping, lending, and exchanging of money or coins in the market place by money lenders and money changers.

Please

In English "please" is short for "if you please," "if it pleases you to do this" — it is the same in most European languages (French s'il vous plait, Spanish por favor). Its literal meaning is "you are under no obligation to do this." "Hand me the salt. Not that I am saying that you have to!" This is not true; there is a social obligation, and it would be almost impossible not to comply. But etiquette largely consists of the exchange of polite fictions (to use less polite language, lies). When you ask someone to pass the salt, you are also giving them an order; by attaching the word "please," you are saying that it is not an order. But, in fact, it is.

Thank You

In English, "thank you" derives from "think". It originally meant, "I will remember what you did for me" — which is usually not true either — but in other languages (the Portuguese obrigado is a good example) the standard term follows the form of the English "much obliged" — it actually does mean "I am in your debt.". Saying "you're welcome," or "it's nothing" — the latter has at least the advantage of often being literally true — is a way of reassuring the one to whom one has passed the salt that you are not actually inscribing a debit in your imaginary moral account book.

Salome Rebellos (Pingle) *Conductor, Educator, Pianist & Singer*



I am incredibly happy and honored to have been appointed the new choir director of the [Ulmer Spatzen Chor](#). In addition, I was also entrusted with the management of the singing department at the music school Ulm.

After 25 wonderful years under the leadership of [Hans de Gilde](#) I have big footsteps to follow. I am so grateful to the school management, the singing teachers, the board members, the representatives of the city of Ulm and the singers for choosing me for this position.

Looking forward to working with this amazing team and can't wait to be part of the Sparrows Family!

[\(13\) Salome Rebello | Facebook](#)

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

Salome daughter of Larry Reena (nee Abraham Moses Pingle-of Musical Saloon Bombay) and Larry Rebello was awarded the MA Choir Conducting (under Prof. Stanley Sperber) at the Rubin Academy of Music & Dance at Givat Ram Campus in Jerusalem –within the framework of the Hebrew University-Jerusalem.

Salome has studied piano from a young age and immigrated to Israel in 2008, after completing bachelor's degree in Sociology from Mumbai University. After immigration to Israel she has completed a B.Mus. degree in piano and conducting from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. She is a reputed professional choral singer. Rebello conducts three choirs and teaches piano in Jerusalem.

Information taken from Bio-Brief prepared by Nissim Moses



World of Bene-Israel Politics in Israel

איחוד ארצי קהילתי ליוצאי הודו / National Community Union for Indian Jews ([איחוד ארצי קהילתי ליוצאי הודו \(3\) | Facebook](#)) lead by Moshe Soogaokar whose message to the community is *"The purpose of the group is to connect everyone who wants to the group in order to unite and get to know the members of the community from all over the country. Later on, the group will be used to convey messages to promote the community's goals and their welfare anywhere in the country"*.

There have been local efforts in each city for last seventy years to win positions in the Municipal Elections in Israel. Most of the time Bene-Israel community does not succeed to get a representative in. There are some rare cases when they did succeed.

This time Moshe has planned a new way of promoting Bene-Israel candidates for the Municipal elections and later for Knesset elections. Under the banner of his group he and his team are having meetings in different cities. He has had such meeting in many cities. I attended one in Ashdod.

Moshe had managed to all the important local groups in Ashdod to get together for this meeting on 18th July 2021 at 8 PM. The meeting was very dynamic with the update on what was happening today in Ashdod and what the plan should be. Basically all agreed that before supporting any one candidate, there will be primaries and a candidate finally chosen will be supported by all the Bene-Israel community. Next meeting in Ashdod was planned for 2 August.

Food Distribution for the needy in Ashdod:

At the same time Moshe's group distributes free food to the needy. On 18 July meeting Moshe and his team went around distributing food to needy families in Ashdod.



Ashdod



Yavne

Mid-Day / Panvel's fading memory

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Sunday mid-day goes on a walk around Panvel with Professor Smita Dalvi, who's in a race against urbanisation to preserve the pit-stop town's historical buildings.

To Mumbaikars with the living memory of travel before the Mumbai-Pune Expressway was built, Panvel is the town sandwiched after the last McDonalds at Kalamboli and the famous Shree Datta Vada Pao Centre at Palaspar Phata. Now, the Expressway flies over it and all you see are the squat squares of new buildings with the balconies the size of bird perches. Its only avenue of interest now is that it is the site of the upcoming airport and a large train terminal.



As with all six lakes in the city, Vishrale or Israel Talav, was built in the 18th and 19th century by influential families with administrative clout. An important source for research for Professor Smita Dalvi was the Bapat family, one of the oldest residents of Panvel, who built three lakes. Pics/Sameer Markande



The Beth-El synagogue of the Bene Israelis. These are Marathi-speaking Jews of the Konkan Region, and were popularly referred to as Shaniwar Tellis (Saturday oil pressers) due to their custom of observing Shabbat. Pic/Sameer Markande

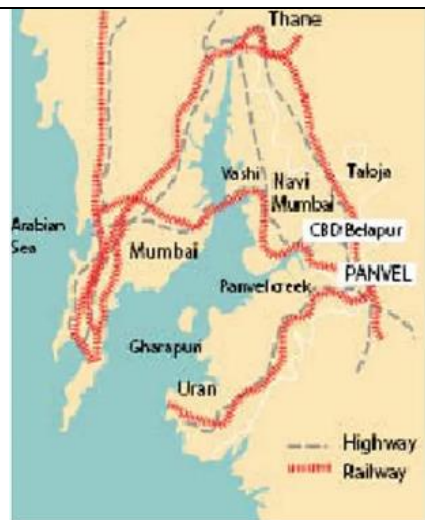
However, the city has been an important trading town and port in the Raigad district. Panvel Taluka is well-known as the rice-bowl of the region, growing many varieties, one of them even named after the town. Its urban form and architectural heritage dates back to the 18th century. It has been home to a population of Konkani Hindus and Muslims, Dakkhani Muslims, Bohris, Koli fisher folk, and the Bene Israeli Jews, among others. Each community has left behind a place of worship—the Ekviradevi mandir of the Kolis, the Dar-ul-Imarat of Bohra masjid, several temples to Mahadev mandirs with stone deep-malas (stone pillars with carved lamps, to be lit at festivals) and Maratha-style shikara, a Lingayat samadhi, Jama Masjid and the Beth-El synagogue. Even 10 years ago, one could see excellent examples of Kokani-style timbre **architecture**, with tiled sloping roofs and stone masonry. Domestic architecture consisted of wada-structures, town houses, bungalows, and even Art Deco apartment blocks, such as the Ismail Manzil. One would be pressed hard to find anyone who remembers or knows any of this, even after living here for decades. And then you have Professor Smita Dalvi, founding faculty at the MES Pillai College of Architecture in Panvel, who has been putting together information and pictures to document this history. The result is a new book, Panvel: Great City, Fading Heritage, which she has co-authored with Sonam Ambe. In it, she has tried to distill the natural history, mythology and human history of the town. Expressed with archival photographs and illustrations, the book is both in English and Marathi.



Dhootpapeshwar Factory, which manufactured ayurvedic medicines, was founded in 1872. In the 19th century, it enjoyed the reputation of being the best option for employment. A small museum to Ayurveda now takes up the ground floor. Pic/Panvel—Great City, Fading heritage

“The general perception for even the residents of New Bombay is that it’s like tabula rasa... nothing existed earlier. In the Raigad part of Navi Mumbai, there are two historical towns—Uran and Panvel,” says Dalvi. “Panvel is a medieval town. By the early 18th century, it was established as a trading town. Its port dated back to perhaps the 15th century, and until the mid 1950s, ships would dock at Panvel Bunder, facilitating travel of people and goods.”

Panvel Bunder on the Panvel creek (as the Gadhi river flows from the Matheran Hills and meets the creek) is closer to the Gharapuri island, which we know as the Elephanta caves. By road, the Sion-Panvel highway concretised and widened an existing route to the Deccan, which on the other end, stretches to [Thane](#). Cutting across the length of New Panvel is the Matheran road that ends at Dodhani village at the foothills of the hill station. It used to be an expanse of paddy fields growing Panvel rice as far as the eye could see; today, a blade or two of grass is visible amongst new residential constructions, even towers, in Sukhapur. Dalvi moved to Panvel from Mumbai 25 years ago. “As an architect, we knew that significant heritage existed here. Researching this history helped me become a Panvelkar,” she says. In the early 2000s, Dalvi led a heritage listing project sponsored by MMR-HCS (Mumbai Metropolitan Region–Heritage Conservation Society), implemented by the MES Pillai College of Architecture. The faculty team identified several heritage sites in the towns of Panvel and Uran.



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Around 2000, the faculty put forth a proposal to list the Raigad part of Navi Mumbai as a heritage site and it was accepted. The book is a part of that funded project, published by Mahatma Education Socceity [umbrella body of Pillai college]. Fun fact: Raigad district was once known as Kolaba/Kulaba district. Take that, SoBo.

In the past two decades, people are aligning with the larger community identity. For instance, the Jain Derasar is in the process of becoming a marble edifice with a staggering dome.

Others have been engulfed by concrete construction or lie decaying. The triangular Jewish cemetery, for instance, is as large as a traffic island. It holds 25 to 30 graves, and has no boundary or assigned caretaker. Recently, it was cordoned off by barbed wires, with no entry point. "The older graves," explains Dalvi, "have inscriptions in Marathi and Hebrew. The newer ones have inscriptions in English too. On her husband's tombstone, Rubybai Benjamin Chincholkar wrote a poem of love in Marathi, comparing her husband to Rama who always kept his word. The synagogue, built in 1849, has a reputation for fulfilling wishes and the odd tourist bus still stops by for pilgrimage. The synagogue was a mud and brick structure until it was damaged in floods of 2005. The neighboring Muslim tradesmen donated money to have it stoneclad."

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2005 या वर्षी पनवेल मध्ये महापूर (flood) आला होता. आपल्या बथ एल प्रार्थना लयाच फार नुकसान झाले होते. तव्हा आपल्या ज्यू समाजातील लाकांनी दणगी दिली होती. त्याचप्रमाणे स्वर्गवासी आदरणीय श्री रोबेन कामारलेकर यांनी इस्त्रायल मधून भरपूर दणगी आणली होती, त्या दणगीच्या रकमेतून आपल्या बथ एल प्रार्थना लयाची दुरुस्ती करण्यात आली होती. त्या वेळी आदरणीय श्री रेऊबेन कामारलेकर स्वतः हजर होते. त्या वेळी एकाही मुस्लीम लाकाकडून दणगी घेतलेली नाही. बरील पोस्ट मध्ये चुकीची माहिती लोहलली आहे. बरील पोस्ट करताना, बथ एल प्रार्थना लयाच्या 7 ट्रस्टी पैकी काणालाही विचारलेले नाही. ट्रस्टी 1) कालकर, 2) सातामकर, 3) दिवेकर, 4) चाडकर.

In the year 2005, there was a flood in Panvel. Our Beth El prayer area was badly damaged. At that time, the people of our Jewish community had donated. Similarly, the heavenly venerable Lord Robben Kamarlekar had brought a large donation from Israel, from which his Beth El prayer rhythm had been repaired. At that time, the honorable Shri Reuben Kamarle Kar himself was present. At that time, not a single Muslim person had donated. Incorrect information is written in the above post. In the above post, none of the 7 trustees of Beth El Prarthana Laya has been asked. Trustees 1) Korlekar, 2) Satamkar, 3) Divekar, 4) Chordek

Adjoining the Israeli Talav is the patch of land donated by Sheth Karamshi to the Bene Israeli community

Losing a place's historical memories is like losing memory, according to her. "I come from the point of view of tangible, physical structures [as a professor of architecture]," she says. "When a heritage structure is removed, you lose a community's history. Which is worse. It's like being a person without past memories."



For the full original article see the link given above.

Why do Bene-Israel's like to eat with their hands?

Most Indians believe that the real taste of food can be experienced only by eating it with hands.

As per Ayurveda, every finger is an augmentation of each of the five elements. Thus, when a person gathers his fingertips to touch the food, he possibly kindles the five elements (earth, water, fire, space, air), making him more aware of texture, smells and taste of the food that he is about to consume. This way you are not only feeding your physical body but also your spirit and mind.

Imagine eating Birda-Rice with fork and spoon Bene-Israel's coming from India cannot imagine not using their hands. Or the common Bene-Israel daily food – “Daal Bhath and Batata chi Bhaji”; unless you don't mix the three up in proper proportion with your hand; the pleasure just disappears!



Quiz

There is one Bene-Israel women in this group of ladies
Find her!

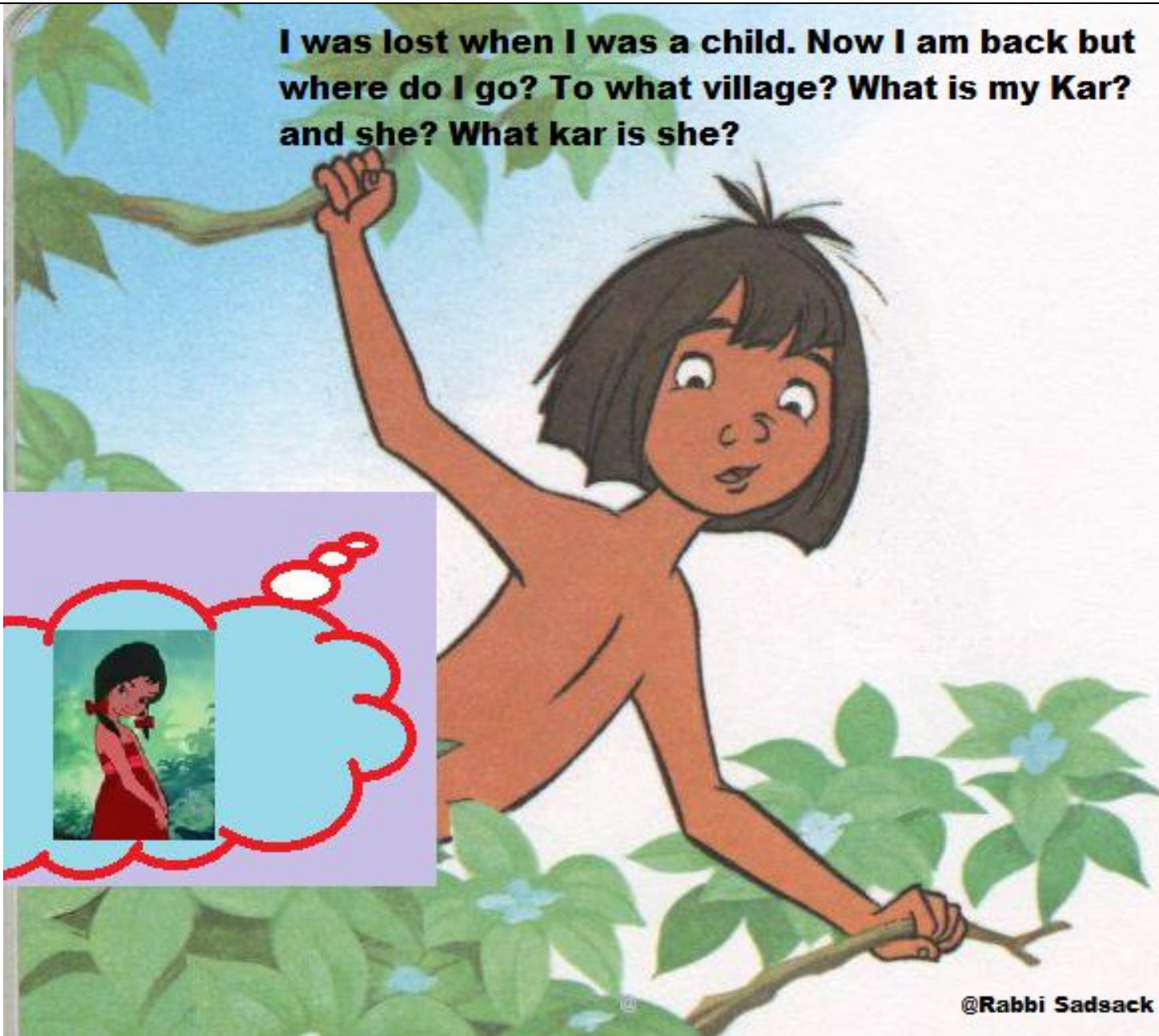
D.Samson shop, on the way to Alibaug. May 2022
An enduring and endearing legacy of the BI community.



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**I was lost when I was a child. Now I am back but
where do I go? To what village? What is my Kar?
and she? What kar is she?**



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Humus Trail - Why do Israelis flock to India?

A decade after the Mumbai massacre, what still draws tens of thousands of Israelis every year?

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[Why do Israelis flock to India? - Israel News - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](https://www.jpost.com/Why-do-Israelis-flock-to-India?utm_campaign=JPost&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook)

INDIA— On a Saturday afternoon in late June, some 30 Israelis in their 20s and 30s gather to share a Shabbat meal. Some bear signs of religious observance such as a head covering or modest dress while others evoke a more secular lifestyle through tattoos, dreadlocks or provocative clothing. The traditional blessing is recited over wine and bread, after which a parade of humus, tehina, matbuha and other popular Israeli salads make their way up and down the long line of rectangular tables that have been joined together for the occasion. Were it not for the Himalayan peaks visible through the windows and the Indian waiters bustling to and fro, one might easily imagine that the gathering was taking place most anywhere in Israel.

Welcome to the Humus Trail – a term coined to denote the travel route through India most frequented by Israelis, particularly post-military service ones looking to blow off



steam, score high-quality hash, and take in stunning natural sights – all at a bargain price. So well-trodden are these areas by Israelis that entire industries have sprung up to cater to their wants and needs. Here the sacred language is as likely to be heard as Hindi, business signage dons both Hebrew and English, and shakshuka and falafel are part and parcel of local cuisine.

A Sabbath gathering at a Chabad House in a village in northern India is but one example of the microcosms of Israeli society increasingly found throughout the country. In the last 25 years, India has become a destination of choice for Israelis, particularly twentysomethings on their rite of passage backpacking trip abroad. Eli Sneh, head of Consular Affairs for the Israeli Embassy in Delhi, estimates that some 80,000 Israelis visit India each year – a number, he says, that is growing.

So what is it about India that has captivated so many Israelis?



A decade after the Mumbai massacre, what still draws tens of thousands of Israelis every year?

(photo credit: MAAYAN YAM)

“There is only one India!” wrote Mark Twain in his diary as he traveled through the country in 1896. “It is the only country that has a monopoly of grand and imposing specialties. When another country has a remarkable thing, it cannot have it all to itself – some other country has a duplicate. But India, that is different. Its marvels are its own; the patents cannot be infringed; imitations are not possible. And think of the size of them, the majesty of them, the weird and outlandish character of most of them!”

Indeed, there is nothing subtle about India. There is the sheer magnitude of its population (one out of every six people on the planet lives in India, and in the next couple of decades, it is expected to unseat China as the world’s most populous country). There is the staggering gap between its rich and its poor (it’s home to the fourth highest number of billionaires in the world and, until recently, to the largest number of people living in extreme poverty). And there’s the diversity of its terrain and climate (the world’s largest continuous mountain range and highest peaks, some of the most vast open plains, three mighty rivers, hundreds of thousands of kilometers of desert and some of the best tropical beaches). Add to that the 22 major languages, hundreds of dialects, a host of religions, and food, clothing and customs that are unique to each of its 29 states, and one may begin to understand why Twain described India as “The one land that all men desire to see, and having seen once, by even a glimpse, would not give that glimpse for the shows of all the rest of the world combined.”

“India is a very attractive destination for young tourists,” says Daniel Carmon, former Israeli ambassador to India, who completed his four-year term there just three months ago. “The diversity of nature – Himalayas in the north and wonderful tropical beaches in the

south – the history, the culture, the religion, the diversity of people and languages, it's really a fascinating country.

"In India, they find and have been finding for a few decades now a place to decompress after their military service. Traditionally, after army service and before starting their real lives as adults – before going to university or starting their jobs – the large majority of young Israelis have these four, six, eight months, one year of experiencing India, seeing the sights, meeting the people, and, by the way, meeting Israelis themselves, which is a phenomenon to see sometimes – the Israelis looking for themselves, on what is called the Humus Trail.

"Many of the Israelis are looking for other Israelis. They're looking for the jachnun that they would eat in Israel on Saturdays or the humus that they would find in Israeli Oriental restaurants. This is a very particular characteristic of the 40,000 or more Israeli backpackers that flood India [each year]."

Ye'ara, 20, from Moshav Gimzo in Central Israel, completed her army service two months ago and plans to stay in India for two months. "I wanted to get away and be without a schedule and India was the cheapest option," she says. "Also, my brother just came back from a trip to India and all his talk about it got me excited about going, too."

