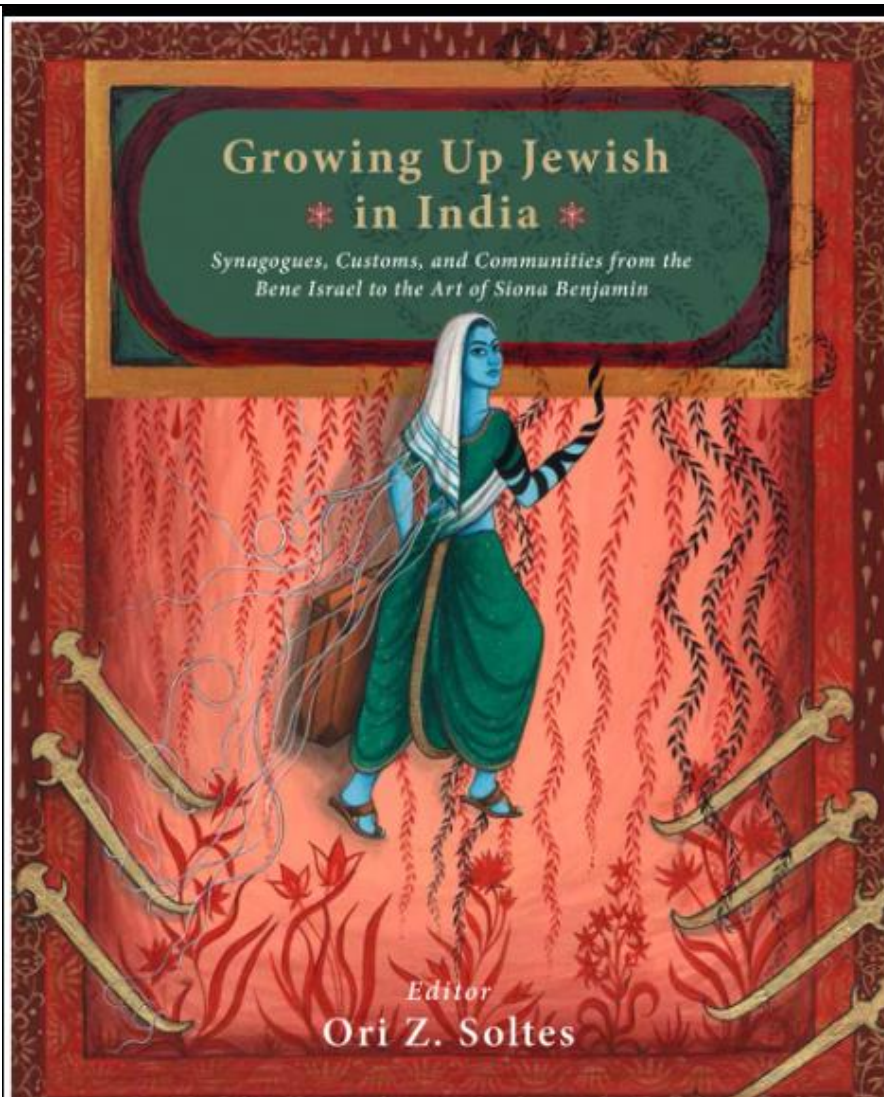




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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

We at Shaniwar Teli wish to thank Mr. Nissim Moses and Rav Divekar for their unfathomable support. We also wish all our readers A Happy Jewish New Year 5782.

I would also like to thank all our writers for their efficient and professional work and it is a pleasure publishing their articles. However being able to discuss sensitive and controversial issues in a respectful way is a vital skill in a democratic society. We do not criticize ideas, nor people or a group of people.

The outbreak of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has created a global health crisis that had a deep impact on the way we perceive our world and our everyday lives. This virus also required social and physical distancing preventing us from finding solace in the company of others.

As we approach Hanukkah the "Festival of Lights" there is a ray of hope that all travel restrictions will be removed and we will meet our family and friends.

The Jewish New Year has already helped us to get over this health crises.

Dr. Shulmith Solomon



Letter from the Newsletter creator

Dear Readers,

Morning after Simchat Tora as I entered a bakery I noticed donuts!! (sufganiyot). In Israel donuts disappear after Chanukah and re-appear few weeks before the festival.



Hanukkah In
Israel: Candles...



US olim enjoy first sufganiya in Israel

To me each year this re-appearing of donuts illustrations; optimism hope cheerfulness confidence and assurance that God is with us and future will always be more beautiful.

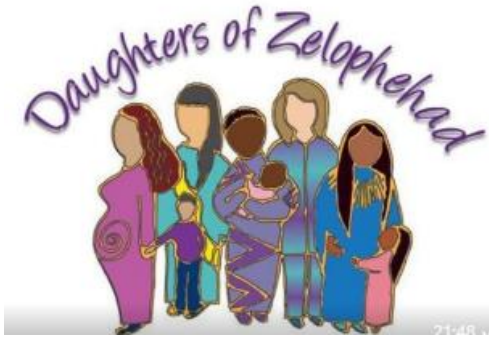
**The festival of lights always brings with it
magic and marcel's!**

Wishing our mother country Happy Diwali
Wishing all members of the Bene-Israel
Community Happy Chanukah.

Elijah (Leo) Daniels Walwatkar



Letters & Corrections



Q. What property did Zelophehad had that his 5 daughters claimed while they were still outside the promised land? -

Rachel Benjamin

Reply by:
Jeremiah (Jerry) Kolet



Very good question.

Zelophehad died during the 40 years wandering his four daughters were worried as there was no man in their family, they will not be granted and any property when they will reach Israel. So Moshe ruled that the land belongs to tribe, so daughters who inherit will have to marry in the tribe.

Unmarried daughters and those who marry to other tribe forfeit their portion. *(Please also see next page).*



On 4 Aug. 2021 we received a video recorded message to contact a number to appeal against a building being built in Panvel on BI cemetery.



We spoke to Mr. Sogokar who was concerned that a building was being built on our cemetery.

We then checked this matter with the Panvel Synagogue Trustees and got the following clarification:

The Jewish cemetery **plot is # 217** and **no one** is building there.

The Muslim Darga is on **plot # 210** that does not belong to Jews. The building will be built in this plot
Please see the map below (next page) to understand better.



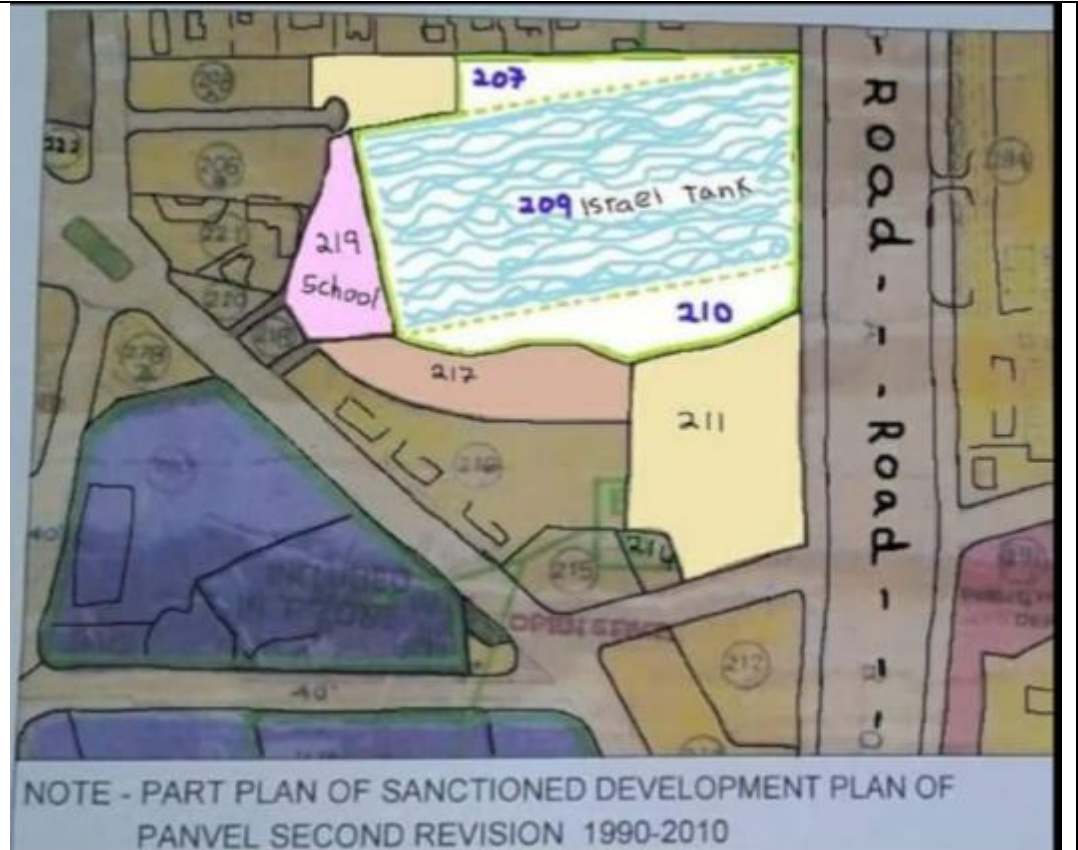
Dear Leo,
The Lake, or Israel - pond is on plot No. 209. Protection Wall is there to protect the lake (pond). No one can construct building there. Hindu Temple is on plot no.207. It will take some time to find out the ownership of plot no. 209 and 207.

It is confirmed from Panvel Municipal Office that the Tower (building) is being constructed on Plot no. 210, which belongs to Muslim Shubhansha Darga Trust. Our Jewish Cemetery plot Number is 217. I think this information is sufficient.

If anyone wants to confirm, he/she is welcome to visit site and Municipal Office.

Blessings from BETH EL SYNAGOGUE, Panvel.

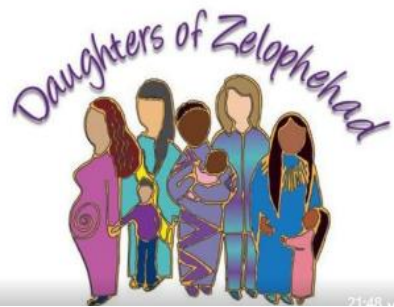
Moses Korlekar



Message on 28 Aug. 2021 from Mr. Moshe Korlekar

Dear Leo brother.

Now all the documents are obtained from Government of India. Plot Number s 207-209 and 210 does not belongs to any Jewish group. Plot Number. 207 belongs to Datt Mandir. Plot Number 209 (Israel Lake) belongs to Government and Plot Number 210 belongs to Muslim Darga Trust. Only Plot Number 217 belongs to our JEWISH CEMETARY TRUST Panvel. **Our Plot is totally safe.** Any one desire to inspect the documents is welcome to visit Beth El Synagogue Panvel with prior appointment with the President: 8879054676 or Secretary: 9820972218.