Ora, 23, of Jerusalem, also recently completed her army service. She began her backpacking trip in South America and had some time left before the start of her university studies in Israel so she decided to travel to India as well. "Going to India has become a 'goes without saying' thing. It's entrenched in Israeli culture," she says. "When again will I have a period in my life like this when I am without commitments? In the last year, I can count on one hand the number of times I've used an alarm clock to wake up.

"As an Israeli, it's easiest to travel in India, to meet other Israelis," she adds. "The way Israelis congregate in every place – it's not like that with other nations, it's special, and it's totally part of the India experience."

According to Tom Landau, 30, a Tel Aviv-based travel consultant, Israelis travel differently than people from other nations. Whereas travelers from other countries use guidebooks, Israelis travel in packs and depend on the feedback, information, tips and recommendations of fellow Israeli travelers shared via online platforms such as Facebook, he says.

One of the most popular of these is the Facebook group "Traveling to India with Meron," which formed two years ago with some 2,000 members and has since grown to nearly 30,000.

"Every month, I receive hundreds of queries – from technical questions like how to get from one place to another, to matters that involve the embassy, to helping someone feel less lonely," says Meron Kerlick, 54, the founder of the group.

"Almost 24/7, I am connected to what is going on in India," he continues. "For example, today I posted about an Israeli traveler in India who has been missing for several months. Two week ago, northern India was a mess because of the weather so I posted a thread of updates about conditions. Because there are so many people living and traveling in the country, I'm immediately updated about things – even before the embassy.

"Thanks to the group, people can be aware of what is happening. And parents can also be more relaxed because they can stay in the loop."

BILATERAL RELATIONS between Israel and India have blossomed in recent years, from military and strategic ties, to science,

technological and agricultural cooperation to tourism. The gains in relations were solidified in 2017 when Narendra Modi became the first Indian prime minister to visit Israel. His historic visit was reciprocated by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in 2018. One of the fruits of this burgeoning friendship is the historic opening earlier this year of a flight route over Saudi Arabian airspace connecting Tel Aviv and Delhi via Air India – a development, Carmon says, that took many, many years to bring about and which he views as one of the greatest diplomatic achievements of his tenure in India. Both Carmon and Sneh cite the new flight path, which is both shorter and significantly cheaper than the options previously available to India-bound travelers, as another reason for the growing number of Israelis traveling there. Furthermore, they note, Delhi has become a convenient stopover option for Israelis on their way to other destinations in the East, such as Singapore, Bangkok and even Australia.

“Historically, we had a limited arsenal of areas where the two countries would meet each other – defense and maybe agriculture,” says Carmon. “But nowadays, the menu is very profound and large.

“The bilateral relations between India and Israel at the moment are at their best, but they are not yet at their peak; there should always be something better to aspire to,” he adds. “Although they are not yet at their peak, they truly have reached new heights with, among other things, four important reciprocal presidential and prime ministerial visits, and those visits are way beyond being just ceremonial. Not just the visits themselves but the fruits that they bear.”

Ten years ago this month, both countries lost citizens in one of the world’s deadliest terrorist attacks, which took place in Mumbai. Over the course of November 26-29, 2008, multiple coordinated shooting and bombing attacks took place across the megalopolis, including at its Chabad House, claiming over 160 lives.

“‘Twenty-six/eleven,’ as Indians refer to the day, is very significant for India. Half a dozen simultaneous terrorist attacks on India’s economic capital was a real trauma” says Carmon. “Although India, like Israel, has been suffering for years from terrorism, the 26/11 attacks, in which hundreds of people were murdered, was a ‘game changer’... and, among other things, detection methods were improved because of it. Nevertheless, I do not believe it has affected, or should affect, the economy or business or tourism.

“Both our countries, India and Israel, have been victims of extreme terrorism and this is something that bonds us together, no doubt about it. This also brought both governments to sign a landmark agreement on homeland security and anti-terrorism, which we have been implementing since 2014,” he adds.

“One of the ingredients of the growing partnership between Israel and India that always needed strengthening is the people to people channel,” he continues. “India and Israel have known each other for many years in various aspects and ways and means, but the people to people part of it was relatively weak. We did not, and still do not, know each other enough. We should study each other, we should give a much larger platform and [have] much more profound knowledge of each other, and tourism and the connectivity and the movement of people for business or pleasure are very important ingredients in those relations.”

FOR SOME Israelis, India was never a dream destination, but, rather, one that the circumstances of life conspired to bring them to. “Until the age of 30, India, and the Far East in general, were not on my map,” says Roey, 39, of Rishon Lezion. “Actually, it was the opposite – I was against traveling in this area. I’m not spiritual. I don’t smoke. And I was appalled by the lack of cleanliness here. In short, nothing attracted me about the place. But at age 30, a relationship and a business endeavor of mine ended, and I wanted to

take a break from Israel, get some air. And suddenly, the Far East called to me.”

For others, like Immanuel, 64, India was a homecoming of sorts. At age 12, his family left Mumbai for Ashdod. At age 55, he returned to explore his origins and initially, was alarmed by what he met.

“The crowdedness, the chaos... I was afraid to cross the street on my own,” he recalls. “When you land in Delhi or Mumbai, it’s traumatic.”

He returned to Israel but found himself back in India a few years later, with his second wife, a senior care worker from Nepal. “We traveled to Nepal to visit her family and I was really taken by the place – it was so relaxing and laid back.

“When we returned to Israel, I couldn’t get Nepal out of my head,” he says. “After six months, I returned to Nepal on my own because I was sick of living in Israel – from the stress. A month later, my wife joined me and we opened a restaurant in Kathmandu.”

After the April 2015 Nepal earthquake, the two left for Goa, a favorite beach destination in southern India, and opened another restaurant. Three years on, they’re still in India, splitting their time between Goa in the South and Dharamasala in the North, a common seasonal migration pattern in the country, timed to avoid the monsoon season in each region.

“In India, I discovered my passion for drawing – something that would never have happened in Israel because of the ongoing stress of making ends meet,” says Immanuel. “Here, I finally had time to myself. If I had stayed in Israel, I would probably end up passing my time playing backgammon or in a wheelchair with a Nepalese care worker.”

Says former ambassador Carmon: “Many Israelis make use of the richness of what this country has to offer and the fact that it can be done in a relatively economical way.” Budget travelers in India can easily, and comfortably, get by on \$20 a day, including accommodation.

“And the proof of the pudding is the fact that many Israelis come back, not just backpackers but also after they establish a family or they are older and do a rerun of an experience they had in India,” he adds.

“Israelis find a type of peace here that they don’t find in Israel, in their routine there,” says Michal, 31, a backpacker from Petah Tikva.

“Here they feel freedom to do whatever they want.

“It’s not for naught that Israelis call India ‘Mama India,’” she explains. “There is a type of embrace that one receives here that one doesn’t in Israel. There’s a certain magic – one I haven’t yet fully understood.”

Oded, 40, a tour guide from Tel Aviv, has been to India four times. “India is like a favorite poem or song or book that you reread or listen to every few years,” he says. “And every time, you reconnect to it from where you are in your life in that moment; it ages with you.”

For some, India is an adventure pursued as a couple or even as a family.

Yonatan, 28, and Yael, 20, from Ma’on, recently married and chose India as their honeymoon destination. “A friend got us excited about India,” explains Yael. “He told us that there is a great deal of variety, from relaxing to going on treks. And it no doubt helps that it’s very cheap to travel here.

“I didn’t do a post-army trip. I hadn’t seen anywhere outside Israel, and I was curious – to see and live the unfamiliar,” she continues.

“Also, it’s an opportunity to spend time together as a newly married couple, to build our relationship without the pressures of work and

other commitments.”

However, “If we had known ahead of time just how many Israelis are traveling in India, it may actually have been a reason against coming,” she notes.

Oded, 37, and Meital, 32, of Kedumim, have been married for seven years and have two children under the age of five. For them, India was a last-ditch effort to save their marriage and family.

“We were on the brink of divorce,” says Meital, who first visited India 10 years ago on her own. “So we started working on ourselves and our relationship, attending different seminars, trying to understand our mission in life. And as a result, Oded opened up to the idea of India.”

“From the day we married, Meital told me, ‘What about India?’” recalls Oded. “But at the time, the idea didn’t resonate with me. In Israel, I worked in sales. Every few months, I was with a new mobile phone, a new watch, hair gel – I was unhappy and sought refuge in external things. Today, I feel just the opposite – like I just want to shed everything, to live in as minimalist a manner as possible.

“I’ve been here 10 months, but really, it wasn’t until two months ago that I started feeling like I was here, that I truly began to surrender to the place, for the masks to begin to fall,” he continues. “So now we want to extend our stay by another year so that we can truly experience and internalize what this country has to offer and teach us.”

The time in India has also benefitted their children, says Meital. “The kids have changed a lot. They used to be really closed. And now they connect to people very quickly. They have confidence. The freedom, the lack of structure, the exposure to all types of people and ages has done them wonders.”

MEITAL AND Oded’s stay in India took on even more meaning when they were offered the opportunity to run a local Lev Yehudi, a type of open house for Jewish travelers, for a few months.

“The young Israeli travelers in India have a need to decompress, to undergo meaningful personal growth,” says Meital. “I went through it myself when I was their age and I felt that I wanted to help and support others going through a similar experience.”

The house aims to be a home away from home for Jews from all walks of life; a place to gather, hang out, learn, take part in a workshop, join a meal, celebrate Jewish holidays and the Sabbath, or get advice or assistance with everything from logistical challenges to medical emergencies to homesickness.

“It’s very confusing here,” continues Meital. “People come to India to go through some type of journey and sometimes they need a bit of guidance. It’s easy to get sucked into the young Israeli culture here of smoking [marijuana] all day. I try to help them understand what they want, and to connect to themselves.”

Lev Yehudi, which is an initiative funded by the National-Religious movement in Israel, is joined by like-minded initiatives in India, albeit from different areas on the religious spectrum. Another is Beit Bina, a project of the pluralistic Jewish Movement for Social Change, and, of course, Beit Chabad, a project of the Chabad Hasidic movement that has branches in most major cities around the world.

Sigal and Shai Levy, a couple in their 60s from Tel Aviv, have been managing Beit Bina in the northern Indian village of Dharamkot for the past two seasons. The village has become one of the most popular stops on the Humus Trail.

"I was surprised to discover that Israelis [traveling in India] are looking for a place to feel at home, to connect with other Israelis after so much time abroad," says Sigal. "At the end of the day, they're looking for something beyond smoking weed or passing their time at coffee shops."

Shai concurs. "Most of the Israelis in India are here to decompress, especially after their army service," he says. "There's something in India that allows for wild freedom, like the Wild West – a sense that they can do whatever they want, be that smoking weed, driving without a license or making noise. This is what they seek here – not self-understanding and not spirituality."

Michal and Dror Shaul (and their now 11 children) have been the Chabad representatives in Dharamkot since the house first opened, in 2000.

"Back then it wasn't like it is now," recalls Michal. "There was nothing – the area was mostly fields. There was one restaurant. The first Shabbat we hosted, 60 people attended." On average, much fewer people attend Shabbat events at Chabad in India these days.

"Most travelers back then were very deep. They were spiritual, searching for meaning," she says. "There was more time and opportunity to self-reflect, to disconnect from one's comfort zone and social habits and to truly experience the places one was in – without distractions of friends or family or workshops or what he or she thinks about me."

"Before the advent of social media, of accessible Internet here, it was possible to truly disconnect from regular life – it's no longer like that," she says. "Nowadays, if friends or family back home don't hear from you for a day or two, they start worrying. Years ago, people would go weeks without contacting their families because there simply wasn't how."

"It's become a very touristic experience, like any other vacation. Local culture has been watered down, the experience is losing its authenticity. I wouldn't be surprised if, over time, people will tire of coming here."

Only time will tell, but until then, what's certain is that the kaleidoscopic enormity of experience that India offers is reflected in the diversity of what people look for and find in it.



Dear Wifie, I don't want to go to office today.

Every one at the office keep asking me what is in India that our children are not returning from India. I don't know what to tell them. They look at me like I am to be blamed as I come from India.

Elijah, what have you Indians done to my daughter??!!

See the picture she sent me yesterday night?!!
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She must be mad.



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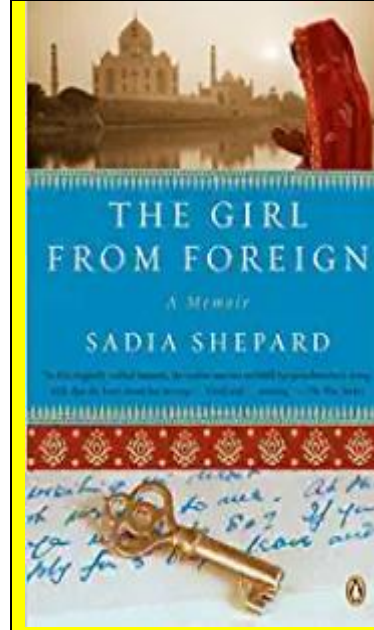
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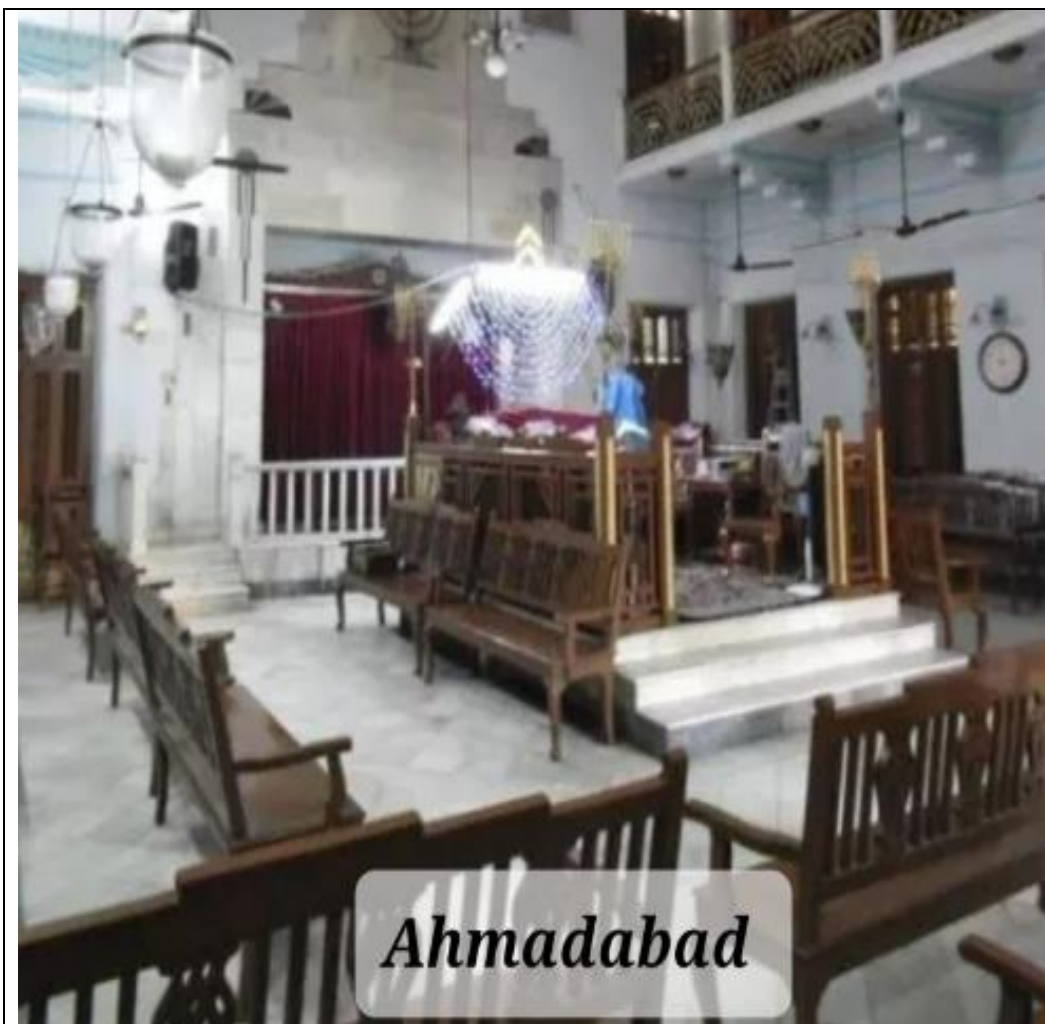
हे घर शोधण्यासाठी तिने केलेले प्रयत्न व मांडण्याची पद्धती अतिशय सुंदर आहे. तिची आजची रेचल जेकब्ज हिचे मुंबईतील घर बघून ती पुण्यातील फिल्म अँड टीव्ही इन्स्टिट्यूट ऑफ इंडिया या संस्थेत फुल ब्राइट स्कॉलरशिप वर अभ्यासासाठी आलेली असते. हा अभ्यास करत असताना तिने केलेल्या पुण्यातलं वर्णन, पुण्यात भेट दिलेली ठिकाण यात जास्त करून फर्गुसन रोड आजूबाजूचा परिसर आहे .मी पुण्याचीच असल्यामुळे मला हे पुस्तक वाचताना पुण्यातले दिलेले संदर्भ सांगितलेले ठिकाण अगदी आपलंसं वाटत होतं .त्यातही गेली दोन वर्ष फर्गुसन रोडवर माझं बरच फिरणं झाल्याने मला हे पुस्तक म्हणजे जणू काही आपणच या ठिकाणी फिरत आहोत अशी जाणीव होत होती. पुस्तकांमध्ये फ्लॅशबॅक पद्धतीने अनेक जुन्या घटना लेखिका मांडत आहे. यामध्ये तिच्या आजीला ती नाना या नावाने संबोधते .तिच्या आजीच बालपण तिचा प्रेम विवाह, जन्मतः ज्यू धर्मात असणाऱ्या पण लग्नानंतर मुस्लिम धर्म कुटुंबात गेल्यावर वेगवेगळे अनुभव. मुंबईत झालेल्या नर्सिंग चे शिक्षण, आजीचे मुंबईतील अनेक अनुभव आपल्याला महाराष्ट्रातील मुंबईची शहरांची एक वेगळीच ओळख करून देतात. लेखिका तिच्या अभ्यासाबरोबरच भारतातील ज्यू धर्मवासीयांवर एक डॉक्युमेंटरी फिल्म बनवत आहे .ज्यूंच्या धार्मिक स्थळ सिनगाँग ला भेट देऊन माहिती जमा करत असते .याच वेळेला भेटलेले आणि आयुष्यात आलेला रेखेव याच्याशी असलेलं तिचं नातं ,दोघांचे असणारे भावनिक नाते व शिक्षणाप्रती असलेली तळमळ आपल्याला पाहायला मिळते.



पुणे, नागाव बीच व रेवदंडा परिसरातील छोट्या छोट्या खेड्यातील मुक्काम ,आजीच्या सासरच्या व माहेरच्या गावांचे दर्शन व तेथील धार्मिक स्थळांचे वर्णन आपल्याला भारताच्या कोकणातील खेड्यांची ओळख करून देतो. आपणही पाहिलेला कोकण लेखिकेच्या नजरेतून आपल्याला पाहायला मिळतो. लेखिकेचं पुणे, मुंबई ,कोकण किनारपट्टी याबरोबरच आपल्या आजोळी पाकिस्तान मधील कराची ला जाणं व तिथे आपल्या आजीच्या आठवणी गोळा करणे तेथून पुन्हा भारतात व अमेरिकेतील प्रवास, मायामी, बोस्टन, कॅलिफोर्निया, कायरो, पुणे ,मुंबई नागाव ,रेवदंड, बोस्टन ही शहर आपण लेखिकेबरोबर फिरून येतो .भारत पाकिस्तान व अमेरिका या तीन देशांचा प्रवास आपला लेखिकेबरोबर होतो .सादिया यांचे तिन्ही धर्मावर असणारे प्रेम व तिन्ही धर्मातील तिचं जगणं आपल्याला मानवता धर्माची आठवण करून देते.छोटा भाऊ कासिम आई-वडील याचबरोबर, आईच्या सावत्र बहिण भाऊ यांच्याबरोबर असणार चांगलं नातं , एकत्र कुटुंब पद्धतीचे फायदे जाणून येतात. आपल्या विचारांवर ठाम राहून आपल्या शिक्षणाबरोबरच आपली आजी नानाची इच्छा पुरी करणारी ती एक लाडकी नात हेही नातं निभावत असते .फिरताना तिने वाचलेली माणसं ,सिग्नल वर विविध वस्तू विकणारी मुलं ,शिक्षण घेताना येणारे इतर सहकारी मित्रांचे अनुभव व शिक्षकांचे सहकार्य ही आपल्या लेखणीतून साकारत आहे .आजीच्या जन्मापासून झालेली कहाणी आजीच्या मृत्यूपर्यंत येऊन पोहोचते. सर्वांसाठी लेखिकेने दिलेला वेळ घेतलेली मेहनत ,काढलेले व्हिडिओ हे त्यांच्या धर्मियांसाठी महत्त्वाची माहिती आहे. आपल्याकडील मुली इतक्या बिनधास्त सर्व देशात फिरताना फारशा दिसत नाहीत. आपले पालक व समाज व्यवस्था , पाश्चिमात्य देशातील वाढलेल्या मुली यातील फरक हा पुस्तक वाचताना जाणवतो.