 Daughters of Zelophehad Reply by: Jeremiah (Jerry) Kolet	The theme of Parashat Pinchas is inheritance. • leadership passed to Joshua, • priesthood earned by Pinchas and • Land demand by daughters of Zelophehad. Each one a non-standard case. • Joshua is not Moshe's son. • Pinchas is not eldest Cohen and • Zelophehad has only daughters.	By giving these unique cases the Torah teaches us how every case needs specific focus. eg. The land belongs to tribe so daughters who inherit will have to marry in the tribe. Unmarried daughters and those who marry to other tribe forfeit their portion; teaches us how every case needs specific focus.
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One of our team members ex-Mr. Abraham Samson Mabgaokar from Canada requested the following correction. Our replies are in blue print. Dear Mr. Daniels, Re: the July 2021 issue, I request you to issue a correction in your next newsletter. We had discussed this, you wanted a formal email, so here it is :  Mazal Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Mabgaokar on wedding Anniversary	Yes, we agree. It was printed as a gift for your wedding anniversary from the Shaniwar Teli team. To keep the surprise element we did not ask for the permission. Sorry about that. The intentions were good. 2. On Page # 57 , the 3 types of information published are wrong. (1) Israel's B.I Indian Jewish population is NOT 30,000. It is much more, nearly 80,000. You should know better (2) Canada's B.I Indian Jewish population is NOT 25,000. Wrong. It is about 1,000 approx.. I had written about this in your earlier issue. We requested Mr. Mabgaokar to send supporting evidence for his claim but he did not send us any data. We will only be happy to get some official data. We have used data that we have.	3. Also, you said there are no B.I. Indian synagogues in Canada. Wrong. We have one. Again, I had written about it in your earlier issue. I had published numerous photographs, which you know. As per our information there is no Bene-Israel synagogue. There is Ashkenazi Synagogue where Bene-Israel's community is given a separate room for about 100 people for Shabbat prayers and about 25 High Holy Days on payment of membership. Your pictures were from this synagogue. I look forward to this Thank you & Regards Abraham Samson
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Page 8 and 63 on IOBI is the last issue

We received few message through personal phone calls informing us that few IOBI management members were not happy about our remarks on IOBI.

The Shaniwar Teli sends a request to all the BI groups / synagogues to send us the last three months activity. All of them reply except IOBI though we send our request to John Perry, Sharona Varulkar and Yafa Gupta.

Since we don't get any official response we use information we receive from IOBI members who also enjoy reading Shaniwar Teli. All that appeared on page 8 and 63 are words of IOBI members who don't want their names to be mentioned (they feel it may not be taken in the correct sprit and they may be removed from the IOBI chat group.

Conflict of Interest

IOBI

We had received the letter published below during early July. We had a conflict at Shaniwar Teli if we should publish this letter, especially as it was coming from IOBI for IOBI by IOBI.

We all personally know the wonderful person who finally forwarded this letter to us but wants to remain anonymous because the person feels the message is important for betterment of the community, not who wrote it.

The members claim this letter is signed by 41 members of IOBI (including some management members) and is writer for the betterment of the IOBI administration to help Bene-Israel community. They claim they have raised this issue with John Perry but there has been no heed from him.

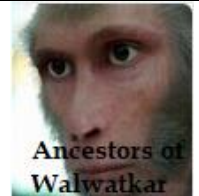
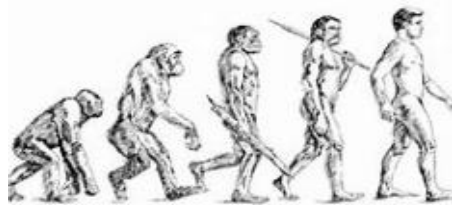
So after much discussion at Shaniwar Teli we thought it was only correct to print this letter as the writers had placed trust in Shaniwar Teli to pass this message to John Perry or to all IOBI members.

We have been always saying that IOBI, since 2017 is behaving just as a chat group and not taking any initiative to help Bene-Israel community; which was the only reason John Perry has initiated forming this group at age 70.

Now after reading this letter about IOBI's history and how things were done (that no one would know except IOBI members) they have to take some serious decisions.

We sent this letter to John Perry in July. So far we have not heard from him.

Darwin theory of evolution as applied to Bene-Israel



Letter received in July 2021 from some members of IOBI. Forwarded to John Perry in July.

To: Shaniwar Teli e-Newsletter, Dear Shulmith You write about IOBI in last Shaniwar Teli and we are some members of IOBI who completely agree with you that IOBI has no interest in doing anything for our community. They don't even know what to do. You should know some background facts about IOBI; We community members in India helped John Perry form the IOBI as it had a aim to help Bene-Israel's who need help. What are it's achievements in the last three years after we had the world conference in Mumbai in December 2017. Zero. Not a single person was ever helped. Perry sir? Where are you? After the function in India it was decided that the next International Jewish conference would be in Israel in June 2018. Hence, all the reins were handed over to the Israeli counterparts; just for this reason. No one appointed officially any one as President of IOBI. It was actually given to Benny Benjamin as he is a travel agent. No one understood why and how reins was passed on to Yaffa Gupta (married to a non-Jewish person) and was appointed the President. She is not connected to the community and has no leadership capabilities. She has never done anything for the community. What are the credentials of Yaffa to be the Chairperson of IOBI? Perry sir? Where	are you? How did you allow this? They arranged for two fund raising programmers but they did not do what they promised. Where are the accounts of monies collected. Where has the money gone? In whose pocket? Perry sir? Where are you? Community members were not helped when the Jewish Agency removed their office which created so much mess. People had sold their homes and had nowhere to go while IOBI kept sleeping. Many wrote to IOBI with no help. During COVID time not a single family was helped by IOBI while they come begging for donations. Perry sir? This was your idea? There are people in IOBI who are ready to occupy executive posts but are not ready to work. We have the Elly Kadoorie School, the Jewish Cemetery the Old Synagogue and also the Bene Israel Education Fund but IOBI did not help at all. Where are the fund's they raised? Where are the accounts? IOBI is a defunct redundant body. What is its constitution? What are the aims and objectives? These good for nothing representatives; have they won a single election to any Jewish institution. Who gave them positions?	The IOBI magazine, what is its purpose when IOBI has no functions or activities. For storytelling? Who reads it? It is a Bene-Israel magazine but the last magazine had front picture of a Bagdadi Jew? Why? No archivers amongst Bene-Israel's? We don't agree with this. Who gave them this permission to publish in our behalf us Bene-Israel? There are many Bagdadi Jewish publications. In the same issue on page 17 Sherona Varulker writes about Bene-Israel Jews marrying Now-Jewish and not getting help. What is the percentage of Bene-Israel marrying non-Jews? It is a very small percentage. Just because her friend Yaffa is married a non-Jew, Varulker cannot use our this platform of Bene-Israel's to raise this issue and blame Israel government. We strongly object to this kind of Editorship and request she be released from this responsibility. And who gave her this responsibility without an elected management committee choosing the positions. Please stop all issue until a proper team is selected who can represent the Bene-Israel's in proper way. We Bene-Israel are orthodox Jews. Those who are not can go to the reform Jews, Chistian Jews, Hindu Jews and Muslim Jews.
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If it as a magazine for all IOBI then it should have writers from all the countries and topics related to Bene-Israel. No one wants to be told if to make Aliya or no. It is every one's personal issue. No need to blackmail members in name of God to immigrate. They claimed in IOBI Magazine that they have register in Israel as NGO but they don't give any information of what is the registration number or who all went to open the NGO (we heard only Yaffa's family and relatives opened this NGO as 12 people are required). Why? If we would send this message in IOBI we will be removed from the chat group. Anyone who demands IOBI change & work for the community is removed from the IOBI. But we need to correct all the mistakes done so far. If John Perry wants his IOBI to revive and live to his dreams to help the community; he should agree that so far officially no one has decided the positions of the management and no one agrees that reins should be only Israel in Israel. The management should be elected every three years. Signed by 41 members of IOBI. (no reply was received from Mr. John Perry or IOBI).	Responses on Phones & Whatapp on last Shaniwar Teli issue Shylee Marathi Magazine Pages 14-18 They called to thank ST for the article and the pictures included. They found it a nice articles and well represented. There were no mistakes too in the Marathi matter. The Shaare Ratzon Synagogue Page 23 Sinora Kolatkar pointed out that all the inside pictures of the synagogue were correct but the outside image is not for the same synagogue. We apologize and will correct it in this issue. Bene Israel-Halacha Yomit Page: 11 There was a mistake about contact details and we will be correcting it in the current issue. Magen Hassidim, Mumbai Page: 77 John Perry informed us he was not able to transfer payment as there may be mistake in the account details. We checked with Ronen Bhonkar, the Hon. Secretary of the Synagogue. He claimed the information was correct as they were receiving money regularly as donations. Name of Account Magen Hassidim Synagogue Estate Trust A/c No.: 005910210000019 Bank: Bank of India Branch : Jacob Circle Account Type: Saving IFSC Code. BKID00000059	Responses on Phones & Whatapp on last Shaniwar Teli issue An Excellent publication covering a wide variety of subjects and permitting the expression of a wide variety of opinions of a broad spectrum of persons. One may both agree with another's opinion but it much be healthier to have that opinion expressed and debated than to stifle it as more research with right tools and by the right people has always resulted in improvement of our knowledge on the subject. What is more important is that You as a Team are Strengthening & often rebuilding the Bonds between all the widely Internationally dispersed Bene Israel Community. I congratulate the Shaniwarteli Team of Such a Fine Job. Regards Nissim Moses Historian Indian Jewish Heritage & Bene Israel Genealogy Research (We thank Mr. Nissim Moses for always encouraging us and guiding & helping us in all the historical and other confusions).
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Shanwar Teli was forwarded a link that out Panvel Cemetery was ***under investigation by the police***. Follow the link above the pictures. On investigating we understood the police actually was there for protection due to threats during the Jewish festivals.

To protect our Jewish Cemetery in Panvel, our committee wanted to construct compound wall. But our own Jewish 2 persons dosent want to give credit to our committee. त्यांनी कॉन्ट्रॅक्टर याला कंपौंडचे काम करायला दिले नाही. त्या 2 लोकांना पनवेल पोलिसांनी बोलावले आहे. परंतु ते पोलिस ऑफिसर समोर येत नाही. After rainy season, Police will give protection to construct compound wall to protect our Jewish Cemetery. After constructing compound wall, photographs will be sent to you.

Municipal Commissioner has approved plan and Collector and Charity Commissioner has granted permission letter to construct compound wall. All permission documents are kept in the office. Anyone can visit and see the documents. Dear Leo brother, please convey this message to all in Israel. Thanks.

The two persons lost the election of Beth El Synagogue Panvel. Our committee won the election. म्हणून ते आमच्या सर्व चांगल्या कामांत आडकाठी आणतात. त्यांच्या विरोधात महाराष्ट्र सरकारने केस केलेली आहे. त्यांना नोटीस बजावली आहे. त्या दोघांनी आपल्या बेथ एल प्रार्थना लयाचे 80 लाख रुपयांची अफरातफर केली आहे. आणि Sefer Torah ची सोन्याची काडी 8 तोळ्याची विकून टाकली आहे. बेथ एल प्रार्थना लयच्या पाच सहा जमिनी विकून पैसे खिशात टाकले आहेत. कोर्टाची पुढील तारीख 6 ऑक्टोबर 2021 आहे. सरकारने स्वतः त्यांचे विरुद्ध केस टाकली आहे. त्या दोघांची नावे 1) सायमन डिघोरकर, 2) निस्सीम पालकर. ही नावे सरकारी नोटिसा प्रमाणे आहेत. हे दोघे पूर्वी बेथ एल कमिटी मध्ये होते. सर्वांना कळुदे.

Below are the supporting documents.

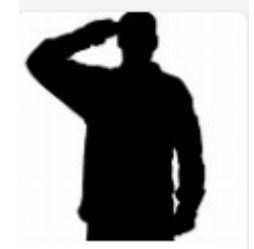
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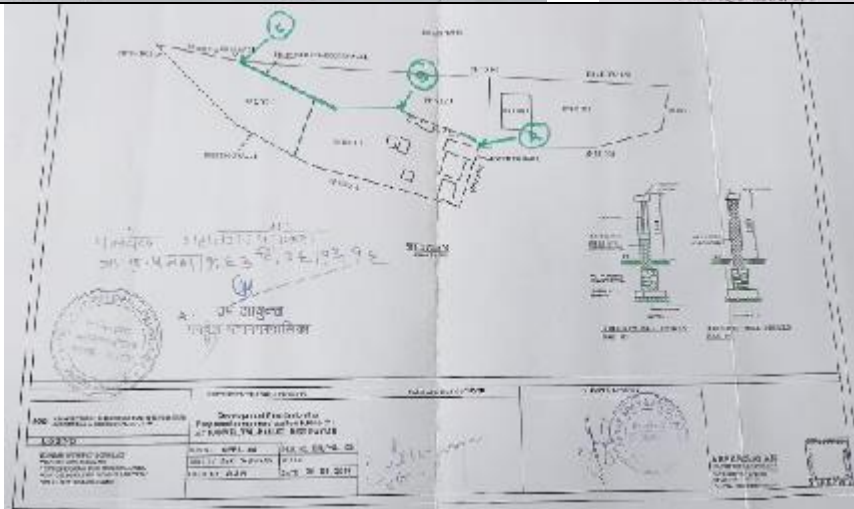
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We at Shaniwar Teli appreciate very much the work done for the Bene-Israel community by Mr. Moses Koletkar in Panvel.



प्रति,
वरिष्ठ पोलीस निदेशक,
पुणे पोलीस ठाणे



28 जानेवरी 2021 इस तारीख को कोर्ट का जजमेंट आया है. जजमेंट हमारे कमिटी के फेवरमे हे. इंडियामे आकर जजमेंट कॉपी देख सकते हो. झुटा कौन है, ये अपने आंखोसे देख लेना. बेथ एल प्रार्थना लय मे पहले सायमन दिघोदकर व निस्सीम पालकर ये दोनो कमिटी मेंबर थे. ये दोनोने बेथ एल प्रार्थना लय का 8000000 / - अस्सी लाख रुपयांचा गफला किया है. Sefer Torah ki सोनेकी काडी 8 तोला वजनकी गायब करदी. आपको विनंती करते की उन दोनोसे अपने बेथ एल प्रार्थना लय के पैसे व सोने की काडी वसूल करणे. थॅन्क्स.

Court has already given judgment on 28 January 2021. Please convey my message to Moshe Sogavkar. The judgement is in favour of our committee of Beth El Synagogue panvel. If he Mr. Moshe is so interested, let him visit India, and attend our Synagogue.



We received the following message on 27.10.21 after we released the highlights of this issue.

Yafet Pingle:



Hello shalom This is Yafeth Uziel Elijah Pingle please let me know what exactly you want to inform

us by this article by what is police doing in Panvel cemetry who are you and what is your status and position in our Bene Israellie Community for I'm the active member of Bene Israellie Community here in Israel you are staying in Israel and you are giving us half news about a certain matter I would like to know from where you get these news what is the reality. What is you aim to collect information from is or to give is information???

Moses Korlekar, Panvel



Police are providing protection for construction of compound wall to protect our Jewish Cemetery.

All information given to you (displayed above) are true and correct. You may tell them to contact Beth El Synagogue panvel comitée members for more details. All papers are available. Dear Leo brother, you are doing good job. Many people will trouble you. Please ignore obstacles, and do your job. God is with you. Blessings from BETH EL SYNAGOGUE Panvel.

Shaniwar Teli Comments:

We have noticed most of the conflicts in our community are mainly due to misunderstandings.

It may be better to first find the details on documents and only then object.

As we see in Yafet's letter he is already blaming Shaniwar Teli (that is only a newsletter) perhaps at the instigation of others who want to fire by keeping the gun on his shoulders.

Either find the facts before you write or ask, us without blaming any one, and we will reply you in the newsletter with all the facts we have.

Winners of the Completions

No one participated in these two completions so there were no winners.

What is the religion of God?

Send your one line answer to shaniwarteli@gmail.com to win \$100

Winner will be one person who can imagine the best answer decided by the present giver.



MARS



When will we be living on Mars and How?

Write an article and win \$ 100, 200/300 words

Send to shaniwarteli@gmail.com by Sept.1, 2021



AliBaug or Elibaug

Dear Shulmith,

Thank you for the very interesting article on the origin of the name of the city Elibaug and Alibaug.

Some of us do agree with the author that the original city could have been Elibaug. There were about 300 Bene-Israel prayer halls in Raigad, most of which have vanished into some obscure names. With the formations of Israel, during last 70 years thousands of Bene-Israel left Raigad, never thinking of the rich heritage they left behind. Bene-Israel Heritage was of no significance then.

It was much later during 70's and 80's that some educated Bene-Israel community members realized there was a heritage necessary. This was when the memorial at Navgao cemetery was erected. But beyond that, nothing more was done to preserve Bene-

Israel Heritage.

No museums in India or Israel (till today). Our cemeteries are in shambles and our synagogues eroding to the weather and lack of funds. Immigrated Bene-Israel are unable to get together to unitedly collect funds to preserve their own heritage.

Know this miserable community attitude
We would request the author Maxcin Moses to leave Elisha alone.



In hands of Muslims this place is graced and deco20rated. If Muslim's will leave because it declared a Bene-Israel property, it will become wreckage with no care taker.

Unless Raigad government does not agree to preserve Bene-Israel heritage for its own profit by attracting Jewish tourists, there is no hope for preserving any of the Bene-Israel heritage using Bene-Israel funds.

Few years ago there was a talk about creating a Bene-Israel Route / Jewish Route covering the Bene-Israel and Bagdadi Jews heritage sites with overnight stay in Alibaug for all the Jews in the world. If our Bene-Israel/Bagdadi Jews still living in India can convince Maharashtra government, only then perusing such issue will make sense. Sarah Joseph Ashtamkar, Israel.

Dear Shaniwarteli Team,
If something has to be done on the matter Ms. Maxim Moses Shapurkar is talking about; it should be done so, before the Muslim population grows.

2019:

Religion-wise Population - Alibag Taluka

Religion	Total	
Hindu	221,563	(93.82%)
Muslim	8,638	(3.66%)

Suggestion for changing of name from Alibag to Elibag could lead to serious riots between Muslims and Bene-Israel.

In India Hindu population reduced from 84.1% in 1951 to 78.35% 2011 while Muslims grew from 9.80% to 14.2%.

Though today Alibag Muslim population is only 3.66%, this does not mean other Muslims outside Alibag will not join hands opposing any such changes, especially if the issue of the Darga is raised.

Jason Michial, Israel

Dear Shulmith,
Author Maxim is talking about 300 years ago when Elisha lived during Kanhoji Ange's (1669-1729) time.

Mr. Haeem Samuel Kehimkar's, book on Bene Israel was written by him in the late 1890s, about 130 years ago.

In his book "The History of Bene-Israel of India" Kehimkar does not mention Elisha or his existence. It is not possible that Kehimkar would miss out on such an important matter as friendship between Ange and Elisha when Ange was the admiral of the Maratha army. So I have my doubts about it.

It is quite possible that in-fact Elibag is the original and correct name as Bene-Israel lived in the area for 2000 years while the conversion of scheduled caste Hindus to Muslim religion started during 15th / 16th century. Maxim brings out well the issue of same names in different religions and especially in while translating and writing in English Elibag could have been misspelled as Alibag.

Yoel Massil, Canada

Dear Shulmit,
Your article on page 35 of your last issue on placing stone on the grave you mention; *"The origin of mourners leaving pebbles, stones or rocks at the site of Jewish graves is unfortunately lost to time."*



We Bene-Israel people do not follow this way of leaving a pebble on the grave to show 'I was here'. The reason is the belief that the one of the punishments the dead get is throwing stones at them as sinners (as in bible days).

By placing the stones on a new grave; it is to convey a message to the other world that by us placing the stones, we have already punished the dead, and the dead may be released of this punishment. By placing stone on a fully built grave is like punishing the dead once again.

Elias Bhonkar. Israel

Bene-Israel *LIVING LEGEND*

Mrs. Elsie (Elisheva) Nissim Samuel (Koletkar) 77 age

Life is always full of wonderful Uncles and Aunties and we always remember them for their nice qualities and caring they showed to us. Some are remembered for their wonderful cooking or singing or their other talents. But I am amazed at one of my aunt who has a very especial hobby; greetings!!

Since 1983 that I know her not a single birthday and wedding anniversary and New Year has passed that I have not received a greeting from her. What is amazing is that she does this for everyone in her family for years. Once it was a card she sent it by post calculating the time it would take to different countries to reach just on the occasion. With computers she then moved to emails and later to Facebook; but never a date is missed and added the Sabbath greetings.

For Shaniwar Teli e-Newsletter for the Bene-Israel community we thought taking a short interview of her person who has made a place in every one's heard through her ever-loving greeting cards and ***award her the with the crown of Living Legend*** as we don't know of anyone else who does this so dedicatedly.

Elisie daughter of Shegulle & Moses Hyams Jhiradkar born in 1944 grew up watching her mother keeping a large log book where she would religiously registered the date of birth & wedding anniversary to send greeting every year. This hobby excited Elisie qne later in her life she herself started sending out the greetings, every year, each year to everyone she knew in the family and friends.



Elisheva (Eliie) 77 age

Elisie would spend lots of times buying greeting cards during foreign trips to UK & India and bring them in bulk with her. Those days it was difficult to find greeting card in English in Israel and therefore Elisie would have to be careful in pre-counting the number of cards to buy while abroad, until next trip.

Since 1983 up to now 2021, 38 years I have been receiving greetings every year, one for my birthday, one for my wedding anniversary and one for Jewish New Year greetings; 3 per year x 38 years 114 cards. Every time I received a greeting from Elisie Aunty, I would bless her.

Now you can see how many blessings Elisie has received sending these wonderful cards.



With Husband Nissim

Bene-Israel; King of the Carpenters, *STAR MORDERN FURNITURE WORKS*

Owner: Elihayoo Abraham Navgoakar (Paa)

During 1960's a Bene-Israel furniture manufacturing "**STAR MORDERN FURNITURE WORKS**" (Star for David's star – Magen David) located at Dadar BB manufactured and supplied all the school desks and chairs to the major schools that included;

- Indian Education Society (IES) schools in Dadar, Hindu Colony, Portuguese Church, Ghokhle Road and Dadar.
- Bal Mohan School

The same factory also manufactured supplies all the furniture for Thakree family in Maharashtra for their homes and offices and to the then Chief Minister of Goa, Dayanand Bandodkar (1963-66) for both homes and offices.

They manufactures all the major furniture popular during those days from beds with mosquito protect holders , cupboards, meatsafes, tables, chairs, offices desks, filing storage cabinets, school furniture's including teachers desk and lawyers desks.

This furniture is still used in homes and offices and had great resale value.



**Mr. Elihayoo Abraham Navgoakar owner of the business
Star Mordern Furniture Works at Dadar (BB)**

Elihayoo and wife Sarah had no children and therefore they had adopted daughter (Abigal) and son of Sarah's brother Yacob Jetakar. The boy was named Abraham in the memory of father of Elihayoo.

Abigal passed away during 2017 in Thal leaving behind her husband and 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.

Abraham lives in Yerucham in Israel with his wife children and grandchildren.



Early Life:

The life for Elihyoo started humbly as a mill worker who would work hard to make extra money by working during the night carrying Coleman Dual-Fuel 2-Mantle Lantern on his head during marriage procession. However this job was available only during the marriage season. During other days he worked as a trainee with carpenters and finally gain enough confidence to start his own company. Later he trained many Bene-Israel children to become carpenters.



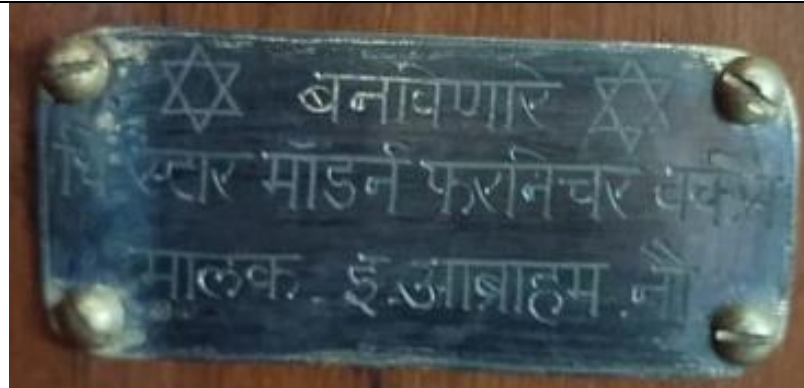
Building Torah Cases:

Elihyoo created beautiful and exclusive Safer Torah cases. Many of them are still located in various synagogues. The image here is of the case located in the synagogue in Alibaug created by Elihyoo in his furniture works factory.