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इस्रायल लोक साधारण दोन हजार वर्षांपूर्वी भारतात आले आणि ज्या ठिकाणी ते स्थायिक झाले तेथील नवीन भाषा व संस्कृती त्यांनी स्वीकारली मात्र या ठिकाणी वेगळा धर्म असल्याने व मूर्तिपूजा चालू असल्याने त्यांना आपल्या मुलांना धर्म शिक्षण कसे द्यायचे याबाबत अडचणी येऊ लागल्या त्यावेळी व आत्तासुद्धा भारतामध्ये आपल्या पवित्र शास्त्र बाबत माहिती देण्यास कोणा रब्बी कडून स्टेजवरून माहिती देण्याची सोय नव्हती तसेच मराठीतून हिब्रू भाषेतील ग्रंथसंपदा मिळण्याची सोय नव्हती धर्मोपदेश होऊन लोकांना विशेषतः महिला व मुलांना आपल्या शास्त्रातील गोड गोष्टी व माहिती समजावून देण्याची काहीच सोय नसल्याने विद्वान मनुष्यांना आपल्या मुलांना आपल्या धर्माची माहिती कशी द्यावी हा प्रश्न पडला आणि त्याबाबत चर्चा होऊ लागल्या. अखेर इसवी सन 1880 मध्ये माझ्या आई चे आजोबा माननीय बेंजामिन सॅम सन अष्टम कर यांनी पढाकार घेऊन आपल्या चार मित्रांसोबत बेने-इस्रायल कीर्तन उत्तेजक मंडळीची स्थापना करून आपले कार्य सुरू केले याच वर्षी अब्राहम चरित्र हे आपले पहिले कीर्तन यशस्वीपणे 8 ऑगस्ट 1880 या दिवशी करण्यात आले. त्यावेळी कीर्तन रचण्याची व कीर्तनकार म्हणून ते सादर करण्याची जबाबदारी बेंजामिन अष्टम कर यांनी स्वीकारली. व तेव्हा माननीय सालोमन तळकर हे अध्यक्ष होते.



यावेळी कीर्तन श्रावणामळे सर्व श्रोते अगदी तल्लीन होऊन फारच खूश झाले सर्वजण असे म्हणाले या शास्त्र संबंधी उपयुक्त माहिती कीर्तन रूपाने आपल्या जातबांधवांस दिल्यास त्यांना त्याचा अलभ्य लाभ घडण्याचा संभव आहे. ही कल्पना अति उत्तम आहे. त्याप्रमाणे मंडळाने काही नियम करून आपले कार्य करण्यास सुरुवात केली व नंतर पवित्र शास्त्रातील काही हृदयद्रावक कथानके योजून त्यावर गाणी रचनाचे काम बेंजामिन आष्टनकर व हनोक तळकर यांनी सुरू केले.

सर्व तयारी पूर्ण झाल्यावर कीर्तने करण्यास सुरुवात केली. त्या काळात कीर्तन सांगण्याचे काम मेहरबान बेंजामिन सॅमसंग अष्टम कर

यांनी अति उत्तम प्रकारे बजावून सर्व श्रोत्यांच्या मनावर छाप पडली. लोकांना कीर्तन प्रकार आवडू लागला आणि आपल्या घरातील संध्याकाळी होणाऱ्या छोट्या छोट्या कार्यक्रमातून जसे खर्ची मांडणे, मूलीचे जावळ करणे अशा प्रसंगी लोक कीर्तनकारांना मानाने बोलावून कीर्तन करण्याची विनंती करत असत कीर्तन कार देखील कोणताही मोबदला न घेता आपल्या जात बांधवांसाठी आनंदाने हे काम स्वीकारत असत अशाप्रकारे मुलांना व स्त्रियांना कीर्तनाची गोडी लागली. मुले कीर्तन ऐकल्यानंतर त्यातील पदे गूणगूण लागली . व त्यांना शास्त्रातील गोष्टीचे ज्ञान झाले व आपले पवित्र शास्त्र सर्व मुलांना खूपच आवडू लागले. आपले स्वतंत्र छोटे छोटे कार्यक्रम करताना मुले या कीर्तनाची उजळणी करायला लागली .



कीर्तन उत्तेजक मंडळाचे कीर्तन असले की पुरुष व स्त्रिया यांच्या झंडीच्या झंडी ते ऐकण्यासाठी येत असत व तोबा गर्दी होत असे. बेंजामिन मास्टर करण्यास एकदा उभे राहिले की त्या जागेस एक प्रकारची शोभा येऊन सर्व मंडळी अगदी दंग होऊन जाई. आणि तीन ते चार तास चित्रासारखे तटस्थ बसून कीर्तनाचे श्रावण करीत. सर्वजण ईश्वराच्या भक्तिरसात तल्लीन होऊन जात आणि त्यांच्या मखातून निघालेला प्रत्येक शब्द मोठ्या आस्थेने श्रवण करीत मास्तरांची कथा निरूपणाचे धाटणी प्रस्ताव प्रसंगा स अनुसरून भारदस्त असत.

विद्वान रब्बा य लोकांनी सांगितलेल्या धार्मिक गोष्टी आपल्या मार्मिक व चटकदार शब्दात बेंजामिन मास्टर सांगत असत व वाहवा मिळवत असत श्रोते जण ऐकताना अगदी तल्लीन होऊन जात व कीर्तन करावे ते बेंजामिन मास्टर नेच असे उदगार काढीत असत. बेंजामिन मास्टर नी 1880 ते 1889 या काळात साधारण दहा ते बारा कीर्तने अनेक वेळा वेगवेगळ्या ठिकाणी केली. एक कीर्तन दोन ते तीन वेळा ऐकले की आमच्या बुद्धिमान मुला-मुलींचे ते पाठ होऊन जाई व मुलांना असे कीर्तन करण्याची गोडी निर्माण होत असे.

त्या काळात कीर्तन उत्तेजक मंडळांनी सादर केलेली काही कीर्तने (1) माननीय डेव्हिड हार्डम दिवेकर यांचे मोशे चरित्र (2) माननीय ए रन दानियल तळकर यांचे योसेफ चरित्र. (3) डॉक्टर ए रन सॅमसंग अष्टम कर यांचे दावीद राणा चरित्र (4) डॉक्टर अष्टम कर यांचे राणी एस्तेर आख्यान (5) माननीय सालोमन शालोम आपटेकर यांचे एस्तेर राणी चरित्र (6) माननीय इसहाक आवास कर यांचे योसेफ आख्यान (7) इसहाक आवास कर यांचे एलिया ह हनाबी चे आख्यान (8) खान साहेब दावीद सालोमन यांचे साधू योब आख्यान (9) माननीय अब्राहम सॅमसंग शहापूरकर यांचे मका बी वीरांचे शौर्य (10) माननीय एस डी. वाळवट कर यांचे राणा शॅ लोमो आख्यान (11)

माननीय योसेफ हाईम आवास कर यांचे मोशे चरित्र(12) माननीय आई. एस. चोरडे कर यांचे आदाम आख्यान(13) माननीय तळेगावकर इसहाक यांचे गुरु मोशे चरित्र. माननीय बेंजामिन सॅमसंग अष्टम कर यांनी स्वतः रचून सादर केलेली दहा कीर्तने आणि त्याच काळात निर्माण झालेली ही चौदा कीर्तने म्हणजे मराठी भाषेतील एक अनमोल ठेवा मानला जातो व एवढ्या प्रचंड संख्येने निर्माण झालेली फक्त वीस वर्षात झालेले हे वांग्मय म्हणजे मराठी भाषेतील एक अमूल्य खजिनाच आहे.

एकंदरीत आमच्या इस्राएल लोकांना कीर्तन प्रकाराची काहीच माहिती नसताना किर्तनोत्तेजक मंडळी ने त्या वाङ्मय साहित्याचा सूक्ष्म अभ्यास करून.आपल्या साहित्यात ते अस्तित्वात आणले व कीर्तन रुपाने परमेश्वर भक्ति करण्यासाठी सुलभ आणि उपयुक्त मार्ग आपल्या लोकांना मोठ्या मनाने दाखवून दिला. त्यासाठी आमच्या लोकप्रिय पणजोबांनी (मा, बेंजामिन सॅमसन अष्टमकर यांनी) व त्यांच्या मंडळाचने आपल्या जातबांधवास पवित्र शास्त्राच्या ज्ञानामुत पान देण्यासाठी आपली काया वाचा शिणवून कीर्तनासारखे मंगल कार्य निरपेक्ष बद्धीने करून परस्परांस ऐक्य, प्रेम व प्रिती वाढवून समाज बांधवास एकत्र आणले. ही अतिशय उत्तम संस्था इ.स.1918 साला पर्यंत कार्यरत होती. इ. स.1918 सारी प्रासंगिक विचार नं.10 ही पुस्तिका त्यातील एकमेव ह्यात असलेले सदस्य माननीय सॅम्युएल एस. मजगावकर यांनी छापून प्रसिद्ध केली. वया संस्थेचे काम थांबले.

कीर्तनाची संस्था बंद झाली मात्र लोकां मध्ये निर्माण झालेली कीर्तनाची आवड कायम होती म्हणूनच या पढील काळातही ही कीर्तने करण्यात आली. सन 1921 मध्ये श्री आइजक सहिक यांनी अब्राहम चरित्र रहस्य हे कीर्तन उभे केले तर इसवी सन 1934 मध्ये सॅमसंग मोशे कांदळकर यांनी शमशन अख्यान हे किर्तन केले. 1935 मध्ये हाना व तिचे सात पुत्र हेच कीर्तन श्री एन एस सातमकर यांनी रचून केले. सन 1950 मध्ये त्यांनीच रबी अकिबा हे नवीन कीर्तन यशस्वीपणे सादर केले. इसवी सन 1955 मध्ये मागेन हासी दिम प्रार्थना लय च्या वाढदिवशी माननीय श्री . जे ए सॅमसंग अष्टम कर यांनी गुरु मोशे चरित्र हे तळेगावकर यांचे कीर्तन अत्यंत प्रभावी भाषेत सादर केले. हे बेंजामिन मास्तरचे पुतणे होते व त्यामुळे हे कीर्तन वयाच्या दहाव्या वर्षी पहिल्यांदाच पाहण्याचा योग माझ्या जीवनात आला. मला हे कीर्तन अतिशय आवडले व घरी माझ्या तालमी सुरू झाल्या. दोन वर्षांनी सन 1957 मध्ये त्यांचे हे कीर्तन पुण्यामध्ये पुन्हा पाहण्याची संधी मला मिळाली. व त्यावेळी मी त्या कीर्तनाच्या जणू प्रेमातच पडले. असे किर्तन आपण मोठे झाल्यानंतर नक्की करायचे असे मी तेव्हांच ठरवले. दसऱ्यांदा हे कीर्तन ऐकल्यानंतर त्यातील काही गाणी माझ्या तोंडात बसली ती पदे माझ्याकडून पुन्हा पुन्हा ऐकण्याची शिक्षा माझ्या सर्व छोट्या मोठ्या भावंडांना होऊ लागली. ते सर्वजण माझे कौतुक करू लागले. व कीर्तन कार बनण्याचे हे माझे स्वप्न पक्के

झाले. पुढे इसवी सन 19 79 मध्ये श्री साता मकर यांचे रब्बी अकिबा हे कीर्तन माननीय रेचल बाई गडकर यांनी व्यासपीठावर सादर केले.

सन 1979 हे वर्ष जागतिकबालक वर्ष म्हणून साजरे केले गेले या वर्षात अनेक कार्यक्रमात सहभागी होण्याची संधी कॉलेट बाईना मिळाली. मलंड येथे बहिषाल अभ्यास वर्गाचे शिक्षक म्हणून बहतेक कार्यक्रमा मध्ये त्यांचा समावेश होता. त्याच वर्षी 5 सप्टेंबर शिक्षक दिनानिमित्त सर ए लि कदरी स्कूल या शाळेत गुरुची महती सांगणारे एक तासाचे किर्तन वजा भाषण त्यांनी केले. हे भाषण सर्व विद्यार्थी, पालक व शिक्षक सर्वांना खूपच आवडले. व शाळेच्या मुख्याध्यापिका सौ शुभलक्ष्मी जोशी यांच्याकडून त्यांनी खूपच वाहवा मिळवली. आमची शो शन्ना म्हणजे एक झाकले माणिक आहे असे उद्गार मुख्याध्यापकांनी त्यांचे कौतुक करताना आपल्या भाषणात काढले. त्यामुळे अतिशय आनंदित होऊन आपण नक्की किर्तन करू या ही त्यांची इच्छा द्विगुणीत झाली. मात्र कार्य बाहल्या मळे ते काम पुन्हा एकदा मागे पडले. पण इच्छा मात्र कायम होती त्यामुळेच निवृत्तीनंतर त्यांनी कीर्तन साहित्याचा स्वतंत्र अभ्यास करून आपल्या पवित्र शास्त्रातील काही प्रसंग निवडून त्यावर काही कीर्तने रचून ठेवली.

1फेब्रुवारी 2015 रोजी डाॅ. नाथान अँस्टन व श्री. एलायझा यांच्या सौजन्याने ए.जे.डी.सी.च्या सभागृहात दाविदाचा गोलियाथ वर विजय हे आपले कीर्तन यशस्वीपणे सादर केले.त्याच कार्यक्रमात सौ. डायनाबाई कोर्लेकर व त्यांच्या सहकाऱ्यांनी मोशे चे कीर्तन सांगितले.पढे 4सप्टेंबर 2016रोजी शोशन्ना कोलेट आणि हान्ना कोलेट यांनी एस्तेरराणीची कथा ही पुरीमची गोष्ट कीर्तन रुपाने ए.जे.डी.सी.च्या माटुंगा येथील सभागृहात सादर केली.

11 जून 2017रोजी इव्हज असोसिएशन या संस्थेने गेट ऑफ हेवन सिनेगाँगच्या सभागृहात कुमारी शोशन्ना एलिएझेर कोलेट व कुमारी हान्ना एलिएझेर कोलेट या दोन भगिनींचे दाविदाचा गोलियाथ वर विजय हे कीर्तन आयोजित केले.या वेळीं सध्दा श्रोतगण कीर्तन ऐकून अतिशय प्रसन्न झाला. व अशा प्रकारे आम्ही कीर्तनाचे लावलेले छोटसे रोपटे इस्राएल ला आपल्या पर्यंत जाऊन पोहोचले ही त्या दयाघन व सर्व समर्थ परमेश्वराची कृपा. खरोखरच इस्राएलांचा परमेश्वर धन्य आहे. आमेन.

“सत्य झाकले जाईल पण मालवले कधीच जाणार नाही.”

“कीर्ती हवी असेल तर तिचा पाठलाग करू नका, तिच्याकडे पाठ फिरवा.”

About the writer Shoshana Kolet:

Shoshana is 77 years old. Lives in Neral. She dictates articles to a computer that writes for her. Hats off to her who at this age has so much love for her community.

**About the writer Shulamit Kolet:**

Shulamit is 60 years old and a very active social worker in Beersheva, still working 20 hours a day.

She has great capacity to master languages; English Hindi Marathi Gujarati and Hebrew. Shoshana is her father's sister and therefore she forwards us matter from Shoshana.



Above article of Shoshana Kolet is a rare and recent one that explains the origin of the devotion songs in Marathi based on our Bible stories (that is called in India Kirtan) with names of the first originators of this technique to spread devotion in women and children.

We have requested Shulamit Kolet to translate this article into Hebrew for our new generation to understand the magic of the Bene-Israel Kirtan. We hope Elijah's Jacob's Kirtan group spreads the same magic once more.

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नव शक्ति

मुंबई : महाराष्ट्राच्या शरीरसौष्ठवातील पितामह म्हणून ओळखले जाणारे विजू पेणकर यांनी महाराष्ट्रासाठी जिंकलेल्या पहिल्यावहिल्या 'भारत श्री' किताबाला येत्या १ ऑक्टोबर २०२२ रोजी ५० वर्षे पूर्ण होत आहेत. यानिमित्ताने मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकार संघातर्फे विशेष कौतुक सोहळ्याचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आहे.

माझगाव येथील सर एली कदुरी शाळेत येत्या शनिवारी सकाळी ११ वाजता हा सोहळा आयोजित करण्यात आला आहे. यावेळी जागतिक शरीरसौष्ठव संघटनेचे महासचिव चेतन पाठारे, महाराष्ट्र शरीरसौष्ठव संघटनेचे विक्रम रोटे, मुंबई शरीरसौष्ठव संघटनेचे सचिव राजेश सावंत, मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकार संघाचे अध्यक्ष सुभाष हरचेकर, खजिनदार मंगेश वरवडेकर उपस्थित राहणार आहेत.

महाराष्ट्रासाठीचा हा पहिला "भारत श्री" किताब जिंकून देणाऱ्या विजू पेणकर यांच्या जिद्दीला यावेळी



उजाळा देण्यात येणार आहे. ज्येष्ठ क्रीडा पत्रकार अश्विन बापट हे विजू पेणकर यांची यावेळी प्रगट मुलाखत घेणार आहेत. या सोहळ्यास क्रीडा संघटक आणि क्रीडाप्रेमींनी मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित रहावे, असे आवाहन मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकार संघाचे सचिव संदीप चव्हाण यांनी केले आहे.

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Newly formed Bene-Israel Kirtan Group

אורות הא תנ"ך פיוט מהודו Elijah Jacob

The Mumbai Research Centre of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai cordially invites you to a presentation on "Revival of Bene Israel Kirtans" by Mr. Elijah Jacob, accompanied by recitals of a few kirtans, on Wednesday, 7 September 2022 at 5 pm in the Society's Durbar Hall.

The kirtan, as a didactic tool combining stories and philosophical discourse with song dates back to at least the 13th century on Maharashtra. It was adopted by the Bene Israel after hearing a "trance-inducing" kirtan by the Hindu kirtankar Raosaheb Shankar Panduranga Pandit as a means to teach Jewish texts. This led to the founding of the Kirtanotejak Mandal in 1880, followed by the performance of the first Bene Israel kirtan "Abraham Charitra" by Benjamin Shimshon Ashtamkar. Despite some early resistance, Bene Israel kirtans began to draw large crowds, and kirtankars were in demand at naming ceremonies, weddings and housewarming parties. Between 1880 and 1960 approximately 42 kirtans became part of the repertoire.

Kirtans started to decline in the 1960s as many Bene Israel emigrated to Israel. Mrs. Flora Samuel in Israel and Mrs. Rachel Gadkar in India had briefly revived it in the 1990s, but sustained revival only began in 2015. This lecture by Elijah Jacob will delve into the recent history of revival, accompanied by recitals of a few notable kirtans.

Mr. Elijah Samson Jacob completed his B.Sc-Tech from UDCT in 1984 and went on to work in the corporate sector till 1993. Wanting to switch to the social sector, he trained in NGO management at the Golda Meir Training Institute, Haifa, Israel in 1994. Joining the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, he independently handled and executed the set-up of Bayiti Old Age Home in 1996 and the Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Centre in 1999 under the aegis of AJDC, New York. He was the long term Country Manager of the AJJDC India, and retired as its Executive Director in 2021. He was also trustee of the Gabriel Project Charitable Trust till March'2019. A founding member of the Jewish Religious Union Youth Group in 1979, he is currently Vice-President of the Shalom Alumni Club under the aegis of the Israeli Consulate, Mumbai; Trustee of the Indian Joint Trust (the Indian arm of the AJJDC); Chairman of the Services Committee of the Jewish Religious Union, Mumbai; and life member of the Jewish Religious Union and Tipheret Israel Synagogue.





Mr. Raamesh Gowri
Raghavan

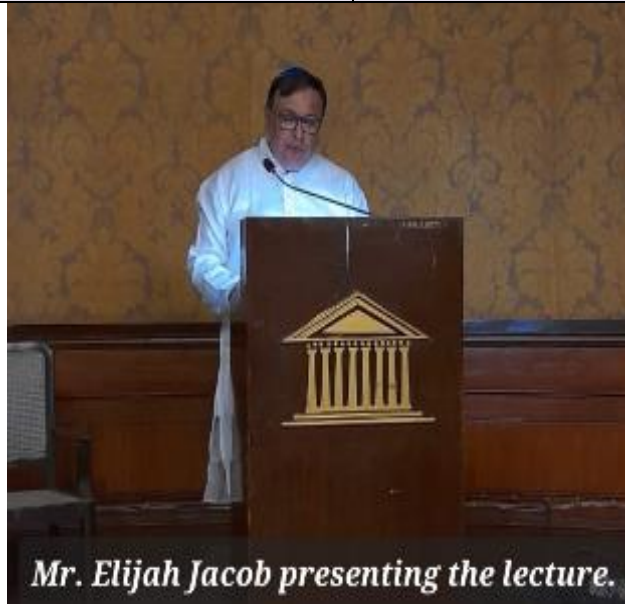
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International Bene-Israel Kirtan Group lead by Elijah Jacob

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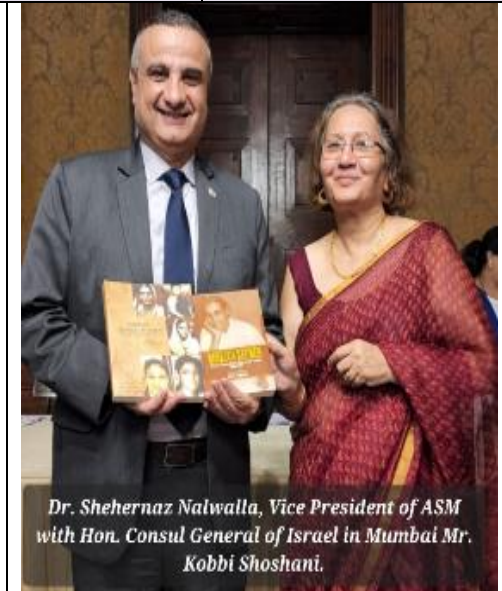


Mr. Elijah Jacob presenting the lecture.

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See the link on face book of the first performance of the Bene-Israel Kirtan singing and acting on Sept. 7, 2022. Thank to our dear friend **Mr. Raamesh Raghavan** of the Asiatic Society.

Next show will be on Sunday 18th September at Magen Abraham Synagogues 88th Anniversary celebrations in Ahmadabad. We have also been invited to perform at the Marathi Granthalay premises in Thane subsequently. The secretary of this library attended our event at Durbar Hall and liked it. He wants the group to perform for his society as well. They are going to get busy with these forthcoming invitations. Hope we soon see them in **Israel & Canada**



Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla, Vice President of ASM
with Hon. Consul General of Israel in Mumbai Mr.
Kobbi Shoshani.



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אורות הא תנ"ך פיוט מהודו

Orot Ha Tanakh Piyyut from India



Kirtankars present today:

Diana Korlekar, 77
Seema Jhirad, 72
Rival Moshe, 70
Judah Sankar, 67
Isaac Shapurkar, 59
Ronen Daniel, 36, Casio
Rachel Bhonkar, 35
Eva Ronen Daniel, 23, Powerpoint

Kirtankars presented:

1. Praise of God
2. Sod sod Abrahama
3. Maza Joseph dekhila kaye
4. Prabhu inhanto arey Mosha
5. Let my people go (English kirtan)
6. Miriam Shir Hadash (Hebrew kirtan)
7. Tumhi lagi Deva asava
8. He Deva tujhe upkar
9. Yeh kaun chitrakar hai (Hindi kirtan)
10. Kirtan based on Ellyahoo Hannabi
11. Psalm 23 in Marathi
12. Psalm 121 - Niz dhursti lavu ka mi
13. Purlim, purlim lanu
14. Deror Yikra
15. Ata tumchi raza gheto



Kirtana, also rendered as Kirtan, is a Sanskrit word that means "narrating, reciting, telling, describing" of an idea or story, specifically in Indian genre of religious.

Savitha Suri  Savitha Suri is with Raamesh G R and 2 others ... at Asiatic Society of Mumbai Central Library. It was an evening to remember- for more than one reason. The evening had several familiar sounds- the clink of the cymbals, familiar Hindi film tunes and the feeling of a shared cultural heritage one gets at Ganpati aartis. Except that I was listening to 'Orot Ha Tanak'- a kirtan group from the Bene Israeli community. Consisting of members from various synagogues around Mumbai, Panvel and Thane, the kirtan group is on a mission to popularise the kirtan culture within the community and use the kirtans to talk about the history of the community to the outside world.	Sometime in the 1880's, Benjamin Shimshon Ashtamkar, the first Bene Israeli kirtankar led the community's efforts to narrate the Biblical history of Judaism and their own history through 'kirtans' which were a popular form of religious discourse in the villages they lived in. Sung in Marathi (which is their mother tongue), the kirtans were popular at house warming ceremonies and other events of the community. With time, the kirtans faded from popular memory after 1947-1948 only to be briefly revived by Flora Samuel (Israel) and Rachel Gadkar (India). Sustained efforts to revive the tradition began in 2015 boosted by the efforts of and encouragement from members of the community and ethnomusicologists. A compilation of kirtans was made (and the book was available for sale at the	
event; proceeds of which were going to charity) The early kirtans were centred on Biblical stories- with the concept of creation of the world, Adam and Eve, Noah, the forefathers, and continued with prophet Moses. Most kirtans in the early days were based on The Torah. Some of the later prophets were also included, along with other writings and events in Jewish history. Popular film music of the day found its way into the kirtans, as it does today (every super hit Hindi film song has a 'bhajan' version , doesn't it?). The kirtan group performed Marathi, Hebrew, Hindi and English kirtans at the iconic Durbar Hall of the Asiatic Society, Mumbai.	The event organised by the Mumbai Research Centre of the Asiatic Society , threw the spotlight on a community that has dwindled rapidly in number with most youngsters migrating to Israel and perhaps the US and on the shared tradition of musical religious discourse. The images and clips I share do little justice to the evening but for those who attended the session , it is not one that is going to be forgotten for a long time. The evening served as a timely reminder- that at our very core, we are all the same and that music - as does all art- brings people together irrespective of language and geographical boundaries. #kirtan #kirtankar #Benelsrael #marathi #Hebrew #English #hindi #music #musicunitesusall #art #performance #aneveningtoremember	Savitha Suri holds a PG in Sociology and PG Diplomas in Mass Communications, Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics. She works in the area of documenting textile & craft history and traditions, imparting digital literacy to independent weavers enabling them access the online marketplace and organizing workshops, webinars & textiles trails to increase awareness of and access to authentic information and resources. She has led two market revival initiatives of endangered weaves and co-authored 2 books on textiles (Assam - a journey through its textiles; and business management in weaving). She curated a 6 week digital festival on the cultural diversity of the North East for Mumbai airport's Jaya Museum in 2020. The curation submitted to UNESCO as a unique initiative during lockdown to create awareness on living heritage and also won joint Gold at the Asia Consumer Engagement Awards for the Best Social Media Campaign. She also curated 'Aaghosham' - a digital festival on Kerala- for Jaya He Museum in 2021. She also heads the Maharashtra chapter of the WICCI Handloom Council.

Celebration 30 Years India –Israel Diplomatic relationship

Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan,

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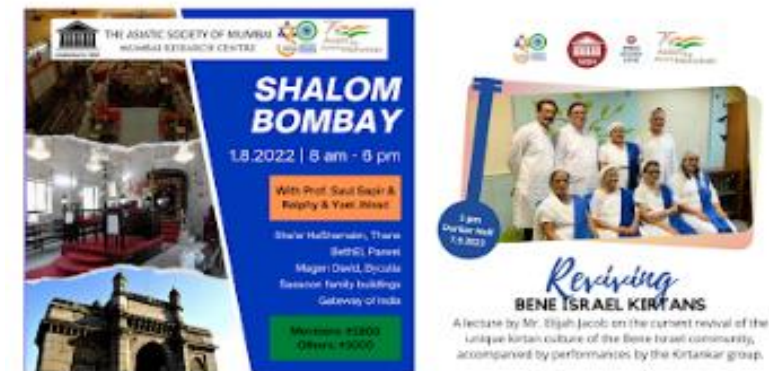
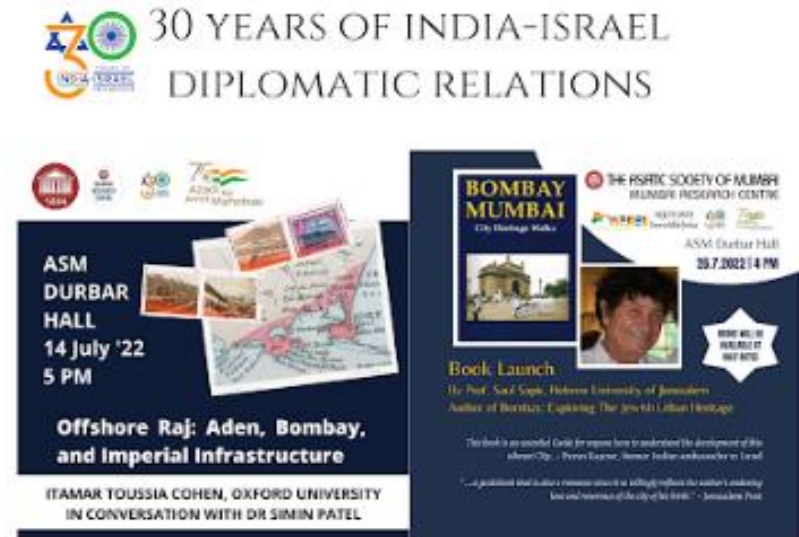


Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan, Member, Mumbai Research Centre Member, Managing Committee, Asiatic Society of Mumbai discovered the Bene-Israel community when accidentally during his archeological research for the university of Bombay he came across old graves of Bene-Israel. He then with his team wrote an **article “Exploration of Bene Israel Cemeteries and Synagogues in Raigad District, Maharashtra”** ([\(49\)](#) [Exploration of Bene Israel Cemeteries and Synagogues in Raigad District, Maharashtra | Raamesh Gowri Raghavan and Kurush Dalal - Academia.edu](#)). This is an amazing article and only of its kind in the Bene-Israel history with amazing pictures. Since then Raamesh took a lot of interest in the Bene-Israel community. It was his effort that the Asiatic Society of Mumbai took interest in the Bene-Israel community as a subject. Raamesh is working with members of our community in Mumbai to explore ways to preserve the Bene-Israel heritage in Raigad Pune & Mumbai.

Shalom from Mumbai.

The Mumbai Research Centre (MRC) of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai celebrated 30 years of India-Israel diplomatic relations with a number of events that were well received by the public. I am happy to present a brief synopsis of the events. The posters of the events are attached.

The MRC hosted a free public lecture by Itamar Toussia Cohen on the Aden Settlement on 14 July 2022 at the Durbar Hall of the Society. The lecture was attended by Kobbi Shoshani, Consul General of Israel in Mumbai, and other staff of the consulate along with the distinguished members of the Asiatic Society.



Attached to the Bombay Presidency in 1839, Aden was crucial to Bombay in the context of steam navigation, especially after the opening of the Suez Canal shortened European trade routes to both Bombay and Zanzibar. Aden became home to a thriving Indian community including Bohris, Parsis, Baghdadis, Jains and Bene Israel, thus being cosmopolitan in nature. The speaker explained the rise and fall of the settlement, its deep links to Bombay and the daily life.

Itamar Toussia Cohen has a BA from the prestigious Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem with a focus on painting, sculpture, art history & theory and an MA in Middle Eastern History from Tel Aviv University with a focus on Indian Ocean History, the Global History of Labour, British Aden, and Islamic Studies. He is an artist, primarily of figurative and decorative painting inspired by Arabic calligraphy, and a musician who has written, recorded, and performed original music in Tel Aviv and abroad.

On 24th July, the MRC organized a visit to the Keneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue, established in 1884 by Jacob Sassoon, grandson of David Sassoon, commemorating his father, Eliyahoo Sassoon at 4 pm IST. The visit was led by Prof. Saul Sapir of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. Solomon Sopher, chairman of the synagogue trust graced the occasion. Prof. Sopher explained the history of the Jewish faith, and of the persecution of the Baghdadi Jews at the hands of Daood Pasha. He then explained the history of the synagogue as follows: in 1832, David Sassoon had immigrated to Bombay and established himself as a master of the cotton industry. To cater to the need of the Baghdadi (Mizrahi) Jews, he built the Magen David Synagogue in Byculla in 1864. Over the years, many more Mizrahim came from Bukhara, Persia and lastly from Iraq in 1941 after the Farhud pogrom. The Keneseth Eliyahoo synagogue saw large numbers during festivals like Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Sometimes, when the crowds were too large, additional services were held in the neighbouring Cawasjee Jehangir Public Hall (now the NGMA).

Designed by Gostling & Morris of Bombay, the building's base is of stone masonry while the superstructure is of brick masonry. The inner space contains ornamented pillars, and is dominated by a stained-glass arch that reaches the ceiling. The Bimah is bordered on both sides by ornately carved marble. The synagogue contains Torah scrolls belonging to the Sassoon family.

The MRC presented a free public lecture by Prof. Saul Sapir, accompanying the launch of his book "Bombay/ Mumbai: City Heritage Walks" on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 4 pm at the Durbar Hall of the Society. The launch was co-organized with the Consulate of Israel in Mumbai. The lecture was attended by Kobbi Shoshani, Consul General of Israel in Mumbai as Mumbai chief guest, other staff of the consulate and the distinguished members of the Asiatic Society.

Born in Bombay, Prof. Saul Sapir has been teaching Historical Geography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since 1975 and at the David Yellin Teachers College, Jerusalem, where he headed the Department of Geography for several years. On his sabbaticals he lectured at the University College, London. He has published numerous articles on a wide range of subjects, mainly focusing on Jerusalem through the Ages and on the Land of Israel during the Modern Era (Nineteen and Twenty Centuries). Prof. Sapir has degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Geography, Archaeology, and Education. He has also attended advanced University studies in History and Arts, and Architecture in Haifa's Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. He has previously authored "Bombay: Exploring the Jewish Urban Heritage" which tells the story of the Baghdadi Jewish community in Mumbai.

In his new book, Prof. Sapir paid tribute to the vibrant heritage of Mumbai, through narratives of both well-known and obscure landmarks of the city. He takes advantage of his historical geographic skills to showcase the open museum of architectural designs that the city is, with fresh insights based on intensive research. The book offers a rich experience shared by both visitors and #Mumbaikars past and present.

On August 1, the MRC conducted a unique bus tour of the Jewish Legacy of Mumbai, visiting the synagogues of Panvel (Beth El), Thane (Sha'ar HaShamaim) and Byculla (Magen David), along with the numerous public institutions given to the city by the Sassoons. In between the participants also enjoyed a kosher meal. The trip was led by Prof. Saul Sapir of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as well as Yael and Ralph Jhirad of Mumbai. Prayers were offered at the Beth El synagogue for the well-being of Israel and India, along with the lighting of lamps. At Sha'ar HaShamaim, the members of the synagogue engaged with the scholars on the tour, explaining the Jewish heritage of Thane. Finally, in the evening, Dr. Saul Sapir took people down memory lane, exploring the area where Baghdadi Jews used to live in Byculla.

Yours truly,

Raamesh Gowri Raghavan, Member, Mumbai Research Centre, Member, Managing Committee, Asiatic Society of Mumbai

Humor- Bene-Israel Married in alien families...

Moshe Digodkar who is married to a Bulgarian girls write; I am happily married to my dear wife Lily. However when I first visited my in-laws in Bulgaria and spend few weeks with them I realized that Bulgarians nodded their head up and down to say NO and move their head sideways to say YES, just opposite to what we Bene-Israel do!! It was so confusing for me....



We did contact a lot of Bene-Israel members who have married with non-Indian Jews but unfortunately only Moshe replied.

Major Difference in Yom Kippur in Indian and Israel

In India we were taught to ask forgiveness from both human and God. The common phrase we all used in Marathi was "Bolala Chalala Maaf Kara" (बोलेला चालेला माफ करा). But Israel asking forgiveness from human is not part of Yom Kippur. Only forgiveness has to be asked from God. So here the people wish each other טיסקו בה שנים
רובוט (तिसकू बा शनिम रोबोट - लांब औषु जिंका) (God grace you with long life).

Why do we celebrate Tu B'Av?

Jenny Samson Bamnolkar



For years Tu B'Av has been a time of reason to celebrate; we all celebrate it in one way or another, and over the years the nickname & quote; Holiday of love "e; has even stuck to it. So why is this a big deal in Judaism, and what does it have to do with Yom Kippur?

The month of Av is a difficult month for the Jewish people, as it is written in the Mishnah: & quote; When the month of Av arrives, we enter the month with fewer celebrations "e;

Once the Av month begins, certain mourning customs begin to follow, which increase as we approach the fast of Tisha B'Av, a day that marks the peak of mourning for the destruction of both Temples.

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And yet, a week passes by and already the fifteenth of Av is arriving, a day which the Sages describe as: & quote; There were no better days for Israel than the fifteenth of Av and the day of Atonement "e; (Ta'anit 4:7). What is Tu B'Av? Why is it such a happy day? And what does it have to do with Yom Kippur? The day on which the dying stopped during the exodus from Egypt – After the exodus from Egypt, Moses sent spies to scout the land. When they returned, on the day of Tisha B'Av, ten of them interpreted the sights they saw in the land in a negative way, which caused the Israelites regret leaving Egypt, they were frightened and feared entering the land of Israel.



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And so it was. Every year Moshe would announce the arrival of the eve of Tisha B'Av. His contemporaries would dig their own graves, enter them and await their death. Each year, 15,000 people would be left in their graves. In the fortieth year, the last 15,000 people dug their graves and awaited their death.

However, in the morning everyone woke up safe and sound. They were surprised, but assumed that they had probably miscalculated the days, so they returned to their graves the next day as well, and again the day after that... until the 10th of Av, when a full moon rose, testifying that indeed, the 9th of Av came and went, and they stayed alive. Thus, the 15th of Av symbolizes the day when God forgave Israel for the sin of the spies. Similarly, Yom Kippur symbolizes the day when God forgave the Israelites for the sin of the calf, the day when Moses came down from the Mount Sinai with the two tablets. Both holidays represent a day of forgiveness and unity of the people of Israel with their creator.

The day the tribes and the tribe of Benjamin were allowed - In the days of Moses, the daughters of Zeluphad, whose father had died and left no heirs, came to Moses and claimed to inherit their father's estate. The daughters did indeed win their father's estate, but they were forbidden to marry any man who was not from their tribe, so that the estate would not pass to another tribe.

Thus it was determined that daughters who inherited their father's will not marry with the members of the other tribes. Many years later, following the case of a mistress in the hill (which is mentioned in the book of Judges, chapters 19-21), the Israelites swore not to marry their daughters to the tribe of Benjamin. These two prohibitions caused great sorrow to the people of Israel. One endangered the existence of an entire tribe, and the other saddened the girls who were limited in choosing their partner. The sages of Israel carefully examined the prohibitions, and realized that the prohibition of the marriage of heiresses to a member of another tribe applied only to the generation of the conquerors of the land, in which it was forbidden to transfer land from tribe to tribe. Similarly, they determined that the oath not to marry the daughters to the tribe of Benjamin applies only to the generation that swore it, and not to its descendants.

The day on which the prohibitions were allowed was 9th of Av, and thus, two more reasons were added to the holiday of God, which has been celebrated ever since the death of the generation in the desert.

As we mentioned above, the 9th of Av and Yom Kippur are similar to each other in respect of forgiveness of sin in them, therefore, our ancestors were not afraid to introduce a custom where the daughters of Israel would go out to work in the vineyards, lest it become an obstacle and a breach of the barriers of modesty.

Those sacrifices were solely for the sake of heaven, in order to build more kosher homes in the nation of Israel. However, since the Temple was destroyed, and the wall of purity and chastity was breached, this custom was also abolished. The day the guards were removed from the roads - When Jeroboam ben Nebat tore the kingdom of Israel from Jerusalem; he set up two central platforms for idol worshiping. Jeroboam was aware that many of his royal family still had their eyes set on worshiping God in the Temple in Jerusalem.

He feared that this would weaken his rule, so he placed guards on the roads leading to Jerusalem, who prevented the Israelites from making a pilgrimage to the Holy City. These guards stood on the roads until Hoshea ben Ela ascended to his kingdom, removed the guards and allowed the people to go up to Jerusalem. The day the guards were removed from the roads was Tu B'av.

The day they stopped cutting down trees for the temple - When Ezra and Nehemiah and their contemporaries returned to the Land of Israel, they found it desolate - for the enemies of the people uprooted all its trees, and there were no trees left for the sacrificial work in the temple. The trees for the temple would be brought by people who volunteered to do so. The volunteers had to go further, and risk an encounter with the road guards, who tried to prevent the supply of wood to the temple. Many times creativity was required of them to succeed in their mission and pass the guards. Not every tree could go up to the sacrifice at the temple. Rotten wood and worms were not allowed. As is well known, damp wood concentrated together quickly rots. Therefore, it was necessary to fill the warehouses with dry wood before the arrival of winter and humidity. Thus it was determined that the 17th day of Tammuz is the last day for bringing tree offerings to the temple, because after that the sun is no longer as intense as before, and is not able to sufficiently dry the cut trees.