Sarah Eliyhoo Navgoakar

Sarah, wife of Elihyoo known as Sarahbai donated towards building the school in the Thal area that is still in use and is mentioned on the walls of the school.



A Lesson: The Material Sense

A man who has many wives is constantly harassed by them. He is responsible for their maintenance, and all of the ladies constantly pull him in different directions as each struggle's for her self-interest.

Similarly, the material sense harasses the conditioned soul, pulling him in in many different directions at once.

On one side the tongue is pulling one to arrange tasty food; then thirst drags one to get a suitable drink. Simultaneously sex organs clamor for satisfaction while the sense of touch and comfort demands soft sensuous objects. The belly harasses one until it is filled while the ears demand pleasant sounds. The sense of smell hankers for pleasant aromas while fickle eyes clamor for pleasant sights. Thus all the sense organs pull the living entity in many different directions.



Tools for Effective Management Nissim Moses

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

I had an American Boss Called Stanley Bush Who taught me a lot of things in the Past in my formative years about effective management.

Here are the High-Lights of some of the Things that I learnt.

1. *You can kill more Flies with Honey than with a Fly Swatter.*
2. *Julius Caesar was murdered by His closest Friend Brutus.*
3. *When you Promise something -Come Hell or High Water You will be committed to fulfillment of your Promise.*
4. *You do not have to be the white knight and enter into every battle. Often there is no Cinderella or Snow White to Thank You at the End of the Battle but some Evil Witch as the prize.*
5. *Discretion is often the better part of Valor.*
6. *There are Good Generals who win wars and Write Books on their Techniques of Defense & Attack Methodology to win Battles. Like Rommel. But there are Better Generals Who Study the Methodology of those Good Generals and Beat them to the Ground-Like General Patton. Gen. Guderian and Gen. Arik Sharon.*
7. *Do not give advice to any one only humble suggestions sweetened*
8. *with a lot of Honey.*

8. Let people Think and Believe that they have solved the Problem even though you have made and drafted the the Whole text. Note every speech made by a president of the USA has been drafted by a scriptwriter. Note the Script writer drafted speech flies like an arrow never like a boomerang.

9. Note All the Defense Lines & all the Best Defense lines were breached in History by tactical warfare eg. Maginot Line, Siegfried Line, Bar Lev Line.

10. If you have a slack employee who is not doing his Job well and you write a bad report about him that may really hit him hard. But Remember that Till the next Promotion and Review Time you have to live with a disgruntled employee who is not going give you his best. But a gentle reminder and some positive re-enforcement like good fertilizer; in spite of your dissatisfaction with his work & attitude; often produces better fruit on the tree than continued bad fruits.

Regards

Nissim Moses- Historian Indian Jewish Heritage and Bene Israel Gen

Hitler & Moses

The German mass circulation daily "Bild" has revealed that Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler ordered the establishment of an "Entjudungsinstitut" ("Institute for the cleansing of Judaism from Christianity"). The institution's official aim was to cleanse the Protestant church of all ceremonies with non-Aryan influences and to compile alternative scriptures in part derived from the Nazi ideology. Church staff worked incessantly, conducting comprehensive surveys and publishing a large number of documents that imbued Christianity with Nazi commentary. A special prayer book called "Germans With God - A German Book of Faith" would contain a rewritten version of the Ten Commandments, in the spirit of Nazi ethics. The Bible replacement would have contained two more commandments, one of them stipulating "Honor Thy Führer and Master", and claimed that Jesus had not been a Jew but son of immigrants from Caucasia. Hebrew terms used in the Bible, such as "Hallelujah", "Jehovah" and even "Jerusalem", were to be replaced by German words. After the war, the director of the "Entjudungsinstitut", Walter Grundmann, went on become the rector and lecturer at a Protestant training college in Communist East Germany.



Mishael, daughter of a Bene-Israel mother drew an amazing picture to finish an Eco Training course in UK. Look at the picture carefully and you will find many different aspects how humans are torturing our green world.

The centre offers a high quality, enjoyable and supportive environment in which to learn the skills we need to enjoy living sustainably and lead lower carbon lifestyles. The centre encourages learning that brings together the interests of people, places and prosperity. It's the first centre of its kind in the country.



Psalm 100 Shortest by most appropriate for every Jew.

“God does not need prayers”, I heard a Rabbi say to his audience. “It is you who need prayers”, he continued. “It is you who need a new job, a new home, a new car, a new wife, success of children. Limitless wishes that you want your God to fulfill. Is this prayer?” he then asked.

The then Rabbi went on; Did God not made it clear enough that this is the only moment that you live? Did God not show us that we don't have to worry about tomorrow?

Did God not show us that happiness has nothing to do with worldly materials?

Did God not protect us from childhood from every disaster?

Did you praise God for everything God has done for you? Did you?

Did you play music and danced and party to thank God for his help? Did you?

Psalm 100 is the shortest psalm in the “Book of Psalms” but still an amazingly collection of words in praise God. The Rabbi recommends to every Jew to say Psalm 100 once a day to thank our kind God who takes special care of his chosen people.



↓ CUT AND PLACE IN YOUR POCKET ↓

A psalm of thanksgiving,
call out to HASHEM everyone on earth.

Serve Hashem with gladness,
come before Him with joyous songs.

Know that HASHEM, He is God,
it is He Who made us and we are his,
His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
His Courtyards with praise,
give thanks to him, bless his name.

For HASHEM is good, His kindness endures forever,
and from generation to generation is His faithfulness.

מְזִמֹּר לַתּוֹדָה
הֲרִיעוּ לַיהוָה כָּל-הָאָרֶץ:
עֲבֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה בְּשִׂמְחָה
בָּאוּ לִפְנֵי בְרִנָּה:
דַּעוּ כִּי־יְהוָה הוּא אֱלֹהִים
הוּא עָשָׂנוּ וְלוֹ אֲנַחְנוּ
עֲמֹ וַיִּצְאֵן מִרְעִיתוֹ:
בָּאוּ שִׁעְרָיו בַּתּוֹדָה
חֲצֹרֹתָיו בַּתְּהִלָּה
הוֹדוּ לֹא בִרְכּוֹ שְׁמוֹ:
כִּי־טוֹב יְהוָה לַעֲוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ
וְעַד־דָּר וָדָר אֱמוּנָתוֹ:

उपकार मान्यार्थे स्तोत्र. १००
१ अहो पृथ्वीवरील सर्वे लोकही,
परमेश्वराचा जयजयकार करा.
२ हृषीनि परमेश्वराची सेवा करा ;
मीत गात त्याच्यापुढे या.
३ परमेश्वर हाच देव आहे हे जाणा ;
त्यानेच आम्हांला उत्पन्न केले ;
आम्ही त्याचेच आहो, १
आम्ही त्याची प्रजा, त्याच्या कुरणांतील
कळस आहो.
४ त्याचे उपकारस्मरण करीत त्याच्या द्वारात,
स्तवन करीत त्याच्या अंगणात प्रवेश करा ;
त्याचे उपकारस्मरण करा ;
त्याच्या नांवाचा धन्यवाद करा.
५ कारण परमेश्वर चांगला आहे ;
त्याची दया सनातन आहे
आणि त्याची सत्यता पिढ्यापिढ्या टिकते.

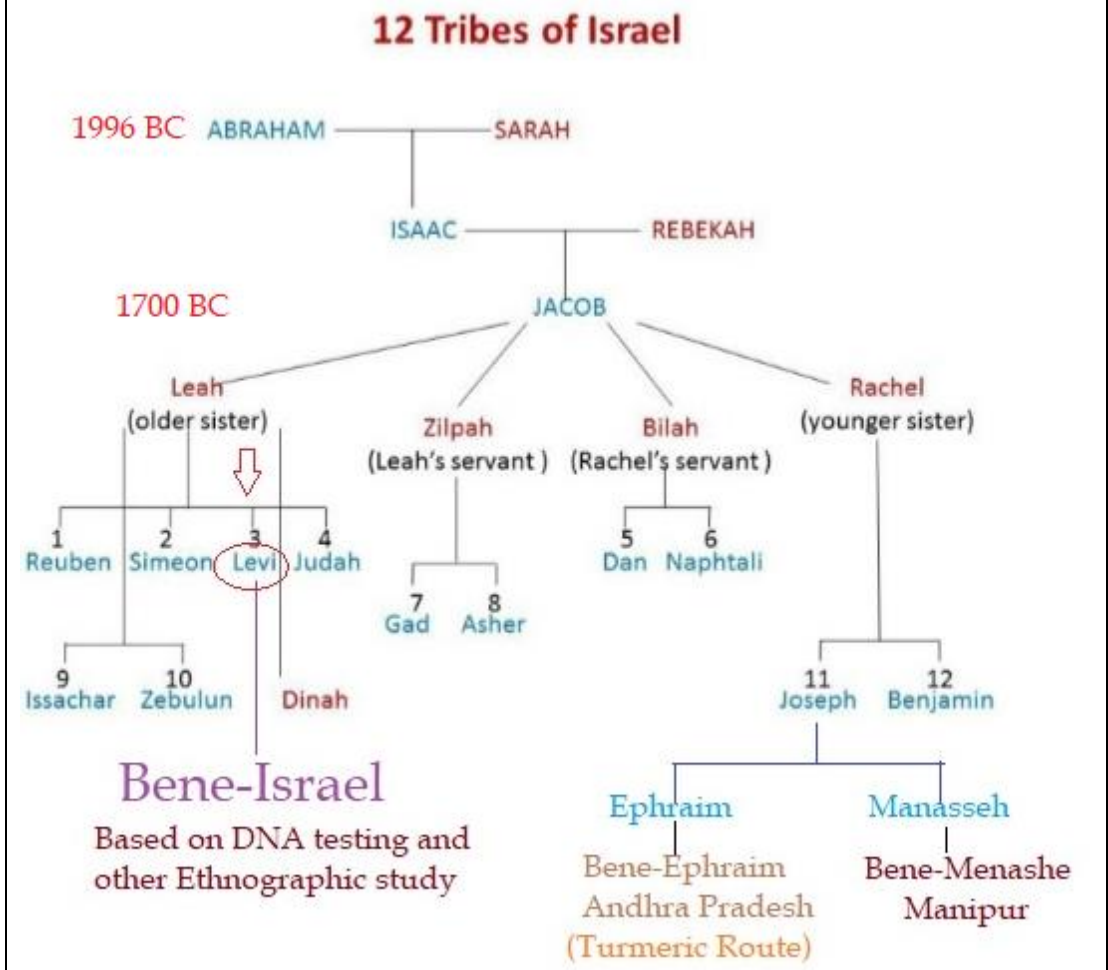
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Bene-Israel come from Levi's Tribe

Jews who wandered like nomadic populations scattered all around the globe for thousands of years, when finally Israel was born; the returning diaspora began pursuing their origin to the tribes created by Jacob around the year 1700 BC.

With over 4000 years passed there were no direct evidences obtainable to locate the dynasties linking to the 12 tribes. Instead alternative scientific methods were applied to pursuing this cause. These included DNA testing & Ethnographic studies.

Ethnography, descriptive study of a particular human society or the process of making such a study. Contemporary ethnography is based almost entirely on fieldwork and requires the complete immersion of the anthropologist in the culture and everyday life of the people who are the subject of his study.