On Tu Bab, they would celebrate and be happy that the warehouses were filled with wood for the winter. That day was nicknamed 'Yom Tevar Magal' - the day of breaking the cardamoms, the day when tools for cutting trees are no longer needed.

The day when the dead were allowed to be buried in Beitar - Following the rebellion failure of the Bar-Kochva, the city of Beitar was captured. Its many residents were brutally murdered, and their burial was not allowed - so that they would see and be seen. After the death of Hadrian, who desecrated the bodies, another king came and allowed the dead to be buried. Two miracles happened during that time: one that the dead were allowed to be buried, and the other, despite the long time that had passed, the bodies did not rot. In commemoration of these miracles, the Sages put the blessing "the good and the benevolent & quot; in the blessing of the food. " Hatov & quot; = good - for being allowed to be buried, & quot; and the Metiv & quot; = benevolent -that the bodies did not stink. It should be noted that the day of burial of the Bitar victims also falls on the Tu of Av. Holiday of love - If we look for the common denominator for all the events mentioned above, we can easily notice that it is forgiveness, connecting and strengthening ties. The Almighty brightens his face (leadership) towards His people (Jewish nation) after years of death, following the sin of the spies in

the desert, and in his mercy brings an honorable burial to the dead of Beitar. The people of Israel strive to strengthen the bond between themselves and their Creator, with devotion to the worship of the altar and the sacrifices (sacrifice from the word kinship), and the guards of the roads are removed from their duty, to allow the children of the Kingdom of Israel to go up to the temple and worship and get closer to their Creator.

Members of the tribes are allowed to marry each other and many wedding bonds are formed on that day. A day of abundance of true and pure love between God and his people, between the people of Israel and their God and between man and his fellow man. Customs associated with Tu Bab today - In the past, the Tu of Av was a real holiday. However, today, after the destruction of the Temple the joyfulness has been reduced of many days as mentioned in the sources, the Simcha =Happiness was introduced into the study of the Torah. Starting on Tu Bav, and until the end of winter, it is customary to devote extra time to studying the Torah at night (because the days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting longer).

Tu Bav, also symbolizes the beginning of the period of soul-searching and repentance, in preparation for the mighty days. In the past, here were those who used to send greeting cards and congratulate each other by writing and signing well, already from Tu Bab, as we do today during the month of Elul.

May we always be united and have GOD's blessings upon us, Always.

“Follow your dreams, they know the way.” – Kobe Yamada



TARZAN AND COBRA

VERY RARE MOVIE , VIJU PENKAR,SHOBNI SINGH, LEENA DASS, JAY SHREE T DALJEET ,

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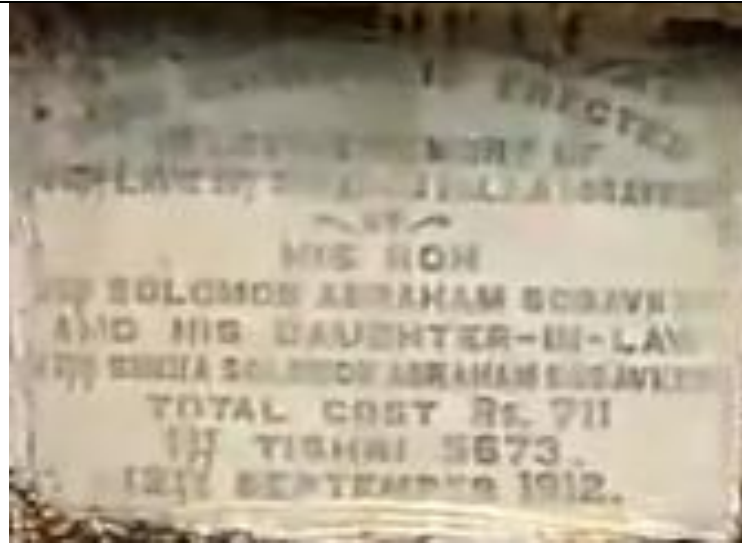
Bene-Israel Cooking Old Memories

Traditional brick stove, used in all rural areas	The Primus stove was the first pressurized-burner kerosene (paraffin) stove, developed in 1892 by Frans Wilhelm Lindqvist, a factory mechanic in Stockholm.	Lindqvist's patent covered the burner, which was turned upward on the stove instead of outward.	Simple stoves are constructed in the same way as oil lamps, which use a wick to draw fuel from the tank	During May 1862 John H. Irein created coil oil lamp.	The first gas stoves were developed in the 1820s and a gas stove factory was established in England in 1836	

Israelites from India(New name for Bene-Israel)

Pictures taken from visitors from Israel to India on Pilgrimage – Revdanda

Golan Chariker Shriker ([\(19\) Golan Chariker Shriker | Facebook](#))





The journey continues at Borli village and visiting the 'Gates of Peace' synagogue Maharashtra state India.

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How to make millions during Corona lock down

The Desperate ApeWives Project includes 10,000 NFT portraits of apes. The collection was launched on October 28, 2021, and depicts icons of influential women throughout history and the pop culture such as: Paris Hilton, Chiara Ferragn, Queen Elizabeth II, Kylie Jenner, Wonder Woman, Marilyn Monroe, and Cleopatra. The initial price for each piece in the collection was set at 0.08 etherium (ETH), the equivalent of 360 dollars at the time. Within 12 hours of the collection's launch, all 10,000 pieces were purchased. The piece inspired by the Mona Lisa, considered the fifth rarest in this series, was sold on a secondary market for 87 etherium, an equivalent of 400,000 dollars at the time of the deal. Today, these digital pieces are owned by approximately 4,500 members, among them many collectors and celebrities, including the singer, Sia. Two of the pieces purchased by the renowned singer were inspired by her iconic hair. Recently, Sia even publicized a photograph in which she is wearing a dress adorned with NFT characters from her collection, including one of her own "apes." Creators of the project are The Gardener, a co-founder, businessman and Israeli entrepreneur, second generation of collectors and a member of the Friends of Museums Associations in Israel and around the world; Archer McCall, a co-founder who is a traditional Israel artist who began to create digital art in the wake of the Corona crisis; The Florist, a co-founder who is a certified board attorney with a love of fashion, art, and culture who connected the ApeWives Project to the world of fashion. Select works from the ApeWives collection were exhibited in Miami, in December 2021, at the Zemak Gallery as part of the prestigious Miami Arts Fair. The eve of the opening of the fair was marked by an exclusive event for owners of NFT pieces from the ApeWives collection. On that night, the Apewives anthem was performed for the first time, as created by Israeli D.J.s, Mr. Black and Gproject. A new element of the project was launched: a digital fashion brand named House of DAW, dedicated to creating haute couture for virtual worlds.



How to make millions during Corona lock down

פרויקט "הקופות הנואשות" ("Desperate ApeWives") כולל 10,000 יצירות NFT של קופות. קולקציה זו הושקה ב-28 באוקטובר 2021 ומציגה אייקונים נשיים משפיעים בהיסטוריה ובתרבות הפופ כגון: פריס הילטון, קיארה פארני, המלכה אליזבת השנייה, קיילי ג'נר, "וונדר וומן", מרילין מונרו וקליאופטרה. המחיר הראשוני של כל יצירה בקולקציה זו עמד על 0.08 איתריום (ETH), שווה-ערך ל-360 דולר באותה תקופה. תוך 12 שעות מרגע השקת הקולקציה נרכשו כל 10,000 היצירות. היצירה בהשראתה של המונה ליזה, הנחשבת לחמישית בנדירותה בסדרה זו, נמכרה בשוק המשני תמורת 87 איתריום, שווה-ערך ל-400 אלף דולר בעת העסקה. כיום מחזיקים בעבודות דיגיטליות אלה כ-4,500 חברים, כולל אספנים וידוענים רבים, ביניהם הזמרת סיה (Sia). שתיים מהיצירות שרכשה זמרת-העל נוצרו בהשראתה ושיערה האייקוני. באחרונה אף פרסמה סיה תמונה שבה היא לבושה בשמלה עטורת דמויות NFT מהאוסף שלה, כולל אחת ה"קופות" שבבעלותה. יוצרי הפרויקט הם The Gardener, שותף-מייסד שהנו איש עסקים וזם ישראלי, דור שני למשפחה של אספנים וחבר באגודות ידידי מוזיאונים בארץ ובעולם; Archer McCall, שותף-מייסד שהינו אמן ישראלי מסורתי שהחל ליצור אמנות דיגיטלית בעקבות משבר הקורונה. The Florist, שותפה-מייסדת שהינה עורכת דין בהכשרתה ושוחזרת אופנה, אמנות ותרבות שחיברה בין פרויקט "הקופות" ועולם האופנה. עבודות נבחרות מקולקציית "הקופות" הוצגו בדצמבר 2021 במיאמי בגלריית Zemack כחלק מיריד האמנות היוקרתי ארט מיאמי. ערב פתיחת היריד לווה באירוע אקסקלוסיבי למחזקי NFT מקולקציית הקופות. באותו ערב הושק המנון "הקופות" שנוצר על ידי הדיג'י הישראליים Mr.Black. Gproject I. כחלק מהפרויקט הושק מותג אופנה דיגיטלי בשם House of DAW, היוצר אופנת עילית לעולמות הווירטואליים.



Yom Kippur amongst Jain community in India

If you think Jews is the only community that hold the day of Yom Kippur (day of forgiveness), then you are wrong. I thought the same until a month ago until I heard about the Jain community having a similar day as per their religion .

Kshamavani ([Sanskrit](#): Kṣamāvaṇī) or "Forgiveness Day" is a day of forgiving and seeking forgiveness for the followers of [Jainism](#). [Digambaras](#) celebrate it on the first day of [Ashvin Krishna](#) month of the lunar-based [Jain calendar](#). Śvētāmbaras celebrate it on [Samvatsari](#), the last day of the annual [Paryushana](#) festival. which coincides with the [Chaturthi](#), 4th day of Shukla [Paksha](#) in the holy month of [Bhadra](#).^[1] "[Micchami Dukkadam](#)" is the common phrase when asking for forgiveness. It is a [Prakrit](#) phrase meaning **"May all the evil that has been done be fruitless"**.^[2]

On this sacred day, every member of the Jain community approaches everyone, irrespective of religion, and begs for forgiveness for all their faults or mistakes, committed either knowingly or unknowingly. Thus relieved of the heavy burden hanging over their head of the sins of yesteryears, they start life afresh, living in peaceful co-existence with others. Indeed, this day is not merely a traditional ritual, but a first step on their path to [moksha](#) (liberation) or [salvation](#), the final goal of every man's life, according to the teachings of Jainism.^[3]

The literal translation of *kippurim* is cleansing. Yom Kippur is a Jewish day to atone for misdeeds and become cleansed and purified from them.^[4]

In India we were taught to ask forgiveness from both human and God. The common phrase we all used in Marathi was "Bolala Chalala Maaf Kara" (बोलेला चालेला माफ करा). But Israel asking forgiveness from human is not part of Yom Kippur. Only forgiveness has to be asked from God. So here the people wish each other [טִּסְקוּ בַּ שָׁנִים רַבּוֹת](#) (तिसकू बा शनिम रोबोट) (God grace you with long life).

Kṣamāvaṇī
(Forgiveness Day)



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Maccabi 2022

(20+) Maccabi India | Facebook

Maccabi World Union (Registered Amutah 580037158) is the largest and longest running Jewish sports organization spanning over five continents, more than 60 countries, 450 clubs, and 400,000 members. MWU is a Zionist organization that utilizes sports as a means to bring Jewish people of all ages closer to Judaism and Israel in addition to various informal educational activities in a manner that surpasses politics and sectarianism.

[Who we are - Maccabiah 21](#)

From the appearance by US President Joe Biden at the Opening Ceremonies to the record number of Jewish athletes from around the world who participated, the 21st Maccabiah Games were a spectacular success.

The Maccabiah torch was brought from Modi'in, birthplace of Judah Maccabee, who led the rebellion against the Syrian-Greeks and rededicated the Second Temple in 164 BCE.

Ten thousand athletes in 62 delegations competed for 2,100 medals in 29 different sports, encompassing 42 disciplines.



**Hockey
Women**



Basketball



Surfing



Fencing



Cricket



TENNIS



Water Polo



BASEBALL



JUDO



CYCLING

Cricket

England won
Israel was the 3rd winner
and India was 6th winner.

JRU Youth Group of the 80's

During 80's JRU YG had up to 163 Bene-Israel youngsters as its member. It is amazing that today's every effective leader of the Bene-Israel community comes from this group (we are not talking about self-appointed leaders but leaders who contribute to the community). Many pictures of the JRU YG members in Israel are around but this is the first time a picture of some of the YG members in India that is seen recently.



Finding the Mountain of Moses: The Real Mount Sinai in Saudi Arabia

See this: Fascinating & very interesting Story Video

[Finding the Mountain of Moses: The Real Mount Sinai in Saudi Arabia - YouTube](#)

Subject: Stunning Discovery of the Exodus Story the Muslim World Might Destroy.



Short Story -Lullaby for Mariupol -Stephen Connacher lived in southeast Ukraine ([Lullaby for Mariupol | 100Words \(100wordstory.org\)](#))

I remember the chilly winter carnivals at Drama Theater, and the new green and yellow maternity hospital. Neighborhood babushkas gossip among the falling leaves. Flower shops burst with color for Women's Day. Laughing children skip through water fountains.

Then, suddenly, somebody liberated us.

Bombs hit our homes, our parks, our schools. In a matter of days, we returned to medieval life: bitter cold, dehydration, starvation, and the stench of death. Corpses lie everywhere. I hear ghostly shrieking off in the distance. There is no way out of this hell, nowhere to turn, nobody to help.

Then, mercifully, stillness.

Goodnight, Mariupol.

IJHC

Ruth Greenfield.



On behalf of The Indian Jewish Heritage Center & The Cochin Jewish Heritage Center you are cordially invited to the 97 talk in the "Heritage On Zoom" program.

Heritage on zoom

Bene Israel Women's Song Notebooks: Recall, Remembrance, and Relationships

Women are the main performers of Marathi Jewish songs, and they rarely perform without notebooks in hand. This lecture considers how women have used notebooks to activate memory, enrich sociality, and transmit musical repertoires.

4 August 2022, at 8 PM Israel local time

Anna Schultz is Associate Professor of Music at the University of Chicago, where she is also an associate member of the Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations and a member of the Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies. The core issue animating her research in India and beyond is music's power to activate profound religious experiences that in turn shape other identities.

The lecture will be in English and is open to the public and all India Lovers. Join us via zoom link Attached to this invitation. The lecture will be recorded for Heritage Documentation.

המרכז למורשת יהדות הודו בישראל והמרכז למורשת יהדות קוצ'ין שמחים להזמין אתכם להרצאה ה-96 בסדרת "מורשת בזום"

ה-RSS מארגון נרדף לגוף החזק ביותר בהודו

संघम

מר לב ארן יספר לנו איך ארגון ברהמני שאחד מפעיליו לשעבר רצח את מהטמה גנדי הפך מארגון מנודה לארגון הגדול בעולם, לחיל החלוץ של הימין ומסמן את הכיוונים התרבותיים אליהם צועדת הודו.

יום חמישי 21 ביולי 2022 בשעה 20:00
משודר גם בפיסבוק: [Indianjews](https://www.indianjews.org)

לב ארן מומחה לטשא הודו, מסקר את הודו עבור מקור ראשון וכלי תקשורת נוספים בארץ ובהודו. שימש כרכז מידע באגודת הידידות הפרלמנטאית הודו ישראל. חוקר, לימד ומבקר בהודו לעיתים תכופות. כיום הוא חבר בוועדה המייעצת של כתב העת ההודי MARGASIA

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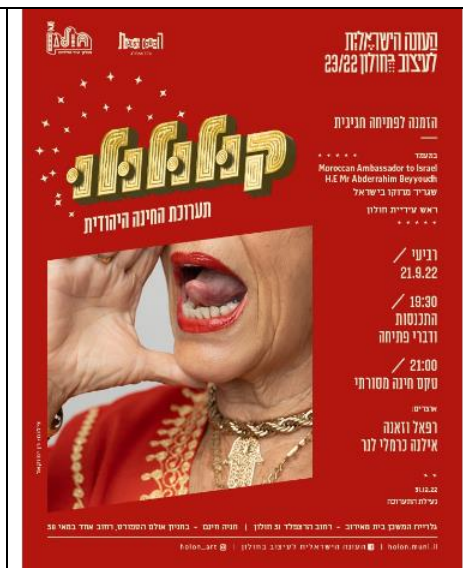
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הכניסה חופשית - בהרשמה מראש
להרשמה צלצלו: 03-5170358

IJHC has participated in this exhibition on "Henna", the Holon municipality has given credit to IJHC in all their publicity and have also mentioned our name on the stands with the mannequins.

Others who have contributed to this exhibition are from Morocco, Libya and Yemen. Please do visit the exhibition and be impressed. Opening is on September 21st. The exhibit ends in December.

Communities who have contributed to this exhibition are from India, Morocco, Libya and Yemen. **Please do visit the exhibition and be impressed.**



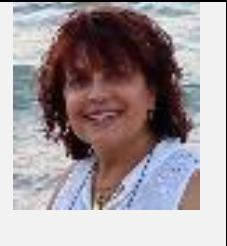
Israeli Singing Competition 2022-"Kokhav Khadash"

Our Bene-Israel Indian girl LIBI PANKER from Rosh Ha Ayin is a very good singer who came up to semi-finals of "Kokhav Khadash". In the finals she won the fourth position.

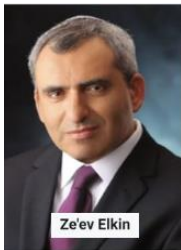
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	Tribe of the Indian Immigrant- Ashdod Shevet Ole Hodu-Ashdod Simcha Solomon / Eva Talegaonkar	
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This group is very active in Ashdod. They also have arranged Yoga classes conducted in Ashdod in cooperation with the Indian Embassy and also their active member Eva Talegaonkar teaches Marathi on-line classes on zoom through Indian Cultural Center of India of the Indian Embassy.

On 21.09.2022 The group had organized a meeting with the housing minister Mr. Ze'ev Elkin the Bene-Israel community. Many pending issues of our community with the Amidar needed updates and help the new immigrants.	 Ze'ev Elkin	The group holds regular Yoga classes in Ashdod 	 Eva Talegaonkar teaches Marathi (details above)
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The group also arrange entertainment shows like the one below:

			Sept. 18, 2022 evening saw the colorful show of Alok Katdare's musical show (Golden voice of Kishore Kumar).
Ashdod Municipal vice mayor Mr. Elly Nacht graced the occasion along with the management of the United Bene-Israel Group.			

The group regularly organizes day tours and picnics along various entertainment shows.



Meaning of sign on Gravestones: Open Hands and the Pitcher

The hands on this gravestone indicate that it marks the resting place of a member of the priestly clan.

Judaism is based on learning Torah and doing the mitzvahs, through which we connect with G-d and make the world a better place. During the course of our history, many symbols have become associated with Jewish people, Jewish scholarship, and Jewish culture. 13 Jewish Symbols to Know- [13 Jewish Symbols to Know - Essentials \(chabad.org\)](https://www.chabad.org/13-Jewish-Symbols-to-Know-Essentials)



BJP's Jewish Minority Leader in Maharashtra

Sassoon Phanspurkar

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Good morning,. From today, every Monday from 11.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., I will visit the first BJP office, LIC for our community. For your service at office no. 2. in this office in front of Yogakshem. Will be present to meet all of you.

Whoever has any problem should come and see me in person. The telephone number of the office is. ☎ 022-22818764 This is the first telephone operator who will go to Madam, tell them office number 2. Or tell me my name mother-in-law Samsan Phansapurkar. Then from 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Till then, the Ministry will be present at the 6th Floor, The Chief Minister's Office. My mobile sound number☎ 9869711786

शुभ सकाळ,. आज पासून दर सोमवारी सकाळी 11.30.ते 5.30 संध्याकाळ पर्यंत मी आपल्या समाजासाठी प्रथम भाजपा कार्यालय,एल.आय.सी. योगक्षेम समोर या कार्यालयात कार्यालय क्रमांक 2.येथे आपल्या सेवे साठी. तुम्हा सर्वांना भेटण्या साठी उपस्थित राहणार आहे.

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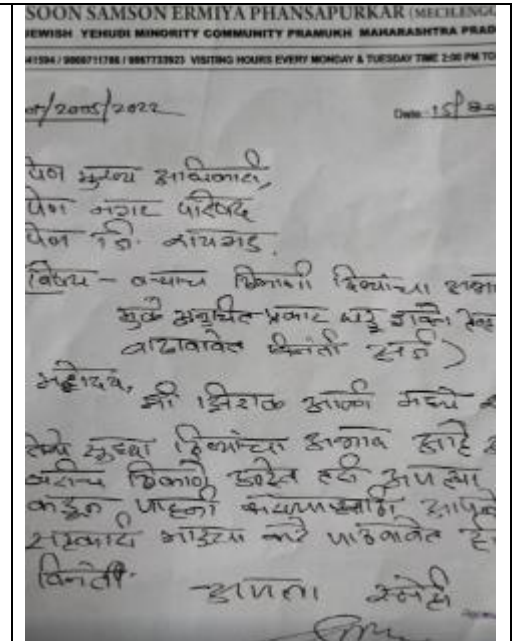
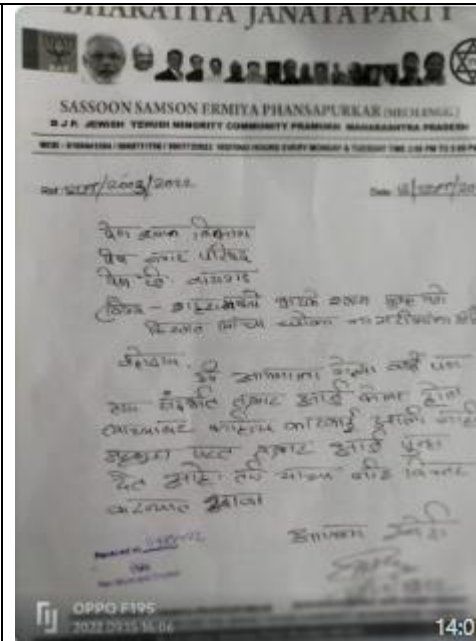
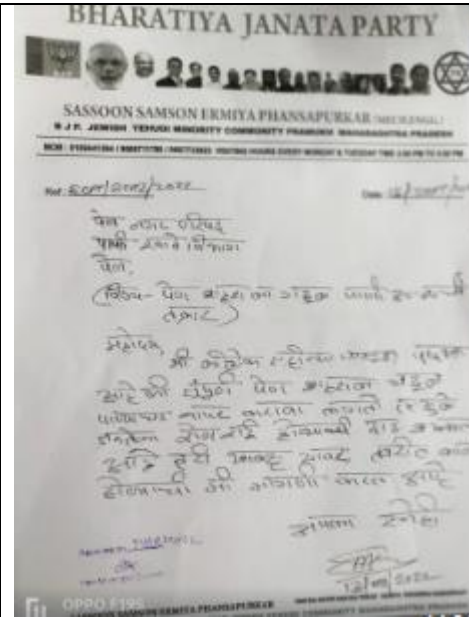
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आज 15.9.22 सकाळी पेण नगर पालिकेला समक्ष भेट दिली त्या वेळी खालील प्रमाणे तक्रार अर्ज सुपूर्द केले.

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2. भटक्या शवनांचा कुत्र्यांचा बंदोबस्त करण्यासाठी तक्रार अर्ज,
3. काही ठिकाणी दिव्यांचा अभाव आहे त्या मुळे नागरिकांना अंधारातून जावे लागतं त्याबद्दल तक्रार अर्ज केला आहे.

सॅमसन ई. फणसापूरकर.



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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with further information about the classes.
Thank you.

Darshana Rajput, Yoga teacher (0585114090)

Activities at “Edna Bene-Israel Community Center” in Ramle



Accountant Elkan Judha has started teaching voluntarily “**Spoken English**” for the Indian community at the Edna Center “in Ramla. They have about 20 students. All are Indian mostly after pension and a few working. They also students from ages 45 to 80.

The Center charges 10 ILS per student per class that is used towards maintenance and buying few snacks for the group and towards electricity water sanitary stationary etc. They have also organized New year Toast party.



United Indian Jews group (UIJG) met with the Ramle Municipal management at Edna Community center. UIJG is trying to combine all Israeli Bene-Israel cities together under one umbrella.



शुभसंदेश

नव वर्षाच्या आगमनाने
हर्ष चाढला चोहीकडे...

शुभ संदेशी फैरी झडती
एकापासून दुजांकडे...

सुख समृद्धी शांती नांदो
प्रेम भावना चहुंकडे...

विविध आकांक्षा प्रत्येकाच्या
जावोत नववर्षी पूर्तीकडे...

कृपा दृष्टी सर्वच राहू दे
इच्छु प्रेमळ प्रभूकडे...

सद्भावना ह्या सर्वासाठी
असो कुणीही कुणीकडे...

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आयुष्य

आयुष्य थोडसंच असावं पण..

आपल्या माणसाला ओढ

लावणारं असावं,

आयुष्य थोडंच जगावं पण..

जन्मो-जन्मीचं प्रेम मिळावं,

प्रेम असं द्यावं की...

घेणाऱ्याची ओंजळ अपूरी पडावी,

मैत्री अशी असावी की..

स्वार्थाचं ही भानं नसावं,

आयुष्य असं

जगावं की....

मृत्यूने ही म्हणावं,

"जग अजून,

मी येईन नंतर.....!!!!!!"

 Keshet · Connecting our Jewish Community  						
October 2022 Tishrei - Cheshvan 5783						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Hebrew Class by Shoshanna Pingle - 5:00pm	31					1 Shabbat Shalom
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9 Hebrew Class by Shoshanna Pingle - 5:00pm Erev Sukkot	10 Sukkot 1st Day	11 Sukkot 2nd Day	12 Sukkot Women's meet in Tiphereth Israel Synagogue Sukkah - 4 to 6pm	13 Meraki Art Class By Rahel Benjamin-Rex - 5:00pm Kaballah Class with Judah Kolet - 7:00pm	14 Erev Shabbat	15 Shabbat Shalom JYP Sukkot meet in Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue Sukkah - 7:30 pm
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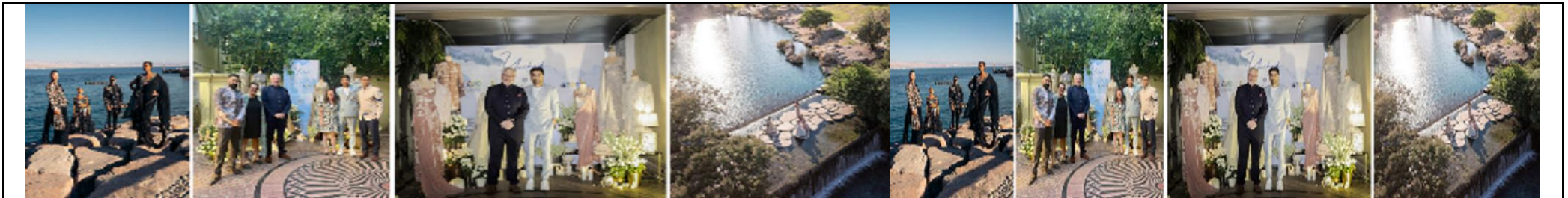


Embassy of Israel in India

Curtesy : Nissim Moses

YACHAD: Embassy of Israel celebrates a special collaboration with Indian designer Sahil Kochhar. Special fashion shoot in Israel with a capsule collection by Sahil, celebrating 30 years of Israel-India ties. New Delhi, 18th August 2022: To celebrate 30 years of Israel-India diplomatic relations, the Embassy of Israel in India collaborated with Indian designer Sahil Kochhar to showcase a special collection for both men and women inspired by the beautiful landscapes of Israel. This project is part of a campaign titled 'Yachad' - a Hebrew word meaning 'together'. An event was organized in Delhi on August 17 to celebrate the occasion, where Israeli Embassy diplomats and project members from India came together to exchange ideas and share their experiences. On this occasion, the Ambassador of Israel to India H.E. Naor Gilon said, "This is a first-of-its-kind project which we hope will open doors for future possibilities and collaborations between the people of Israel and India in the diverse fields of culture, fashion and lifestyle. Showcasing Indian designs inspired by Israeli landscapes led to this beautiful project, which has further strengthened the close friendship and growing partnership between our two nations."

Designer Sahil Kochhar said, "Yachad, means coming together and that is the essence behind this special collaboration. It is a celebration of 30 years of friendship between Israel and India. This collection and campaign we have shot around it are very special to me as it represents two beautiful cultures coming together. The collection is inspired by the diverse landscapes of Israel, incorporating the same as artwork on the clothes." For this campaign, the designer and his team spent several months scouting talents from Israel who are the best at their craft. The models that were selected were not just professional models but also included local talent from all over Israel, including the younger generation from different walks of life, athletes, artists, surfers & the parkour community of the country. Through this project, the Embassy showed an Israel that may be less known to the Indian public. The fashion shoot took place in several parts of Israel including the Dead Sea, Eilat, Gan Hashlosha, Tel Aviv & Jerusalem.



Indian Embassy in Israel

On July 1, India's largest floating solar power project with a capacity of 100 MW was commissioned at National Thermal Power Corporation, Ramagundam. Under the Make in India initiative, aluminium air batteries developed by Phinergy in a JV with Indian Oil Corporation Limited will power a 50-seater bus for about 500 km. In 2021-22 India receives the highest ever FDI of over USD 83.57 billion. On July 18, the Embassy at ICC hosted the young Indian team that participated in Maccabiah, International Jewish Olympics, 2022. On July 28, the Embassy held an Open House to address complaints/grievances relating to the issues related to consular matters.



On 14th Aug a program was held in Ashdod during evening that was divided in to two parts.

During the first part, Independence day of India was celebrated with Ashdod Municipal authorities, Indian Embassy representatives was celebrated. During the second part two singing artists from India performed.

The dance performance was organized by Riki Si from Ashkelon. Two local singers also performed.

Tickets were sold for this even at 100 NIS. The hall of 3000 was fully packet earning the organizers **NIS 300,000**. There were Indian snack sold. Nothing was offered free as in other cities except some Indian flags.



Beth El-Elohim (Pen) Synagogue

[Penn synagogue in India - YouTube](#) [בית הכנסת בפנ שבחודו](#)



In the picture you can see the woman who founded the Synagogue of the House of God in Penn in India: Hannah Bay Diwaker (from the book 'The Gammat-a). Inspirational Women' by Eliez Reuven Dandkar).

चित्रात आपण पाहू शकता की, भारतात पेनमधील हाऊस ऑफ गॉड इन पेन या सिनेगॉगची स्थापना करणारी स्त्री : हॅना बे दिवाकर ('द गॅम्मत-ए' या पुस्तकातून). इलेझ रेउवेन दांडकर यांनी प्रेरणादायी महिला'.

בתמונה אפשר לראות את האישה שהקימה את בית הכנסת בית האלוהים בפנ בהודו: חנה באי דייוקר (מתוך הספר 'הגמט - א.נשים מעוררי השראה' של אליעז ראובן דנדקר)

This matter from Ilana Shazor's post on facebook



Raigad Jewish Association by Herzl Bhonkar

How Shaniwar-Teli lost all their in heritage!

Efforts to Preserving our Heritage in India fail all the time



When the Shaniwar-Teli's realized that they were Jews and they could immigrate to Israel, most Bene-Israel rushed to get out of India to reach Israel. It was not an organized exodus but a very chaotic one. The leaders of the community did not organize an planned exodus where it was pre negotiated;

- a) What is the fate of the immigrants in Israel?
- b) What will be the plan for preserving the heritage?

On the other hand the Jewish Agency was working with a very persuasive plan to get as much manpower to Israel as they could from all over the world. Bene-Israel's fell prey to the carrot Jewish Agency dangled and their love for their religion lead them to immigrate, irrespective of the fact that India was the only country where Jews were never prosecuted.



Perusing the carrot, the Bene-Israel community lost on all the grounds. Immigrants who reached Israel had to work in hard physical jobs in making roads and building bridges. On the other hand, they left their 2000 years heritage to be apprehended by other local communities. Some of our clever Bene-Israel sold the community properties to local communities as their person proprieties.

Were our then leaders so short-sited so as not to see and imagine the consequence of leaving this exodus to the strangers? Our situation of Bene-Israel people in Israel and India was like the two cats and the monkey. Cats received nothing but Israel received labor and Indians received *advantages.



*Since our Bene-Israel people then had only one aim; moving to Israel, our leaders ignored all the advantages other "teli" communities received in India as scheduled caste community. Further being scheduled caste, Bene-Israel was also a minority community. Our leaders could have earned several advantages for its community including reserved seats in medical and engineering collages, grants

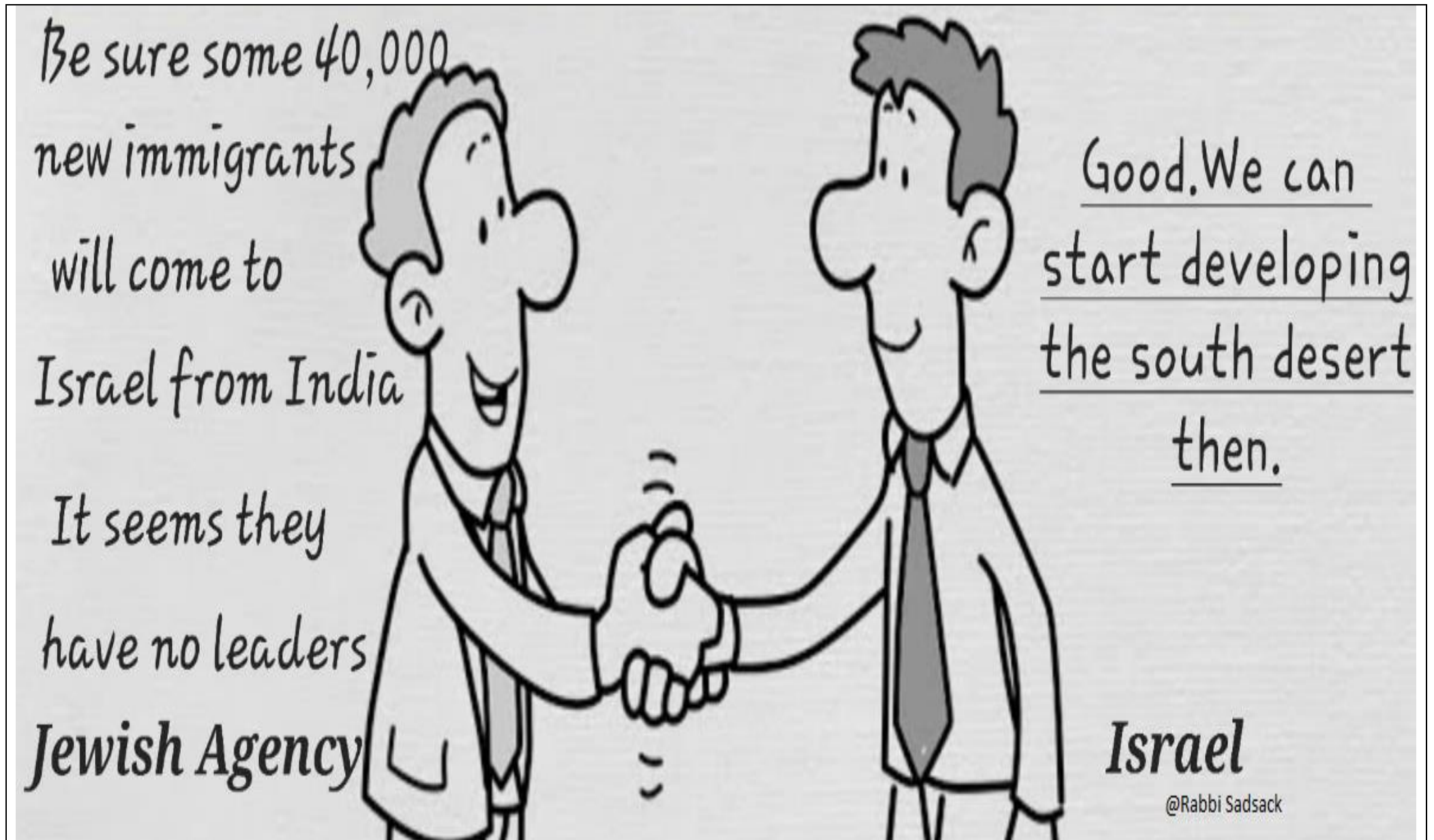
for businesses, reservation in government jobs and other huge advantages that other scheduled caste minority groups were showered with. But in hurry to immigrate to Israel we lost all those rights.

As the president of the Raigad Jewish Association I was very enthusiast to restore the aging heritages dying in Raigad. Many of our community members from all over the world promise to send fund to restore our heritage sites and make a Bene-Israel Jews pilgrimage path along Mumbai Pune Panvel and Raigad. But the funds never come. Some sincere people who keep the promise and make payments as per the schedule. But when other did not pay as promised, I had to return the money to many who had paid as per the schedule. Two years ago a group of twenty esteemed members met and all agreed to pay one lac rupees each by the end of the month. Few kept their promises and transferred payments on time, including my part that I added to it. But many did not pay. After waiting for two years when no one else paid, I returned money to those who had kept their promise.



Now generations have changed and local born Bene-Israel children really do not much care for their origin and the heritage their ancestors have left behind in India. The children born in Israel (where the major population of Bene-Israel had immigrated) have assimilated with in the main stream Judaism. They will go visiting the graves of the Chadikim in Israel several times but not come to India to find their heritage. The dying original Bene-Israel's generation from India will perhaps leave only a distinct memory of the Bene-Israel of India in the books. As by then perhaps no heritage will be remain in Raigad unless they are restored now. And for that generous contribution of money is compulsory.





**Ner Israel Synagogue ,
Ambapur**

Building work at this
synagogue has
resumed under the
president of RJA,
Lawyer Herzl Bhonkar.



Last year
R.J.A had installed a
candle lighting post
at the Elijah Rock's.
We can see that it
has been very
useful for the
visitors coming to
this heritage site.

This year R.J.A
placed a road
direction sign
towards Elijah's
rock.

This is very useful
for visitors who
drive rented cars
to visit Raigad.



Bene-Israel –Canada

Arelia Daniels

[Bene Israel Selichot with Hazzan Joshua Daniels - YouTube](#)



Hazzan Joshua Daniels and Miriam Daniels were each born in Bombay. Ariella is their Torontonion-born daughter. Each had unique experiences, and each shares their stories of different ages and stages in life while reflecting on how they fit into the greater Jewish world. There are stories of prejudice and pride and reclaiming identity. Joshua can be a cantor for prayers in nearly every rite, from Ashkenazi to Bene Israel to Baghdadi. Miriam has found her place within the Jewish community and shares the long history of the Bene Israel of India. Ariella is very involved in integrating Jewish diversity. They, as a family, have found the beauty in the Jewish mosaic and share it with us and wherever they can.

[Reclaiming Identity - Bene Israel Proud: Gail, Sasha, Esther \(google.com\)](#)

My parents and I were also interviewed on a podcast A few other Bene Israelis were as well. It is a very interesting interview of about an hour that you can hear at the link below.

<https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9mZWVkcyc5ibHVicnJ5LmNvbS9mZWVkcyc5yZWNSYWltaW5nX2lkZW50aXR5LnhtbA/episode/aHR0cDovL3d3dy5ibHVicnJ5LmNvbS9yZWNSYWltaW5nX2lkZW50aXR5Lzg4NjA3NzU3L2EtYmVuZS1pc3JhZWwtYWN0aXZpc3QtZmFtaWx5LXR0ZS1kYW5pZWxzLw?sa=X&ved=0CA>

some more interviews with Bene-Israel in links below

The second picture shows our New Year prayer table ready before prayers.

[Reclaiming Identity - From Mumbai to Israel: Aviva, Ronel and Eliana \(google.com\)](#)

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Bene Israel Selichot

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Hazzan Joshua Daniels

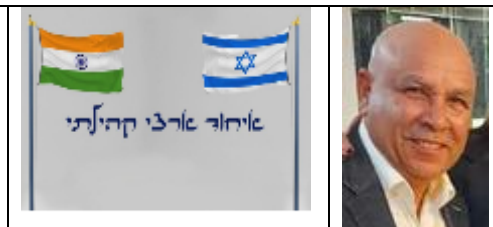
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This group is present in all the cities of Israel where Bene-Israel live. Their interest is to take the local groups from each city and form a united group to push the national agenda of getting more Bene-Israel people in local Municipal offices and the Knesset. Every day they have new meetings.



A message from the community union's spokesman group:

We're on our way with full power and momentum. Yesterday evening a meeting took place at the home of the Chairman of the National Union Mr. Moshe Sugauker to which former minister and future member of the Knesset Miri Regev was invited.

The meeting with the member of parliament Regev took place in a pleasant, warm and personal atmosphere, but nevertheless the meeting was very serious matters with a strong spirit in order to continue the work of the national union.

In the context of the meeting, Regev Knesset member received a review from the spokesman of the organization Mr. Yehuda Shonkar, during which the vision of the National Union was presented regarding preserving the heritage of the Bani community. israel Indians, the union of the community both on the local plateau and on the national plateau. Also, the Regev Knesset member was presented with the broad activity of the national union, goals and needs that must be promoted for the community in the short and long term, and in general it's all about the young generation, the third age, culture and sports, heritage preservation, religion and values.