Below we present an article that summarizes various studies that bring us to the conclusion that the Bene-Israel may have been originated from Levi's Tribe. There are many supporting articles to this article below. If your wish to study more in depth, please let us know at our email and we will forward you all the related articles. shaniwarteli@gmail.com

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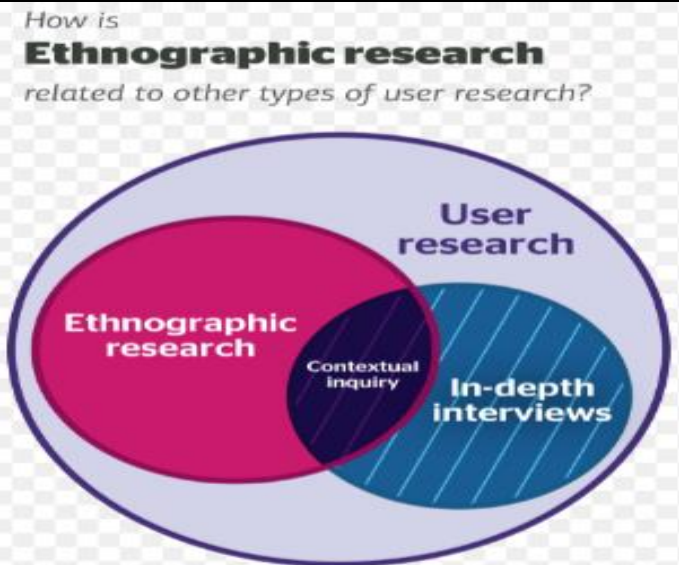
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Some of the methods, involved biblical research by Haeem Samuel Kehimkar and by evangelists-like Rev. Lord and Rev. Wilson, some on assumptions by rabbis of other communities, some through archeological research at the arrival site of the Bene Israel at Nowgaon and the arrival stories of the Bene Israel and the Chit Pavan Brahmins in India; Some on DNA Studies, some on travelers from the Middle East.



Unfortunately none of these methodologies ever bothered to perform a comparative evaluation of the current Ancestral Religious Practices and the Customs and Traditions of Judaism of each of these communities with regards to those prevalent at the various times over the Centuries in Israel. It should be emphasized here that Judaism has been in a continuous process of evolution from the first inception of the Fundamental Abrahamic concept of one God till today. Every Return of the Jews to the Land of Israel from a Diaspora has brought about a radical change in Traditions, Concepts and the Practice of Judaism. But, often those communities or parts of them that have remained in the diaspora continue to follow the original ancestral form as practiced by those communities' ancestors.



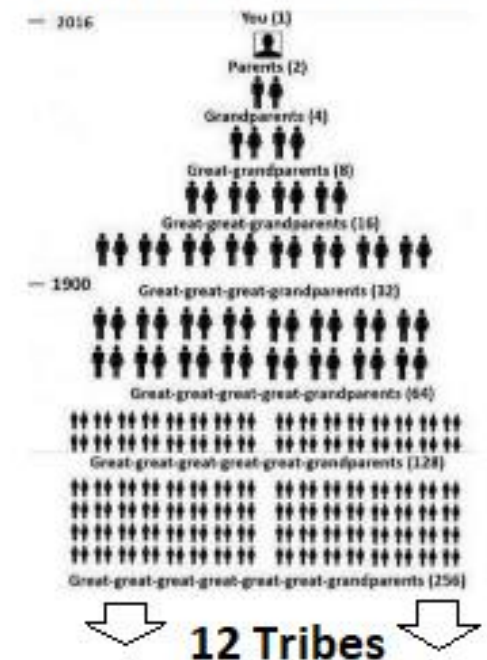
One very important modern version of this change in the practice of Judaism is The split of Judaism into supposedly three branches-Orthodox (Haredi and Duthy), Conservative Masorathi or Shomrei Dath) and Reform or Liberal. Like in archeology; one after studying the various aspects of finding an artifact in nature and in order to ascribe it to a certain period; one studies the location, depth, materials used, the methods used in making it and a whole lot of other relevant aspects like say Radio-Carbon dating, before one ascribes the find to a certain period-note never a specific date.

The same is with the Ethnographic studies. The determination of the period of exodus of a certain group of people (Jews) from Israel has been found to be linked to the customs and traditions of observing, celebrating and the practice of Judaism down through the generations as handed down to the descendants by the original ancestors who left the land of Israel.

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The author of this article has made an in-depth Ethnographic study of the Observation, Practice, Traditions Customs of the Five Jewish Communities of India, The Bene Israel, The Shevet Menashe from North East India, The Baghdadi Jews, The Malabari Jews of Cochin/Kerala and the Pardesi Jews also of Cochin/Kerala. As a result of this study it has been feasible to assign the exodus of the ancestors of the Shevet Menashe \to that of the First Temple Period-most probably to the mass deportation of the Jews of Israel by Nebuchadnezzar who took them and redistributed them in Central Asia from where they probably migrated to North East India through the Himalayan Mountain Passes.



Many Jews from that exiled group remained in Persia, and absorbed a lot of Zoroastrian Customs and Traditions and adopted and adapted them upon their return and the reconstruction of the 2nd Temple by Ezra & Nehemiah into Judaism during the 2nd temple Period- The Whole construction of the Temple was very similar to that of the Persians Fire Temple.

It was only Herod the Great -the Converted Jew from the Edomite Community who again updated its Form to that of a Temple in India-having an Inner Court, A Middle Court and an Outer Court. (Note This is The Version of the 2nd Temple that has been memorialized and termed the 2nd Temple ever since then.) and then later rededicated by The Maccabees who were Cohanim -introducing the Celebration and Observation of Hanukkah and the Special Semi Circular Candelabra with nine candles in order not to desecrate the Jewish Religious Seven candle candelabra called the Menorah which was a Holy Form representing the Jews and a part of the Interior Decor of the Holy of Holies.

Listed below are the customs, traditions and practices absorbed into Judaism from Zoroastrianism:-

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

By Nissim Moses-Historian-Indian Jewish Heritage and Bene Israel Jewish Genealogy Research)

1. Lighting only **One** Sabbath Oil lamp in a Hanging Bowl or on a Lamp Stand.
2. Performing Kiddush-Copied from the Parsi equivalent of Jashan.
3. Assigning a reason for partaking each of the food items on the various Seder Plates on which the blessing is recited during the Sabbath Meal or each of the Festival Meals.
4. Adoption of the Parsi Calendar as the Jewish Calendar.-Sivanu→Sivan, Tevetu→Tevet,Nissanu→Nisan, Iyaru→Iyar etc.
5. Navjot of the Parsees became Bar Mitzvah and later on Bat Mitzvah.
6. The Dress Mode of the Cohen Ha Gadol Very Closely Resembled the Dress mode of the ParseeHigh Priest.
7. The Malidah Ceremony of the Bene Israel Jewish which is a remnant of the various Peace Offerings and Thanks Giving Ceremonies performed in 2nd temple Times by the **Levites** is derived from the Zoroastrian ceremony and from the word Malidoh. (Note: This ceremony is **Only adopted and Performed by the Bene Israel Community**- A Typical Custom performed only by the Priestly Class who managed all Temple and Religious matters in the period of the 2nd Temple-i.e. the **Levites**).
8. Construction Shape of 2nd Temple resembled that of a Typical Parsee Fire Temple. Only much later was it modified as explained earlier.
9. The Jews of Baghdadi Origin-(from Syria, Iraq, Iran/Per (Note This is The Version of the 2nd Temple that has been memorialized and termed the 2nd Temple ever since then.) and then later rededicated by The Maccabees who were *Cohanim -introducing the Celebration and Observation of Hanukkah and the Special Semi Circular Candelabra with nine candles in order not to desecrate the Jewish Religious Seven candle candelabra called the Menorah which was a Holy Form representing the Jews and a part of the Interior Decor of the Holy of Holies.

*Cohanim (plural of Cohen) are the **priestly family of the Jewish people**, members of the Tribe of Levi. The books of Exodus and Leviticus describe the responsibilities of the Cohanim, which include the Temple service and blessing of the people. The Torah (the first five books of the Bible) describes the anointing of Aaron, the brother of Moses,
10. Preparing Korban Minchat Solet (Puries) on Yom Kippur and Taking it to the Synagogue and permitting the Children at first to break the Fast after the Mussaf Service after the Portion of the Various portions of the commemoration of the Sacrificial service and the Blessing of the Hamotsi had been recited is a custom only observed by the Bene Israel.
11. Breaking of the Fast after the closing ceremony of Yom Kippur with the blessing on Wine and the Performance of kiddush

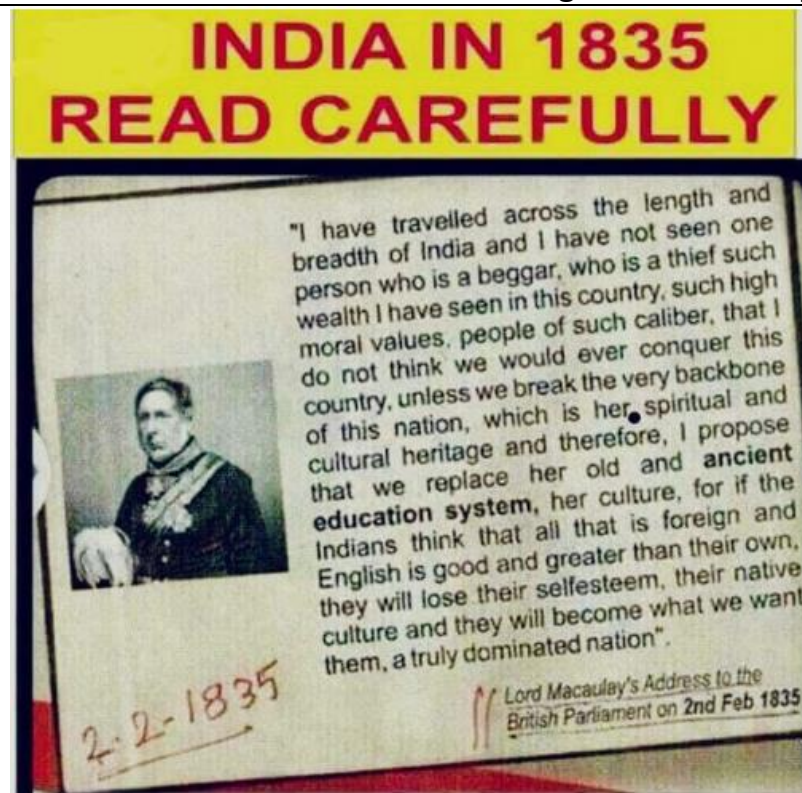
and the consumption of the Puri-Korban Minchat Solet is done only by the Bene Israel in the Tradition of the Old Temple **Levites**.

Only Bene Israel community being from the ***Tribe of Levy celebrate Hanukah*** using this form nine candle semicircular Hanukah.

In order not to aggravate the religious sensitivities of our hosts in India the Hindu Community; conversion to Judaism, directly or through marriage was not permitted. Further, though the Jews by Jewish Law were permitted to eat Beef, The Bene Israel Community prohibited the slaughter of cows and buffaloes or the consumption of beef in any form. These two Restrictions adopted in the Early days by the Leadership of the Community contributed significantly to the pleasant and harmonious relations between the Bene Israel Community & the Hindu Community for the more than 2,000 years of the sojourn of the Bene Israel Community in India).

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**INDIA IN 1835
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"I have travelled across the length and breadth of India and I have not seen one person who is a beggar, who is a thief such wealth I have seen in this country, such high moral values, people of such caliber, that I do not think we would ever conquer this country, unless we break the very backbone of this nation, which is her spiritual and cultural heritage and therefore, I propose that we replace her old and ancient education system, her culture, for if the Indians think that all that is foreign and English is good and greater than their own, they will lose their self-esteem, their native culture and they will become what we want them, a truly dominated nation".

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Lord Macaulay's Address to the British Parliament on 2nd Feb 1835

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After a lovely drive through green grape farms in Hulda; we reach their **Barkan Visitor Center**. The two ours tour is exceptional for 50 NIS per person Barkan Wines are a love story starting slowly, with a look into the wine, its color, its hue, continues to its unique smell and deep aroma, provided by the grapes' variety and the assortment of barrels, and ends with a slow sip, poured into the mouth and fills it with infinite tastes. The endless symphony of senses. Barkan bought Segal Wines recently.





Carmel 777

Wondered what happened to *Sheva Sheva Sheva*?

During 60,70,80 & 90's every Bene-Israel served their visitors a tray with a bottle of either Brandy 777 or Stock 84, ice, cola and glass glassed. If this was not done, it was considered as a disrespect of the guests. The guests would pour for themselves. Both brandies 777 and Stock 84 were most popular alcoholic drinks due to its good quality and price as produced in Israel.

Those days whiskey was very expensive and hardly any Israelis went for it. Israelis mainly preferred wine until Russians came to Israel with their vodka.



Barkan Brand

Up to twenty years ago there was a large market for Israeli brandies. Stock 84 and Brandy 777 were big domestic brands. In the 1990s Carmel & Tishbi brandies won major international recognition at the very highest possible level. Yet high domestic taxes and the fact that brandy just drifted out of fashion, have contributed to an ongoing decline in Israeli brandy, which has continued until today. This is sad because Israeli brandies are good and deserve better.

Read: [Israel's Forgotten Brandies - Israeli Wines - Pride of Israel \(winesisrael.com\)](http://winesisrael.com)

Connection between Wine and Brandy Producers

Normally Brandy is produced by Wine Producers. The reason is that brandy is produced using green grapes. So normally these wine producers' first produce their white wine requirement and then use the remaining green grapes to produce brandy.

Sankar and his wife Ruth were sitting in the living room enjoying a bottle of wine. Out of the blue she said, "I love you." "Is that you or the wine talking?" I asked her. "It's me." said Ruth "Talking to the wine."

Awaskar's "Do It Yourself COVID Test"

1. Pour a glass of whiskey and smell it
2. If you can smell it, then taste it
3. If you can both smell it and taste it, you do not have the Covid virus. So drink it.
4. Repeat test as required.



Amazing things to come in too near future!

Some Very Interesting but also scary Predictions you will see turning true in this new decade.

1. Auto repair shops will disappear.
2. A petrol/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has 20. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are only repaired by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor.
3. Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots.
4. Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor!
5. Petrol pumps will go away.
6. Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity. Companies will install electrical recharging stations; in fact, they've already started in the developed world.
7. Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that only build electric cars.
8. Coal industries will go away. Gasoline/oil companies will go away. Drilling for oil will stop. So say goodbye to OPEC! The middle-east is in trouble.
9. Homes will produce and store more electrical energy during the day and then they use and will sell it back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users. Has anybody seen the Tesla roof?
10. A baby of today will only see personal cars in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can handle.
11. In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. Who would have thought of that ever happening?
12. What happened to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years ... and most people don't see it coming.
13. Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later, you would never take pictures on film again? With today's smart phones, who even has a camera these days?
14. Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law. So as with all exponential tech- nologies, it was a disappointment for

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a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years.

15. It will now happen again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.

16. Forget the book, "Future Shock", welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution.

17. Software has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.

18. UBER is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world! Ask any taxi driver if they saw that coming.

19. Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw that coming.

20. Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

21. In the USA, young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of IBM's Watson, you can get legal advice (so far for right now, the basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future, (what a thought!) only omniscient specialists will remain.

22. Watson already helps nurses diagnosing cancer, its 4 times more accurate than human nurses.

23. Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

24. Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars are already here. In the next 2 years, the entire industry will start to be disrupted. You won't want to own a car anymore as you will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination.

25. You will not need to park it you will only pay for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving. The very young children of today will never get a driver's license and will never own a car.

26. This will change our cities, because we will need 90-95% fewer cars. We can transform former parking spaces into green parks.

27. About 1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide including distracted or drunk driving. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles; with autonomous driving that will drop to 1 accident in 6 million miles. That will save a million lives plus worldwide each year.

28. Most traditional car companies will doubtless become bankrupt. They will try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels.

29. Look at what Volvo is doing right now; no more internal combustion engines in their vehicles starting with 2019 models, using all electric or hybrid only, with the intent of phasing out hybrid models.

30. Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi; are completely terrified of Tesla and they should be. Look at all the companies offering all electric vehicles. That was unheard of, only a few years ago.

31. Insurance companies will have massive trouble because, without accidents, the costs will become cheaper. Their car insurance business model will disappear.

32. Real estate will change. Because if you can work while you commute, people will abandon their towers to move far away to more beautiful affordable neighborhoods.

33. Electric cars will become main stream about 2030. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity.

34. Cities will have much cleaner air as well.

35. Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean.

36. Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can now see the burgeoning impact. And it's just getting ramped up.

37. Fossil energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that simply cannot continue - technology will take care of that strategy.
38. Health: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year. There are companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample and you breath into it. It then analyses 54 bio-markers that will identify nearly any Disease.
39. All major cities Sky scrapers will be sky scrapers
40. The richest will run this world from their own satellites.

WELCOME TO A NEW TOMORROW.

How a “Konkan jati Shaniwar teli” with no/limited knowledge of Judaism did became an Indian Jewish community?

Curtsey: Sam and Erna Daniels, USA

This paper is a study of cultural interaction and diffusion in colonial Bombay. Focusing on Hebrew language instruction, it examines the encounter between India's little-known Bene Israel Jewish community and Protestant missionaries. Whilst eighteenth and nineteenth-century Cochin Jews were responsible for teaching the Bene Israel Jewish liturgy and forms of worship, the Bene Israel acquired Hebrew and Biblical knowledge primarily from nineteenth-century Protestant missionaries. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the Bene Israel community was a Konkan jati with limited knowledge of Judaism. However, by the end of the century the community had become an Indian-Jewish community roughly analogous to other Jewish communities. This paper explores how this transformation occurred, detailing the content, motivation, and means by which British and American missionaries and, to a lesser extent, Cochin Jews instructed the Bene Israel in Jewish knowledge. Through a critical examination of neglected English and Marathi sources, it reconstructs the Bene Israel perspective in these encounters and their attitude towards the Christian missionaries who laboured amongst them. It demonstrates that the Bene-Israel were active participants and selective consumers in their interaction with the missionaries, taking what they wanted most from the encounter: knowledge of the Old Testament and the Hebrew language. Ultimately, the instruction the Bene Israel received from Protestant missionaries did not convert them to Christianity but strengthened and transformed their Judaism.

Full Article: [Hebrew School in Nineteenth-Century Bombay: Protestant Missionaries, Cochin Jews, and the Hebraization of India's Bene Israel Community* | Modern Asian Studies | Cambridge Core](#)

If anyone has this article, please share it with us at : shaniwarteli@gmail.com

What is the Talmud?

Gal Amir, PhD in Law, University of Haifa (Graduated 2017) December 31, 2018

Talmud is a collection of discussions between Jewish sages regarding Jewish law. But it is much more than that.

The Jews believe they got the Torah from heaven in mount Sinai around 3000 BCE (it is actually a collection of very ancient books that was edited compiled and canonized around the 5th century BCE). The Torah includes the most important rules of Jewish law, but it was believed that there are more elements to Jewish law that were not written in the Torah, but were delivered orally between generations of Jewish sages from generation to generation. These elements were finally written in a book called "Mishna" in the 3rd century CE.

The Mishna is a very long text, and has 6 books. But as soon as it was canonized, it was being discussed and interpreted by sages. These discussions were much deeper than the actual text they interpreted for a few centuries of these discussions were then edited into two volumes of books called "Talmud".

As some discussions took place in Eretz Israel (Land of Israel/Palestine), one volume of the Talmud is the Jerusalem Talmud (Yerushalmi). As some discussions took place in the great Jewish centers in Babylon (nowdays Iraq) and thier volume is the Babylonian Talmud (Bavli). Of the two volumes the Bavli is considered the most important.

These discussions include all elements of Jewish law. Today a more codified version named "Shulchan Aruch" is where one would look for that law, but it was written in the 16th century. The primary and most important source for Jewish law is the Talmud. But it is much more than that. It includes philosophy, history, folk legends and lore, moral rules, and much more.

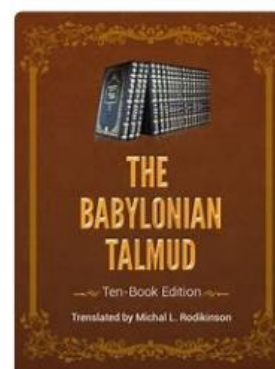
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The Bavli Talmud has 37 books, and is supposed to be learned by any page, daily. It is written in Aramaic, which is almost incomprehensible to most modern Hebrew speakers. So there are some good translations into Hebrew, the most famous is the Steinsalz translation.

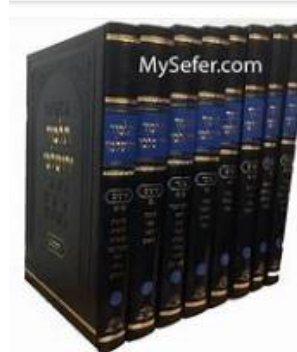
The book is a holy book, and it is believed that the sages whose discussions were documented in the book were divinely inspired. The discussions are very deep and the logic sometimes is hard to follow.

Learning the Talmud is a difficult task, and it is best done in a group by a discussion using the same methods of discussion the sages used. This is a tough intellectual task.

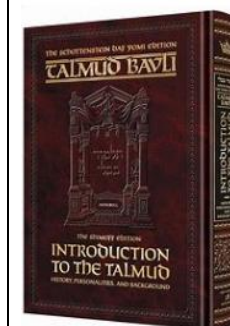
Learning the Talmud is supposed to sharpen one's intellectual abilities, and some people see this as the explanation for the 'Jewish genius', the product of 1,500 years spent in discussing the Talmud.



The Babylonian Talmud - 10 Book Edition app: insight ...



Talmud Yerushalmi - Large (8 vol.) | MySefer.com



Schottenstein Talmud Bavli Introduction to the Talmud ...

Video on Making of Safer Torah: <https://youtu.be/sd6ELrzasF4>

The Indian Express

Sharing an article on Malida that appeared in Indian Express in Sept. 2021 : <https://indianexpress.com/article/research/the-malida-platter-and-other-signs-of-how-jews-wove-themselves-into-india-culture-7498653/>

We thank [Raamesh Gowri Raghavan](#) for sharing this article and rare pictures.

.....So much has already been written about the Jewish community in India, that it is perhaps understandable why some of the oldest members of the community tell journalists that they have nothing more to add. Yet, a reading of this text throws up so many fascinating insights, new to even the most deeply interested outsider. Perhaps we just haven't been asking the community elders the right questions.

Courtesy: Sam & Erna Daniel, NJ, USA



Who is the Next Hegemon? *Courtesy: Sam & Erna Daniel, NJ, USA*

Now with USA losing its Hegemony (being a police man for the world; a power of a ruler that all other respect and fear) who will be the next hegemon?

Charles Kindleberg's an expert in politics states that "a world hegemon is necessary for a generally stable world economy". Before USA the hegemon were the British that they lost in early 1940's.

The next hegemon could be Russia or China. But there is also a possibility of USA and China together filling this power.

A new theory of "Multiple Polarity" states now that many countries are having the same power (like nuclear power), we may not see another hegemony.