In the context of the meeting, a special discussion took place with Member of Parliament Regev on

הודעה מאת מערך הדוברות של האיחוד הקהילתי:
יצאנו לדרך במלוא העוצמה ובתנופה
אתמול הערב התקיימה פגישה בביתו של יו"ר האיחוד
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ולעתיד חברת הכנסת מירי רגב.
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במישור המקומי והן במישור הארצי. כמו כן הוצג
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בטווח הקצר והארוך, ובכלל זה כול הקשור לדור
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המורשת, דת וערכים.
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בעניין הקהילה במומביי, נכסים ובתי כנסת להם נדרש
שימור וחזוק, מצב בתי העלמין בהודו וחזוק הקשר
עם בני הקהילה.
במסגרת הפגישה לא הסתיר האיחוד הארצי את
המימד הפוליטי קרי קידום בחירת חבר בן הקהילה



the issue of the community in Mumbai, properties and synagogues that are required preservation and strengthening, the situation of cemeteries in India and strengthening the relationship with the members of the community.

In the context of the meeting, the national union did not hide the political dimension of promoting the election of a member of the community as a member of the Knesset israel

The Knesset Regev member addressed all the issues raised in a practical and respectful way. Within this she promised that she will act and help as much as possible to her God in the promotion and solution of all the issues that were raised. The Knesset member Regev mentioned that when the time comes and when the right fitness hour is created, it will also be implemented to establish the heritage center of the Beni israel

Also achieved the girls in the matter of promoting representatives of the community member in the Israeli Parliament.

The National Union and the Knesset member Miri Regev expect to continue and deepen their cooperation until mutual goals and interests are achieved.

At a meeting with the Regev Knesset member, Mr. Moshe Sugauker - Chairman of the Community Union, Mr. Yaniv Ashtamkar - Secretary of the Union, Mrs. Tzipi says - Legal Counselor, Mr. Raymond Bastaker - Coordinator of the Activists and Activities, Mr. Avner Burfaker - in charge of sports, Mr. Eliyahu Bastaker, members of the Beni Hamansha leadership chairman came together. Cricket in Israel - Mr. Yafet Nagauker and the spokesman of the union The communal Mr. Yehuda Shshunkar. **(Facebook Translation)**

כחבר מן המניין בכנסת ישראל.

חברת הכנסת רגב התייחסה באופן ענייני ובכובד ראש לכול הנושאים שהועלו. בתוך כך הבטיחה כי תפעל ותסייע ככול שיתאפשר לאל ידיה בקידום ופתרון כול הסוגיות שהועלו. חברת הכנסת רגב ציינה כי בבוא העת וכשתיווצר שעת הכושר המתאימה, תפעל זו גם להקמת מרכז מורשת קהילת בני ישראל-יוצאי הודו. כמו כן הושגו הבנות בעניין קידום נציגות של בן הקהילה בפרלמנט הישראלי.

האיחוד הארצי והחברת הכנסת מירי רגב מצפים להמשך והעמקת שיתוף הפעולה בניהם עד להשגת מטרות ואינטרסים הדדיים.

בפגישה עם חברת הכנסת רגב נכחו מר משה סוגאוקר-יו"ר האיחוד הקהילתי, מר יניב אשטמקר- מזכיר האיחוד, גב' ציפי אומר- יועצת משפטית, מר ריימונד בסטקר- רכז הפעילים והפעילויות, מר אבנר בורפקר – האחראי על הספורט, מר אליהו בסטקר, חברי הנהגת בני המנשה יו"ר התאחדות הקריקט בישראל- מר יפת נגאוקר ודובר האיחוד הקהילתי מר יהודה ששונקר.



Australia Solomon Erulkar



It's been a very busy year and was looking for something interesting that I could share with our community. Looked through a lot of documents that my dad collected over the years. He did mention that I should go through them and not discard them. Today I found this newspaper article that was published in 1984 by the Weekend Telegraph.

While this image is just a small part of the full paged article, it covers a lot of information about out Bene Israel Heritage, stories and people from our community that goes back a very long time.

This is also time to wish everyone Shana Tovah. We all pray that 5783 rings Peace and happiness to you all.



Meet Second Generation Beni-Israel

Yochi Moses

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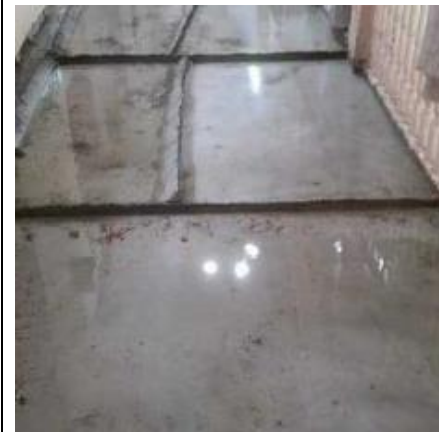


With the fast approaching festivals we are trying to get all repairs done. We have constantly up-dated on the facebook the status of the repairs and how we found new damage that needs immediate repairs. Especially the ladies gallery that could have collapsed.

Recently we were asked if we will be painting and decorating the outside gate and the wall. This will depend on the funds that will remain (if at all) after the essential repairs.

Your donations will help us very much at this stage:

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Viju Penkar's Book Launch in Israel



It is interesting that Viju Penkar launched his Marathi book in Israel in Ashdod through team of Noah Massil and Samuel & Eva Talagaokar, but not for sale. **He distributed them free** with a request that whoever takes the book, they read it. If any was taking the book just to leave it on the bookshelves, then he requested to leave it for some one who would actually read the book.

Eve and Liz administrated the show while Noah, who was the chief guest, gave his thought on the book and on our community. Snacks were served and soft drinks too.

United Bene-Israel Group (Objection)

איחוד קהילתי יצוגי ארצי

The program on 14.8.2022 was organized by following groups mentioned at the bottom



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300,000 NIS

The show made **NIS 300,000** (3000 seats x 100 NIS). Where this money go?

If Ashdod Municipal offered the hall free for the Indian embassy program then why was 100 NIS charged to the citizens? The two artist bought from India were unknown and paid cents.

Instead of charging 20 NIS to the citizens (as in other cities) they were charged 100 NIS. This 300,000 NIS was distributed between **IOBI, IJFC, Indian Embassy, Ashdod city... all those who supported this program.**

The question was asked by the United Bene-Israel Group (איחוד קהילתי יצוגי ארצי).

We had asked the Indian Embassy details on this but they did not reply. Are some few from Indian Embassy getting paid to let locals use their name? Why is Indian Embassy getting involved in local matters?

This misuse of funds / benefits offered to public should be transferred to the citizens and not taken advantage of to make money for personal use. Day light robbers.

פסטיבל הודי אשדודי - 2022

מזיינים 30 שנות כינון יחסי הודי- ישראל
75 שנה לעצמאות הודי

ערב לחווה לטאגדור חלודי
Lata Mangeshkar and Kishore Kumar
חלודי- Vinod Seshadri
חלודי- Swati Chowdhary
בליו נגנים, זמרים ורקדנים הודים

14.8.22
יום א' קבלת פנים החל משעה 18:00
תחילת מופע 19:30
במשכן לאומנויות הבמה באשדוד.
הכניסה להופעה בעלות מסובסדת:
אולם 100 ש"ח | יציע 80 ש"ח

דוכני אוכל הודי
מוזיקה
תלבושות ותכשיטים הודיים
מוזיקה
הודים
תערוכת אמנות ויצירה

Logos of various organizations supporting the program, including IOBI, IJFC, Indian Embassy, Ashdod city, and others.

Bene-Israel in Petah Tikva celebrate Independence day of India with Leora Itzhak

At the "Bollywood" show that took place at the World Center in Petah Tikva as a mark of India's Independence Day

Food stands from the rich, delicious and diverse Indian cuisine, in the bazaar of gorgeous Indian clothes and for dessert and the title and the cherry on top.

The performance of the amazing singer with a unique voice like no other in Israel - singer Liora Itzhak ליאורה יצחק

Thank you for a magical and unforgettable evening
-Yaron Levi



Rezina, Bene-Israel Match making is look for potential partners for following



-Girl 29, 5 years in Israel working -Girl 23, 5 years in Israel working in accounts -Girl 28, wears hearing aid in one ear. -Girl 30 from Ashdod looking for a boy who agrees to settle in Ashdod	-Boy 30 from South Israel, working, only son in the family. - Man 55 living in Israel 30 years never marries looking for partner -Boy 30 from Ahmadabad now in Israel -Man 38, never married	-Divorced man 55 from USA looking for Bene-Israel women - Widow man 66 looking for religious women from USA -Never married Man 60 in Israel for 30 years looking for Marathi speaking -15% dyslexia 32 years old boy	-Divorced man in central Israel 49, children not living with him wants to remarry. Well settled. -Divorced Religious 55 living in central Israel seeks religious women. -Divorced 57 looking for suitable
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Romy Kehimkar on Facebook

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR BENE ISRAEL COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE IN EZOR HETH in ASHDOD.

THE PRAYERS STARTED AT OUR LATE DAD & MOMS HOUSE,BUT NO ONE MENTIONED THIER NAMES AT ALL, BUT ALMIGHTY DID NOT FORGET THEM,BOTH WENT TO HEAVEN ON SATURDAY MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE AAMEN FORGIVE US.



Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue (Gate of heaven) Thane

Samuel Daniel



75th Independence day was celebrated in Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue (Gate of heaven) Thane . Moshe Penkar, Administrative Officer, Science & Technology hoisted the Flag.



Dear members of the community, we are pleased to release the calendar for our Hebrew year 5783 on the first day of the Selichot.



The Selichot was melodiously recited by Mr. Moses Avraham Phansapurkar (Mohel) and about 30 members of the Thane community attended

in person and 35 members join the Selichot broadcast online. Special Thanks to Mr Eli Rahamim Ramrajkar who helped for arranging Zoom



Asiatic Society Library members visited Thane Synagogue (Shaar Hashamaim) to get to know about Jewish History in Thane and their culture. Mrs Bina Ramrajkar, Mr Samson Birwadkar and Mr Samuel Daniel(President) interacted with them. Rav Uri and Mr Moshe Phansapurkar (Mohel) gave religious touch to this interaction.



Mr Moshe Phansapurkar(Mohel) addressing group of members from Asiatic Society Library, explains how we pray and importance of 10 commandments in Jewish life.



Consul General of USA , Mr David J Ranj Jewish by religion, was given a farewell yesterday evening at the Kenneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue by Samuel Daniel , President of Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue along with Mr David Ghosalkar handing over a bouquet on behalf of Thane Jewish Community.

קהילת יוצאי הודו בישראל / The Community of Indian Immigrants in Israel

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13 Jewish Symbols to Know

[13 Jewish Symbols to Know - Essentials \(chabad.org\)](https://www.chabad.org/13-Jewish-Symbols-to-Know-Essentials)

A lit candelabra (usually with several branches) is often used to decorate the grave of a righteous Jewish woman, who was surely particular to light the Shabbat candles in her home every Friday afternoon and on the eve of Jewish holidays.



Planning to visit Dubai in Nov Dec-2022

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דובאי 7 לילות 8 ימים 9-16/11/2022

יום 1: הגעה	9/11/2022
המטעם למסלול התעופה של דובאי, וזה תחילתו של ביקורכם הבלתי נשכח בדובאי. מיד עם סיום הליכי ההגירה והמבסס, פנינו מטעם החברה יחבה לכם באולם הנוסעים וילווה אתכם אל האוטובוס. מהשדה נצא לכיוון ארצות הנהירים ומשם למלון נבצע צ'ק אין. לאחר מנוחה קלה, נצא לסדר קצר להכיר את האזור.	
יום 2: מסגרת דובאי ומוזיאון העתיד	10/11/2022
לאחר ארוחת הבוקר במלון, נתחיל את סיורנו בדובאי פריים, דובאי פריים מסמלת את דובאי המודרנית. דובאי פריים היא שני מגדלים המחברים בקצה על ידי גשר ועל ידי כך נוצרת מסגרת של תמונה לעיר דובאי. מקומות התצפית נוכל להתרשם מהעיר החדשה והישנה משני יידי הנק. עם סיום ביקורנו, נמשיך אל מוזיאון העתיד הממוקם באחד מהמבנים היחודיים ביותר בעולם, זהו אותו ביקור מושלם לחובבי עתידנות, מדע בדיוני וחדושים טכנולוגיים, אותם נוכל לראות באמצעים המתקדמים ביותר כמו מציאות מדומה ודולורמונות. לאחר ארוחת הצהריים נצא אל המבנה הגבוה ביותר בעולם ה"בורג' חליפה" ונעלה אל הקומה ה-124 לתצפית מהממת על העיר ולקראת החשיכה נצא לרחבת המוקפות לצפות במופע מורקוק המים המדהים.	

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* הטיול מותנה במינימום של 20 נוסעים משלמים.

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* מחירי התבילה יכול להשתנות בבמקרה למחירי הטיסה וזמן הטיסה.
* ייתכנו שינויים במחירי הטיול המאורגן.
* ייתכנו שינויים בסדר הביקור באזורים על פי שיקול דעת המדריך.
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* מסיפילס. בע"מ שומרת לעצמה את הזכות לעשות שינויים במסלול, ואינה אחראית על כל ביטול/חזירה בביקור אחר.
* מסיפילס עקב מדי"א, עיכוב בביטויים, עיכוב/הקדמה/ביטול של הטיסה ואזכור עליון.
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14/11/2022
יום 6: גן הפרחים וגלובל וילג'



לאחר ארוחת הבוקר, נצא אל גן הפלאים של דובאי - גן פרחים שנמצא ברובע דובאי-לנד. הגן נפתח ביום האהבה 2013, והוא מתפרש על פני 72 קמ"ר - מה שהופך אותו לגן הפרחים הטבעי הגדול בעולם, המציע מעל 50 מיליון פרחים ו-250 מיליון צמחים. יהיה לכם זמן לצלם תמונות יפהפיות כדי ליצור זיכרונות צבעוניים. עוצרים לארוחת צהריים במסעדה הודית. היעד הבא שלנו הוא הכפר הגלובלי. שם תוכלו לראות תערוכות ממדינות שונות ולקנות מזכרות לביתכם. לאחר ארוחת ערב במסעדה נחזור לבית המלון ללילה.

15/11/2022
יום 7: שוק הזהב והתבלינים, שייט בתעלת דובאי



לאחר ארוחת הבוקר בבית המלון, תפגשו את המדריך שלכם ותמשיכו לסיור בעיר דובאי, שם נחצה את התעלה באמצעות מעבורת (מונית מים) לצד השני ונבקרו בשוק התבלינים ובשוק הזהב שנמצא בקצה העיר העתיקה וארוחת צהריים. בחלקו השני של היום תיהנו משיט בתעלה ומארוחת ערב שבמהלכם תחוו את הקסם של מפרץ דובאי. לא תוכלו להפסיק לצלם כי הנוף פשוט יהיה מרהיב. חזרה למלון ללילה.

16/11/2022
יום 8: עזיבה וחזרה לארץ



ארוחת בוקר בבית המלון. צ'ק אאוט יתבצע עד השעה 11. נצא לעיר בפעם האחרונה... כל מי שלא הספיק, נעשה השלמה של קניות במקומות מוכרים, בגדים, מתנות וממתקים. בשלוש שעות לפני הטיסה נגיע לשדה התעופה משם נטוס בחזרה הביתה עם זיכרונות מתוקים ובלתי נשכחים מאיחוד האמירויות הערביות.

11/11/2022
יום 3: מאדם טוסו וספארי במדבר



לאחר ארוחת הבוקר בבית המלון, ניסע בדרך הנוף של דובאי החדשה הישר לטיח האדום במאדם טוסו, שם נוכל להתחבך עם כל המפורסמים הבינלאומיים תחת קורת גג אחת. לאחר שיתפזר אבק הכוכבים, נצא אל אי התמרים המפורסם שם נעלה על רכבת המונורייל ונחצה לאורכו של האי עד לתחנה האחרונה מלון "אטלנטיס" שהוא מרכז המפארו של אי הדקלים ג'ומרה, אי מלאכותי שממזג האדירים ומקורותיו הפעילים רבים ברחבי העולם. לקראת שעת אחר הצהריים, נצא לטיול ספארי במדבר, יאסמו אתכם רכבי 4x4 ותצאו למסע במדבר דובאי המסתורי. נהבם המנוסה ינהג במיומנות רבה בדיונות ורחבות הידיים, עד שתעצרו בלב המדבר ותזכו בהזדמנות לצלם תמונה מרהיבה של השקיעה המדברית. לאחר מכן, תגיעו למחנה ספארי המדבר לרכיבה מהנה על גמלים, ציורי חניה אמנותיים, עישון כדילה, ארוחת ערב "על האש" אותנטית, מופע ריקודי טאגורה מיסטי, מופע ריקודי בטן מהפנטים ועוד. סיום ספארי המדבר של דובאי יניק לכם הזדמנות לחוויה ערבית ובדואית מלאה בסיור מקיף אחד. עם סיום המופע, נחזור לבית המלון ללילה.

12/11/2022
יום 4: יום חופשי לקניות



אין טיול מושלם בלי יום קניות! לאחר ארוחת הבוקר נצא ליום שופינג ברחבי דובאי, נתחיל את היום באאוטלט דובאי שם נוכל למצוא מותני הלבשה והמעלה במחירים מחלים (יחסית) הנמצא מחוץ לעיר ונחזור לחנויות התבלינים וחטיפים שאנחנו כל כך אוהבים. אנחנו לא נשכח לקנות בחנויות הממתקים ההודים. האוטובוס שלכם ילווה אתכם לאורך כל יום הקניות.

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יום 5: אבו-דאבי



לאחר ארוחת בוקר בבית המלון, נצא מוקדם אל הסיור בבירת איחוד האמירויות הערביות. נתחיל בביקור במסגד הגדול של שייח' זיד, אחד ממסגדות הדת המרכזיות ביותר בעולם וכן אתר לאומי בעל שם עולמי. בניין זה, הבנוי משיש לבן ומרהיב שהובא מכל רחבי העולם מעניק לנו הזדמנות לחזות במריסיס נדירים ומרשימים כגון: הנברשת והשטיח הגדולים ביותר בעולם, וכן מאה שמותיו של אללה חרוטים בחב על פני הקיר הפונה לכיוון מכה. משם נמשיך לעיר אבו-דאבי - מטרופוליס מודרני ומתוכנן היטב, המלא בטרדי שקטים הנישאים אל-על ובמבנים עוצרי נשימה נוספים, כגון מלון ארסון האמירויות וכו'. לאחר ארוחת הצהריים, נחזור לדובאי לפארק בוליווד, שם נחווה הופעות מרהיבות ומתקנים מדליקים ארוחת ערב במסעדה הודית וחזרה לבית המלון....

GPM must immediately raise \$100,000 for its Rural Emergency Response Program to provide emergency services to the tribal district of Mokhada serving 180,000 people.

Residents of the rural villages of Mokhada that GPM serves are currently facing drastic life or death emergency situations as a result of extreme weather. Seasons of long drought are now being followed by intense monsoons that have ushered in harsh flooding, destruction of property, animal attacks, health care shortfalls, and relentless food insecurity.



The Rural Emergency Response Program provides access to food, medicines, and transportation in times of emergency for 180,000 people.

Some of the hundreds of donors:

Eliyahushalom Kolet & Lara Bloch

Kol hakavod on the amazing initiative!

\$54.00

Kayla and Abie

Given in honor of Sarah Gribetz's bday!

\$54.00

Metson Family

Happy Birthday cousin Sarah!

\$100.00

bentzi gribetz rubin

\$180.00



When this young pregnant mother was trapped in her flooded village Gabriel Project Mumbai staff sprung into action and literally carried her to a hospital to give birth to a beautiful twin boy and girl.(Consent given for use of photo)



लोहमखत

मोखाड्यात आजारी महिलेला डोलीतून नेण्याची आली वेळ

पाववाट तुडवत गाठले आरोग्य केंद्र; ग्रामस्थांच्या समर्थकतेमुळे वेळीच उपचार

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Worli Cemetery Maintenance

David Talegaonkar



After the restoration work was completed by Sion Charikar at the Worli cemetery the Maintenance is continued by the Worli Cemetery Committee. The cutting of grass was just completed.

Contribution of 10,000 Rs each from

Viju Penkar,
David Birwadkar
Charikar Babuji
David Talegaonkar

Contributions of 10,000 Rs. each from :

Tiphereth Israel Synagogue,
Magen Hassidim Synagogue ,
Etz Haim Synagogue,
Gate of Mercy Synagogue
Elly Kadoorie School



Gate of Mercy Synagogue after Major Repairs

David Talegaonkar



David Birwadkar is the Trustee of Elly Kadoorie School and also is the Chairman of the Trust Board of Gate of mercy Synagogue. The Trustees and Managing Committee members of Gate of Mercy Synagogue are pleased to inform all our Jewish community members that we will be having the Rosh Ha Shanna prayers in our Synagogue to be conducted by Hazzan David Abraham Pezarkar on Monday the 26th September, 2022. The prayers will commence at 7.00 am. The Tashlik prayers will be held at Ferry Wharf at 5.30 pm on the same evening. Le'Shanna Tova!!