Kevrei Tzadikim – Graves of the Pious / כרזי צדיקים

Courtesy: Sam & Erna Daniel, NJ, USA

In Israel there is a tradition of visiting the graves of the pious rabbi's. The link on the right leads you to "Kibre Tzadikim" Introduction in Marathi by Rabbi Shmuel Divekar Jerusalem.

In India we were taught not to enter a cemetery on odd days or visit graves of the close ones. Contradictory to this, it is recommended to visit the graves of the pious that helps your wish cones true faster. For the first time Rabbi Divekar has explained in Marathi why this pilgrimage travel is necessary. <https://youtu.be/bm-YyWYjdJU>

Many of our Bene-Israel people arrange buses to visit these graves; normally a day trip or two depending how many graves will be visited. They normally also visit the Elijah Cave on Mount Carmiel, Hiafa; though it is not a grave. Many of our Bene-Israel start with the Elijah Cave where they perform Malida and then proceed to other graves.

It is interesting to note that amongst Kibre Tzadikim the graves in Hebron of our forefathers are not included or of King David grave that is in Jerusalem.



[Kibre Tzadikim Introduction in Marathi by Rabbi Shmuel Divekar Jerusalem - Serial - 1 - YouTube](#)

[Kibre Tzadikim - Rabbi Akiba in Marathi by Rabbi Shmuel Divekar Jerusalem - Serial - 2 - YouTube](#)



[Kivrei Tzadikim - Zissil](#)

Follow the link above to see full list.

DALET AMOT OF HALACHA



BY RABBI ARI ENKIN



Should We Tell The Congregation Not To Speak Between Shofar Blasts?

As a general rule, it is forbidden to speak once the blessings before the blowing of the shofar have been recited until after the hundredth final blast has been blown.⁽¹⁾ This is because speaking be-

tween the first and last shofar blasts is deemed to be a forbidden interruption in the course of the mitzvah. It might even render the blessings in vain depending on when the interruption was made. In most congregations, the rabbi or other official makes an announcement immediately prior to the blowing of the shofar reminding the congregation that conversation is forbidden from this point onwards until the shofar blasts have been concluded.

Rav Moshe Feinstein was once asked whether it is appropriate for such an announcement to be made in a congregation where it is likely that no one will pay attention to the halacha

and speak between shofar blasts anyway.⁽²⁾ Perhaps the principle of "*mutav sheyihyu shogegin ve'al yehiyu meizidin* – better that they should transgress unknowingly rather than knowingly"

should be applied.

Rav Feinstein answered that such an announcement should continue to be made for a number of reasons. He says that the principle of *mutav sheyihyu shogegin ve'al yehiyu meizidin* only applies when there is complete certainty that the people will ignore the halacha. However, where there is no reason to assume that the warning will be ignored by everyone, it should still be made for the benefit of those who will abide by it. He also adds that in a situation where the majority of people are likely to abide by the warning and only a minority will ignore it, one is obligated to make the announcement since it is better to have

a minority that are deliberate transgressors than to have a majority who are unintentional transgressors.

Finally, he says that the principle of *mutav sheyihyu shogegin ve'al yehiyu meizidin* only applies when one is in a situation that calls for rebuking someone directly. However, it does not apply in a situation where one is simply educating people regarding what halacha says. Indeed, one is permitted to teach halacha even when there are those in the audience who will choose to ignore it. So, too, when a rabbi is asked a question, he is required to respond according to the halacha even if the questioner is likely to ignore the ruling.

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1. OC 592:3; Mateh Ephraim 592:5. See also Rivevot Ephraim 1:403.

2. Igrot Moshe, OC 2:36.

Power of Conviction: There is power in the value of conviction. The Value of Conviction As a differentiating value, Conviction means an unshakable belief in something without need for proof or evidence. There is a solid connection between conviction and faith.

Believe me

Understanding some Science of pressures on the Ships

By: Joey Joseph – Ship Engineer

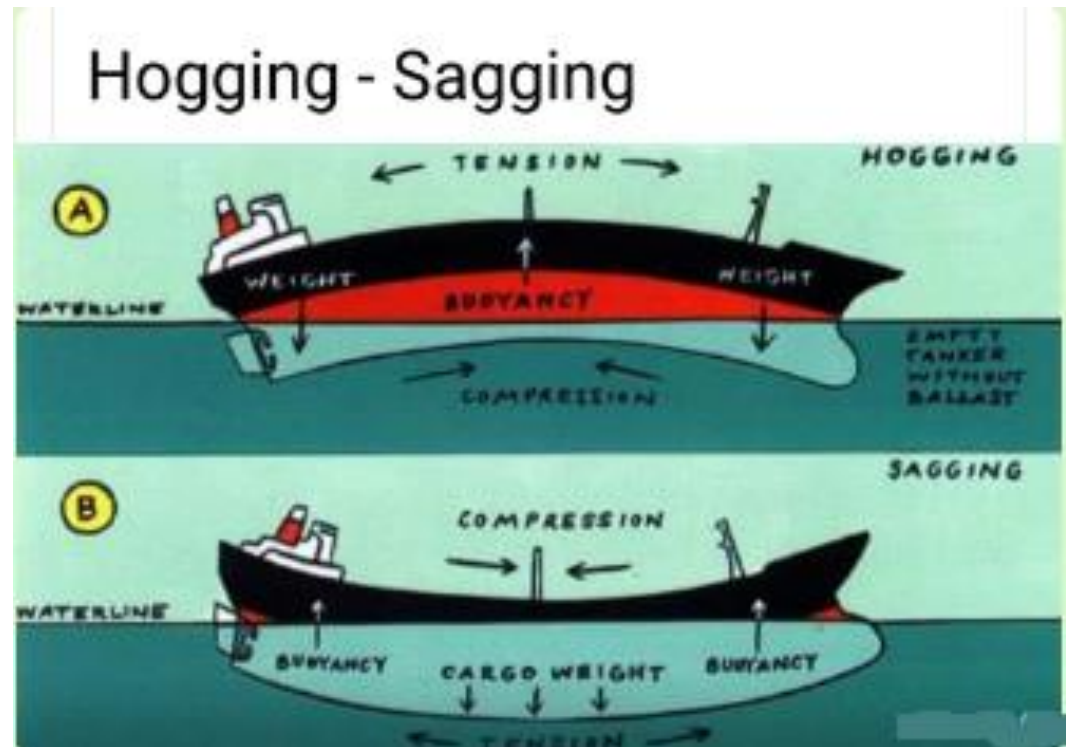


Joey Joseph explains these terms:

Hogging is the stress a ship's hull or keel experiences that causes the center or the keel to bend upward. Sagging is the stress a ship's hull or keel is placed under when a wave is the same length as the ship and the ship is in the trough of two waves. This causes the middle of the ship to bend down slightly, and depending on the level of bend, may cause the hull to snap or crack.

During loading and discharging cargo, ships bend (hog or sag) due to the distribution of the weights in the various holds and tanks on board.

The maximum amount of cargo that a vessel can load often depends on whether her Plimsoll mark is submerged or not. Therefore, sagging can reduce her effective cargo capacity – especially if her loadline has already been reached prematurely due to the sag.

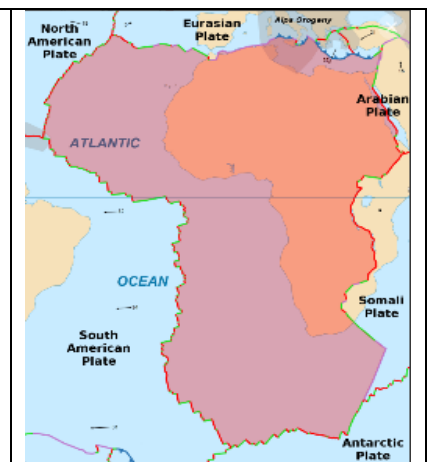


How Does Drum Sticks Grow	Weaver Birds of Konkan	Why hasn't Starbucks opened stores in Israel?
	 Nissim Moses - The Weaver Birds of the Konkan Coast/ Raigad... Facebook	Starbucks tried and failed, and the reason is that Starbucks doesn't believe in adapting to the local market. It believes, on the contrary, that the locals should learn to appreciate Starbucks. In some places (such as Japan) that worked. In Israel it didn't. The Italians got to Israel first, and Israelis are perfectly happy with the taste of their Lavazza and their Illy and their Segafredo. 

Why is Israel not a part of Africa?

While most people agree that Israel and Lebanon reside in West Asia, they are technically on the African plate and could be considered Northern African countries.

Now that being said, while the Jews and the Israelis are undoubtedly an Afro-Asiatic people, Israel does struggle with a bit of an identity crisis, you see, the Israeli ruling class, from Ben Gurion to Bennet, wanted for Israel what Mustafa Kamal wanted for Turkey (Minus Kemal's charisma and industry) they want to Europeanize Israel, and turn it into a secular European country (Istanbul is divided in to Europe & Africa, Greece and Cyprus are Europe too).



An Exciting One Hour Meeting with Mr. Noah Massil(kar)

On July 11, 2021 we met **Mr. Noah Massil** who along with his sweet smile shared with us some of his experiences working with the Bene-Israel community in Israel. It was interesting to hear him and to know about many facts that not all of perhaps know. It was a pleasure meeting him. This meeting was planned and bought about by Nissim Moses.

This meeting was planned and bought about by Nissim Moses at mall in Lod. Thank you to both Noah and Nissim for this meeting and for being prompt on time; 11 AM.



Mr. Noah Missal is well known in Israel and Maharashtra for promoting Marathi Language in Israel including Marathi Plays, Marathi Culture and Dance.

We are highlighting a few of these projects initiated by Noah for the betterment of the community.

MIABOLI: In the last issue we had given a brief introduction on MAIBOLI for English speaking Bene-Israel. But of course in the world of Marathi speaking Bene-Israel's, MAIBOLI needs no introduction. Hundreds of Bene-Israel around the world were excited to get the first Marathi Bene-Israel magazine. Though in UK Canada and USA you could find other Marathi literature but in Israel Marathi publications were not available at all. Hundreds of our Bene-Israel, especially women who did not know English or Hebrew had nothing to read. With MAIBOLI many of our Bene-Israel people felt emotionally attached to it. Since 1987 when it had started the MAIBOLI has continued all these years except for the last one year and half due to Corona lock-down. Noah seem to have some new exciting plans to add in future MAIPOLI's pictures and achievements of Bene-Israeli's in Israel. MAIBOLI project seems very close to Noah's heart as when we asked him if could attend the annual party of MAIBOLI; he avoided giving us a definite answer most diplomatically. Noah has been awarded for his wonderful MIABOLI work. See the link: [Noah Massil | Global Torch-Bearer Award | Lokmat Maharashtra of the Year | LMOTY 2019 - Bing video](#)



Mr. Noah Massil

Noah seem to have some new exciting plans to add new sections in the future MAIPOLI's; pictures and achievement details of Bene-Israeli's in Israel.

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The Central Organization of Indian Jews in Israel: From 1987 to 2007 this origination under its management arranged several social gatherings of Bene-Israel community where dancing and singing completions were held and lectures of interest were presented. This was the group that launched the idea of **Hodiada in Eliat** and had arranged the first two meetings. Later this idea was taken up by commercial groups who had profit interest and therefore invested in getting musical groups from India. This organization was initially idea of Noah and he worked very hard to get it working in Israel.

Books By Noah Missal for the Bene-Israel Community

Noah wrote and published these books from his personal savings and distributed them in the community at no cost.



In addition Noah has also written and published a book of *poems* written by him.

Shaniwar Teli deeply appreciates this work of Noah writing and publishing these books in all the three languages relevant to the Bene-Israel community. **We salute Noah for this work.**

We have noticed the youngsters of Bene-Israel born in Israel have no idea of their heritage. They know a bit here and there from what they have heard from their parents. One of the major reasons of this is that there are not many documents in Hebrew to explain the history to the Bene-Israel children. The first one I have seen in Hebrew and Marathi is Noah's above book.