Meeting Mrs. Julie Guedj

ORT's activities in India began in 1960, after the WOU Congress in London approved a proposal to establish an ORT school in Mumbai. Part-time evening courses for draftsmen were started early that year and the ORT India Polytechnic commenced operation in August 1963.

Mrs. Julie Guedj has a manuscript ready for a digital book publication on her husband who was the third director of ORT in India. She is now arranging where the pictures should go.

In her late seventies Julie is active and eager to get the book in its final form. Shaniwar Teli team is trying to find a sponsor to printing her book.

Mr. Joseph Guedj was very much loved by the students of ORT



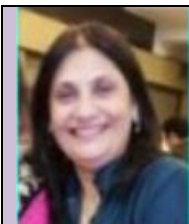
While her visit in Ashdod for an Indian program on independence day of India many students flocked around her. People can especially to meet her. She still seems popular with all the students of ORT, especially the Girl's ORT from Worli. ORT India students are not just in India and Israel but also in most of the major cities of the world thanking ORT for the trade they learned in the ORT schools in Mumbai.

We pray that Julie successfully completes her ambition



We get many many pictures and it is impossible to keep track. We are printing below a “ Kachadi” of several pictures. Enjoy





ORT-India

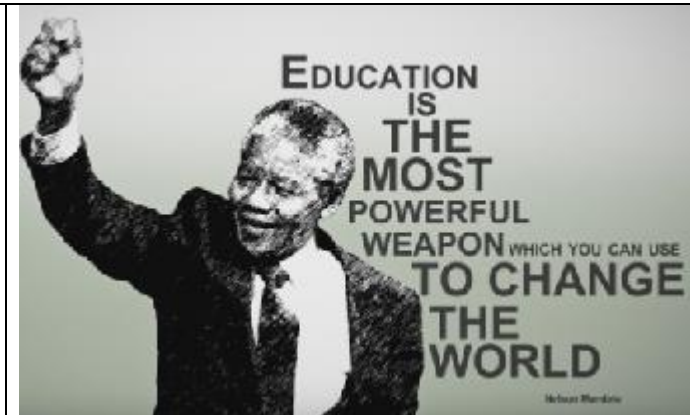
Sivanah D Ashtamkar & Johnny Jhirad



Our Dean has identified a few professional courses which can be done by BSc, B.Com, BA, BMS etc. students part time online. These courses put them on a professional track and they can get ready jobs with good salary almost near to some engineers, much higher compared to what they would otherwise get if they do well in these courses.

They are not very difficult but full focus is required for 6 months to one year. You can do these courses even if you are from engineering or other courses from B or C grade college. You can do these courses even while studying a regular graduation course. For students planning to migrate to Israel also can study these courses to do much better in Israel.

Contact the Dean Ort India **Johnny E Jhirad** through WhatsApp only on **9819137437**.



Dean is also available for Career Guidance and Mentoring to community students as well as working people to progress. Contact details as above.

Ort India conducted three life skills workshops at Worli for different Age groups overall from age 9 to 30+ years which were well received by the participants.

One more such workshop is planned at Thane soon.

Our ORT India educational and online scholarship forms for the year 2022-2023 are uploaded on our website (www.ortindia.org). Ensure to spread the message to maximize the benefits to our student population.

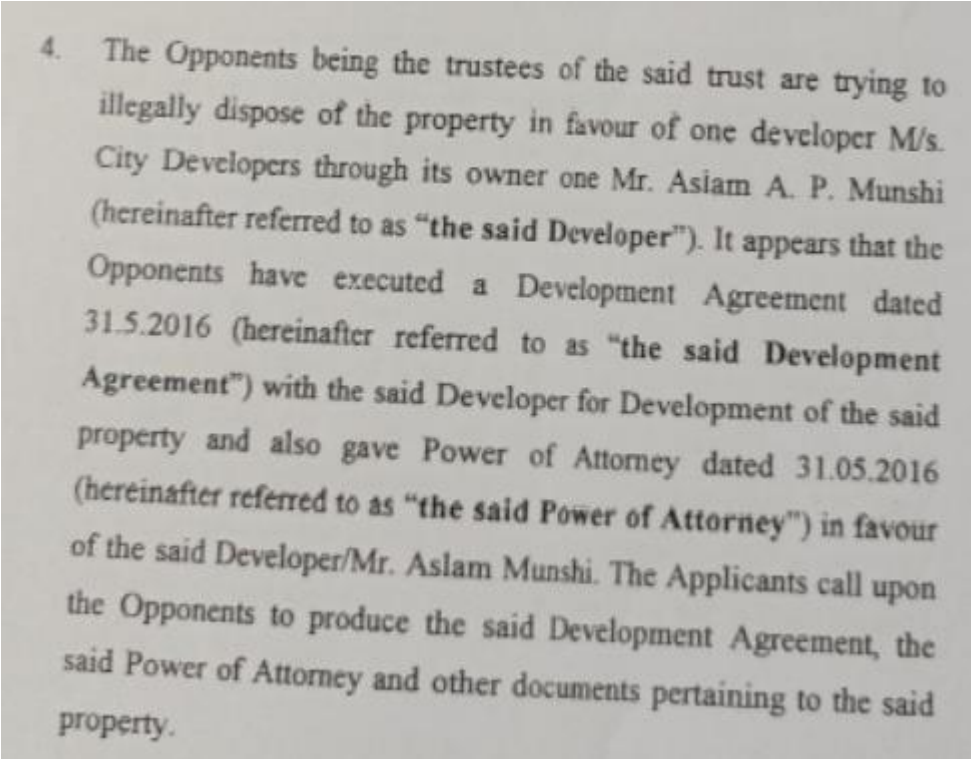
Our Taglit birthright trip for the year 2022-2023 took place in June 2022. It was a huge success, 33 students were benefited from the same. Suitable candidates within the age group 18-26 years should apply for the same.

Johnny E Jhirad ,Dean Ort India
Sivanah D Ashtamkar, Director Ort India

Disputes in the Community

Herzel Simon – Advocate, Thane

In the interest of the Bene-Israel community we would like to update about two major court cases that we are fighting for the community in Panvel.

Panvel cemetery land build to buliding contractors: Plot 210 & 217	Panvel Synagogue land sold to building contractors: Plot 474 and 490
Case: 600/2022 	We were told about this but no documents sent to support it, as yet. Discussion with Mr. Moshe Korlekar From Panvel Synagogue During our discussions with Mr. Korlekar he states that the case is made and the Judge will decide if the claims are valid or fake. We should wait until a decision is given by a Judge. Until a judgment is not made there is no point to come to any conclusions or create false news.

Congratulations

The winners of the essay competition will be announced in the Shaniwar-Teli due on 1.10.2011

ORT-India has sponsored this completion to the value of \$600

	English	Marathi	Hebrew
First	\$100	\$100	\$100
Second	\$50	\$50	\$50
Third	\$50	\$50	\$50

Shaniwar-Teli eNewsletter sincerely thanks ORT India for their support and all the participants. We also thank all the judges for the effort.



ORT-India will contact each winning participant individually to give them their winning amounts or arrange to reach them the same.

All the essays will be digitally printed in a book form and distributed in the community as we distribute Shaniwar-Teli.

There were few interesting ideas discussed in the essay. It will be worthwhile to read them one by one to understand what others think.

Essay Competition Results, Marathi निबंध पूर्णतेचे परिणाम, मराठी

लक्षात घ्या की सर्व न्यायाधीशांना केवळ निबंधाचा क्रमांक मिळाला होता, नाव नाही.



श्री. नोहा मसिल यांचा निर्णय

सहभागी

वाचकहो..

इस्राएल मध्ये हिब्रू, इंग्लिश व मराठी अशा तीन भाषा एकत्रित असलेले "शनिवार तेली"

या नांवाचे हे एक ई-मेल वृत्तपत्र प्रकाशित होत असते. याचा आम्हाला अभिमान आहे.

मागील अंकात प्रकाशकांनी, मराठी भाषिक लेखकांसाठी एक निबंध स्पर्धा जाहीर केली होती. त्याचा विषय "२०१०० साली भारतीय बेने इस्राएल समाज कशा स्तीर्थीत असेल?"

सम्पादक मिस्टर लिऑन डॅनिएल यांनी मला परीक्षक मंडळांत सहभागी होण्याची विनंती केली. ती मी मान्य केली.

Marathi Essays Writers

Number	Name
401	Aviva Medekar Lod
402	सौ.रीना रुबेन जोजफ (बोरगावकर) - गुजरात
403	Elias Daniels – Ashdod
404	Shulmith Moses Gadkar -Thane
405	Daniel Reuben Bamnolkar
406	No Name
407	Shoshanna Kolet, Neral (via Shulmith Kolet)
408	Dorit Ashtamkar – Virar
409	Neomi Bhoropkar - Ashdod
410	Moses Elijah Jacob Korlekar – Panvel
411	Diana Elijah Pingle - Ashdod
412	Rahel Ronen Bhonkar Mumbai

स्पर्धे साठी आलेले सर्व निबंध मी वाचले. या निबंधांत एकही निबंध "दिलेल्या विषयाशी" निगडीत नव्हता. लेखकांनी आपले पूर्वज भारतांत कसे गेले, तेथे त्यांनी धर्म कसा पाळला, प्रार्थनालये कशी बांधली, कोणता व्यवसाय केला. वगैरे माहिती लिहिली आहे. मात्र आपली कल्पना शक्ती वापरून,

आपला बेने इस्राएल समाज भविष्यांत संघटित असेल का ?

आपल्या पुढील पिढ्यांना आपल्या बेने इस्राएल समाजाचा अभिमान वाटेल का ?

भविष्यांत आपल्या पुढील पिढ्यांचे विवाह, ज्यांचे पूर्वज युरोप, अमेरिका, इथियोपिया व अरब राष्ट्रांतून आलेले असतील यांच्याशी होणार. तेव्हा त्यांची मुले, आपले पूर्व वंशज कोण हे कसे सांगणार ?

अशा अनेक प्रश्नांवर आपले विचार केंद्रित करून स्पर्धकांना निबंध लिहिता आले असते.

एक परीक्षक म्हणून माझा हा निर्णय मी "शनिवार तेली"च्या सम्पादकांना कळवीत आहे.

ते इतर परीक्षकांचे निर्णय सुद्धा विचारांत घेऊन निकाल जाहीर करतील. अशी आशा करतो.

आपलाच - नोहा मस्सील , सम्पादक "मायबोली" त्रय मासिक, इस्राएल.

Marathi: Judge Mr. Noah Massil's decision

In Israel, an e-mail newspaper called "Shanivar Teli" is published in Hebrew, English and Marathi. We are proud of it.

In the previous issue, the publishers had announced an essay competition for Marathi speaking writers. His topic was "How will the Indian Bene Israel society be in the year 2122?". Editor Mr. Leon Daniel requested me to join the panel of reviewers. I accepted it.

I read all the essays submitted for the competition. None of these essays were related to a "given topic". The authors have told how their ancestors went to India, how they practiced religion there, how they built prayer halls, what business they did. The information is written. But using our imaginations, will our Bene Israel society be organized in the future? Will our future generations be proud of our Bene Israel community?

In the future, our future generations will be married to people whose ancestors came from Europe, America, Ethiopia and Arab countries. Then how will their children tell who are their ancestors?

Contenders could have written essays focusing their thoughts on many such questions. As an examiner I am conveying this decision to the editors of "Shanivar Teli". They will announce the results taking into consideration the decisions of other examiners as well. Hope so.

Yours - Noah Masil, Editor "MyBoli" Trio Magazine, Israel.

מאראתי: החלטת השופט מר נח מסיל

בישראל יוצא לאור עיתון דואר אלקטרוני בשם "שניוואר טלי" בעברית, אנגלית ומראתית. אנחנו גאים בזה.

בגיליון הקודם הכריזו המו"לים על תחרות חיבורים לכותבים דוברי מאראתי. הנושא שלו היה "איך תהיה חברת בני ישראל היהודית בשנת 2122?". העורך מר ליאון דניאל ביקש ממני להצטרף לפאנל הסוקרים. קיבלתי את זה.

קראתי את כל המאמרים שהוגשו לתחרות. אף אחד מהמאמרים הללו לא היה קשור ל"נושא נתון". המחברים סיפרו כיצד אבותיהם נסעו להודו, כיצד הם תרגלו שם דת, כיצד בנו אולמות תפילה, איזה עסק הם עשו. המידע כתוב. אבל באמצעות דמיוננו, האם חברת בני ישראל שלנו תתארגן בעתיד? האם הדורות הבאים שלנו יהיו גאים בקהילת בני ישראל שלנו?

בעתיד, הדורות הבאים שלנו יהיו נשואים לאנשים שאבותיהם הגיעו מאירופה, אמריקה, אתיופיה ומדינות ערב. אז איך הילדים שלהם יגידו מי הם אבותיהם.

המתמודדים היו יכולים לכתוב מאמרים הממקדים את מחשבותיהם בשאלות רבות כאלה. כבוחן אני מעביר החלטה זו לעורכי "שניוואר טלי". הם יודיעו על התוצאות תוך התחשבות בהחלטותיהם של בוחנים אחרים גם כן. מקווה שכן.
שלך - נח מסיל, עורך מגזין שלישיית "MyBoli", ישראל.

Both above translations are Google translation.

Essay Competition Results, English

Note that all the judges received only the number of the essay and not the name.



Judge: Mr. Johnny Jhirad, Dean ORT-India

Participants

The final four noteworthy Essay numbers are 101, 103, 105 and 106. These essays are found noteworthy doesn't mean that the judge or Shaniwar-Teli agrees with all points in the essays.

Maximum focus was on the topic of essay viz. future of Bene Israel in the next 100 years as it was the main criteria. Couple of essays were too short to be consider. Many Essays dwelled about the Bene-Israel past and present with usual crying or boasting about the community and talked very briefly, just one or two points about future of the community.

Essay 101. This Essay describes the future of Bene Israel in India and a vision for 2122 in a positive optimistic tone. Though, how to go about achieving it is not put across, it's a good contribution.

Essay 103. This Essay focuses on the practical day to day aspects of life of BI people in future. Talks about it in a positive point of view. Aspects discussed are to do with professions of BI in future, their trade between India and Israel, food, yoga, Ayurveda, Bollywood and radio in Israel.

English Essay 12 Essays received (Revised 17/7/2022)

Name /Details	Number
Lebana Penkar – India	101
Yafeth Uziel Elijah Pingle	102
Simha David –Israel	103
Benny Walter	104
SAMSON ELIS JACOB - Israel	105
Dr. Reuben Daniel Pezarkar –India	106
Ora Samson	107
Jenny Samson	108
Solomon Euralkar	109
Leo Daniels	110
Anonymous	111
Ellen Daniels	112
Dr.Yonatan Solomon Kharilkar, Thane	113

The Judge has decided not to rank the essays but to choose those essays that were close to the topic given. Each winner will be awarded \$50.00 each (distributing \$ 200 into four).

Congratulations

Lebana Penkar - India \$ 50.00	Simha David - Israel \$ 50
Samson Jacob –Israel \$50.00	Ruben Daniel –India \$ 50

אנגלית: החלטת השופט מר ג'וני ג'יראד

ארבעת מספרי החיבור האחרונים הראויים לציון הם 105, 103, 101 ו-106. חיבורים אלה נמצאים ראויים לציון אין זה אומר שהשופט או שניוואר-טלי מסכימים עם כל הנקודות במאמרים.

ההתמקדות המרבית הייתה בנושא של מאמר ו. עתידה של בני ישראל ב-100 השנים הבאות, שכן זה היה הקריטריונים העיקריים. כמה מאמרים היו קצרים מכדי להיחשב. מסות רבות התעכבו על העבר וההווה של בני ישראל בבכי או בהתפארות הרגילה על הקהילה ודיברו בקצרה רבה, רק נקודה אחת או שתיים על עתיד הקהילה.

מסה 101. מאמר זה מתאר את עתידה של בני ישראל בהודו ואת החזון לשנת 2122 בנימה אופטימית חיובית. אם כי, איך ללכת על השגת זה לא מועבר, זה תרומה טובה.

חיבור 103. מאמר זה מתמקד בהיבטים המעשיים היומיומיים של חייהם של אנשי BI בעתיד. מדבר על זה מנקודת מבט חיובית. ההיבטים הנדונים קשורים למקצועות ה-BI בעתיד, לסחר שלהם בין הודו לישראל, לאוכל, ליגה, לאירועים, לבוליווד ולרדיו בישראל.

इंग्रजी : न्यायाधीश जॉनी झिराड यांचा निर्णय

शेवटचे चार उल्लेखनीय निबंध क्रमांक 101, 103, 105 आणि 106 आहेत. हे निबंध उल्लेखनीय आढळतात याचा अर्थ असा नाही की न्यायाधीश किंवा शनिवार-तेली निबंधातील सर्व मुद्द्यांशी सहमत आहेत.

पुढील १०० वर्षांत बेने इस्रायलचे भविष्य या निबंधाच्या विषयावर जास्तीत जास्त लक्ष केंद्रित केले गेले कारण तो मुख्य निकष होता. दोन निबंध विचार करण्यासारखे खूपच लहान होते. अनेक निबंधांमध्ये बेने-इस्राएल भूतकाळ आणि वर्तमानकाळाबद्दल नेहमीचे रडणे किंवा समुदायाबद्दल बढाई मारणे आणि अगदी थोडक्यात, समुदायाच्या भविष्याबद्दल फक्त एक किंवा दोन मुद्द्यांवर चर्चा केली गेली.

निबंध १०१. या निबंधात भारतातील बेने इस्रायलच्या भविष्याचे आणि सकारात्मक आशावादी स्वरात २१२२ च्या स्वप्नाचे वर्णन केले आहे. जरी, ते कसे साध्य करावे हे समोर ठेवले जात नाही, परंतु हे एक चांगले योगदान आहे.

निबंध १०३. हा निबंध भविष्यात बीआय लोकांच्या जीवनाच्या व्यावहारिक दैनंदिन पैलूंवर लक्ष केंद्रित करतो. त्याबाबत सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोनातून बोलतो. भविष्यात बीआयचे व्यवसाय, भारत आणि इस्रायल यांच्यातील त्यांचा व्यापार, अन्न, योग, आयुर्वेद, बॉलिवूड आणि इस्रायलमधील रेडिओ यांच्याशी संबंधित पैलूंवर चर्चा केली गेली आहे.

Both above translations are Google translation.

Essay Competition Results, Hebrew

תוצאות השלמת החיבור, עברית

שימו לב שכל השופטים קיבלו רק את מספר החיבור ולא את השם.

Note that all the judges received only the number of the essay and not the name.



ד"ר ריקי שי

חוץ משני החיבורים הראשונים שבאמת היו חיבורים כמו שצריך לצערי החיבורים האחרים היו יותר סיפור אישי/ או מחשבה פחות חיבור.

לדעתי הנושא מעורר מחשבה לגביי הקהילה שלנו ואיך באמת לגרום לקהילה להחדיר את התרבות והמסורת לחברה הישראלית (למרות שהיה חיבור אחד מאוד פסימי בנושא). אכן נושא חשוב שראוי לתת עליו את הדעת. בהצלחה לכולם...

1st- 1006 Moshe Charikar - \$100.00

2nd - 1004 Yaniv Ashtamkar- \$50.00

3rd -1005 Avichi Bhastakar- \$50.00

Apart from the first two essays that were really proper essays, unfortunately the other essays were more of a personal story and/or thought less connections.

In my opinion, the issue is thought provoking about our community and how to really get the community to implant culture and tradition into Israeli society (even though there was one very pessimistic essay on the subject). Good luck to everyone... Winners: 1006, 1004 and 1005

पहिल्या दोन निबंधांव्यतिरिक्त जे खरोखरच योग्य निबंध होते दुर्दैवाने इतर निबंध वैयक्तिक कथेचे अधिक होते आणि / किंवा कनेक्शनचा विचार कमी केला गेला होता.

माझ्या मते, हा मुद्दा आपल्या समुदायाबद्दल आणि या समुदायाला खरोखरच इच्छायली समाजात संस्कृती आणि परंपरा रुजवण्यास कसे भाग पाडायचे याबद्दल विचारप्रवर्तक आहे (जरी या विषयावर एक अत्यंत निराशावादी निबंध होता).

सर्वाना शुभेच्छा... विजेते : १००६, १००४ आणि १००५

Google Translations

משתתף

Congratulations

Name	Number
Elizabeth Binyamini	1001
שם: אנונימי	1002
Izaya Ashtemker	1003
Yaniv Ashtamkar	1004-Second
Avichi Bhastakar	1005-Third
מתן שריקר Charikar	1006-First

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

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