Therefore we will be making a digital version of these books (Noah has given us his permission) and spread it all over on the internet so that our children can read our history in the language they understand.

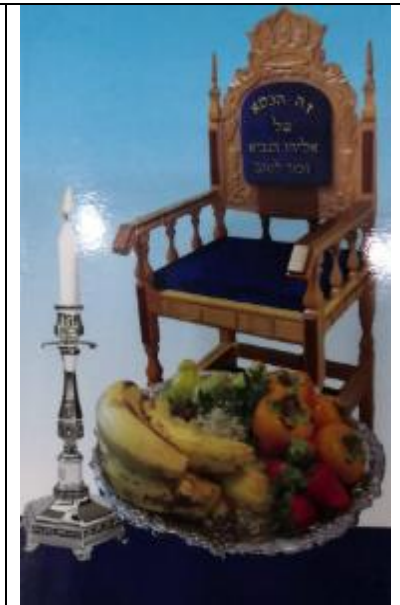


**Our Salute to
Mr. Noah
Massil**



Few days ago we attended a Malida service. After the Malida the person who conducted the prayers did not have the prayers for the last thanks giving prayers after sumptuous meals the family served. Further no blessing (meshabrakha) prayers were available for men women and for the army soldiers. They started looking all over in the books and papers they had at home but they could not find it. Finally they requested on the phone and friends send them as images on WhatsApp.

When Noah gave me his book in Hebrew I immediately appreciated that it was the **most complete book** for any Malida celebration. It included **full prayers and blessings** as our Bene-Israel people like to perform during any Malida prayers. In Israel no prayers are complete without giving blessing to the soldiers at the border who are protecting us 24/7. It is a pocket size book that one can carry easily



Bhorokar family serve "Kosher Mahadrin" Indian snacks food and sweets.

Further they also offer **large party fresh fruits Platters** for parties, meetings, festivals and other get to gathers.

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What is the difference between a Lawyer Advocate Barrister and others

The World of Legal Terms

Who is a lawyer?

Anyone who graduates in law is called a lawyer.

Who is a Barrister?

Anyone who graduates in law in UK is called a Barrister.

Who is an Advocate?

Lawyer/Barrister who passes local Bar Council exam and gets license to practice and represent cases in the court.

Who is an Attorney?

A person appointed to act for or represent another lawyer.

Who is a solicitor?

Law office law officer for a city/state & central government



The Surprising Origins of the Fortune Cookie

They didn't come from China.

While many associate these fortune cookies with Chinese restaurants—and by extension, Chinese culture—they are actually more readily traceable to 19th-century *Japan* and 20th-century *America*.

As far back as the 1870s, some confectionary shops near Kyoto, Japan carried a cracker with the same folded shape and a fortune tucked into the bend, instead of its hollow inside. It's called the "tsujiura senbei," or "fortune cracker," [according to](#) Jennifer 8. Lee, author of *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles: Adventures in the World of Chinese Food*, which recounts the history of the cookie.

However it was made world famous by a Jewish lady who opened a high-end Chinese restaurant in Los Angeles Hollywood area and offered the "Fortune Cookie" to the Americans actors. The idea made the restaurant a hit overnight.



The Jewish angle of the cookie

Visiting the Ashdod Grave Yard on Yom Kippur 15.9.2021

This Kippur as I went to visit my grandmother and my in-laws graves. There I noticed a were few new innovative installations. The Israeli technology was also influencing the grave yard.

Over last few years the grave yard received donations for stretchers to carry the dead. Further they now have few electric trolleys to carry senior citizens to the graves.

This time I saw **two new innovative products**. It is normal for visitors to wash the graves of their dear ones. For this there are taps provided all over. However one had to carry containers from home to fill the water. This time I saw several cans hung on a specially designed holder for the convenience for the visitors donated by people.



The other wonderful thing I noticed was the solar lamp. You place them on the grave and they burn up like a candle. No need for any energy except sunlight. It must be a beautiful sight in the night.

Another service that has become popular is to plan out your own grave that is left in the memory of computers of the grave builder. Many French Jews buy their own grave beforehand and get the number for the grave. This number of the grave then becomes the reference number for the grave builder. Many pay for their own grave beforehand.

(Buying the grave in advance for an Ashdod citizen is about 6000NIS for a nonresident: about 70,000 NIS. Cost of building the grave is separate. If you die in Ashdod as a citizen of Ashdod you get a grave free. But if you want to buy place next to it for the dead person's partner then it is about 5000 NIS.)



HELICON Society for Advancement of Poetry & Literature in Israel

In the identity description of cities and communities in the world, the cultural component plays a major part. Words are our main tool for communication and creating harmonious social circles. They are also our way of reaching awareness and knowledge. The "Word in Place" project as part of it, meets the need for exposure, encouragement and empowerment of local forces and talents in the profession of writing; poetry and literature about every place in the country. The competition took place during August 2021 and all candidates were to write a poem or story about their place of residence. 58 Israeli cities participated.

Our Bene- Israel girl Yamit Daniels Walwatkar won the first price for her entry with certificate and cash reward.



נה מילימ. קלוהו לדג קלח תוברתה ביכרמ ספות מלועב תוליהקו מירע לש תוהזה תדועתב אילכה. תועדמל עיגהל ונלש קרדה נה מיינומרה מייתרבח מילגעמ תריצילו תרושקתל ונלש ירקיעה תונורשיכו תוחוכ לש המצעהו דודיע, הפישחב קרוצ לע הנוע, ונממ קלחכ "מוקמב הלימ" מזימ קלהמב המייקתה תורחתה קראב מוקמ לכב תרופיסהו הרישה – הביתכה מוחתב מיימוקמ טסוגוא 2021. מהירוגמ מוקמ אשובב הרופיס וא ריש בותכל היה מידמעומה לכו ופתתשה תורחתב 58 מוקמב סלאינד תימי התכז דודשאב תורחתה תרגסמבו לארשיב מירע. נושארה



הספינת הכחולה

הנני ציפור נודדת. בלי בית, בלי שם.

אבות אבותיי נדדו וכך גם אני. מארחי יודעים שאני תושבת זמנית, אך למרות זאת, הם מקבלים אותי בברכה, מצעים את טוב ארצם ומצפים שאשוב מנדודי בבוא היום. שירים נכתבו, סיפורים סופרו, וריקודים נוצרו בהשארתנו הציפורים, אך אנו רק חיות, אין לנו בתים, אין לנו שמות. האמת היחידה הייתה שהרוחות מתקררות- אנו עוזבות. זו דרכנו, טבענו. ואני כבר ציפור מנוסה, כנפיי צברו צלקות דרכים רבות. במסעותי ראיתי הרים, מים ואש, ראיתי עצים גבוהים ושיחים קטנטנים, חיות מים ואדמה, מדברות עד אין סוף ויערות גשם ססגוניים, אנשים לבנים וכהים, טעמתי והרחתי את טעמי העולם כולו, שמעתי קול תפילה בשלל שפות, ראיתי שלום ומלחמה. הקשבתי באהבה ובסבלנות לסיפורים של כולם, וייעצתי מחוכמת חיי. אך תמיד, כאשר הרוחות בישרו על בוא החורף, הודיתי לכולם על האירוח, פרשתי כנפיי, והותרתי הכול מאחור.

באחת ממסעות נדודי, חשקה נפשי לעצור לנוח בדרך באזור דרומי אף יותר מהרגיל, והרוח, כקוראת מחשבותיי, גיבתה אותי בעידוד לכיוון דרום. לא התנגדתי, והגעתי למישור חוף מעל הים התיכון. ממעל ראיתי אזור מוקף דיונות וים שנראה כמו ספינה מסתורית שחלקה במים, חלקה באדמה. עיר עם נפש חצי חופשיה, חצי מציאותית, עם יסודות חזקים באדמה וזרועות ארוכות במים. נידמה היה שאם יונף שרביט קסמים, תרעד האדמה, העיר תתרומם מעל פני המים, ותהפוך לספינה ענקית שתשוט באצילות ובטבעיות שקטה כאילו תמיד הייתה ספינה. בעייני רוחי ראיתי את המפרשים, החרטום והירכתיים בפעולה.

נחתתי בשלווה על שובר גלים רטוב בשעת בין ערביים. הים ליטף את רגליי וסימן לשלום. לצידי עמדו דייגים אוחזים חכות וממתנים בציפייה. מסביב היו בני-אדם, חלקם לבד, חלקם מאוהבים יחדיו, חלקם בחיק משפחתם הצעירה, חלקם עם שערות שיבה. היו אנשים ששתקו וצפו בגלים, הם סיפרו לים את כאבם בדממה רועשת. אור השמש נצץ על המים ונדמה היה שפוזרה אבקת זהב ממעל והים נשא אותה מעלה מטה בקצב הרוח. נפשי נשבתה בצבעי שקיעת-האש המרהיבים. שמש, מים, רוח ושמיי שיתפו פעולה בהרמוניה מרגשת שיצרה ריקוד בצבעים ואורות. בעודי מתמקדת בשקיעה המהפנטת, נדמה היה שראיתי את קצה גלימתו של הבורא. אולי הגיע בכבודו ובעצמו לראות את בריאתו בשיאה.

סקרנותי גברה עליי ובימים הבאים התעופפתי בספינה מצפון לדרום. הראשון שביקרתי היה נמל העיר, ותיק ומלא כבוד. שרשרת ספינות המתינה להיכנס כדי שיטפל בהן במסירותו הידועה. הנמל היה צבעוני ומלא חיים, עובדיו עמלו בשמש היוקדת ובקור הלילה, טענו ופרקו. הנמל סיפר שהוא אוהב לפתוח את שעריו לתפוצות העולם ולפגוש אנשים חדשים, אך הוא אינו שוכח לעולם שהינו נמל שכול, הוא איבד בנים ובנות ביום שחור לפני שנים. לא רחוק מהנמל עמד על גבעה יונה הנביא, נחתתי על כתפו והוא בירך אותי לשלום. יונה סיפר כי הוא שומר העיר ולצידו מגדלור מסייע המאיר את הדרך. עוד סיפר כי זו עיר ותיקה ששכנו בה כנענים, פלישתים, רומאים, ועוד רבים, אך שבט יהודה הוא שנותר ואפילו כיום האריה של יהודה שואג מליבה ומלב תושביה. הוא נהנה לצפות מנקודתו הגבוהה בנחל לכיש זורם אל הים, למרות שהיה נחל אכזב יונה אהב את הנחל מאוד. הוא אמר שבדיוק כאלה הם החיים והחוכמה היא להבין ולשמוח שהם כאלה.

המשכתי לטייל בספינה והגעתי לשוק שהיה שילוב של ריחות, טעמים, וצבעים. היה שם מלח ים, כוסברה טרייה, תפוחי זהב מנצנצים, תותים אדומים טריים, ורדים, ולילות שנשזרו בזרים יפייפיים. הרחתי תבליני כורכום, פלפל, זעתר, ופפריקה אדומה עזה שהזכירו יחדיו את ממומביי הרחוקה, ראיתי בעיני רוחי את התבשיל ההודי סופג אליו את התבלינים. המשכתי לעוף לאורך החוף והרחתי מאפה טרי שהדיף ריח גבינה. הייתי מוכרחה להבין מאיפה מוכר לי השילוב. ראיתי אנשים אוכלים בעצימת עיניים מגעגוע לטביליסי ולנהר הקורה, גם אני עצמתי עיניי לרגע מגעגוע.

המשכתי במעוף והגעתי למצודה עתיקת יומין על שפת הים. היא סיפרה לי כי היא שם עוד מהמאה השביעית, שהיא הייתה מרשימה וגדולה בצעירותה אך זוהרה נעלם לאחר מאות שנות קיום, אבל תושבי העיר קישטו ושיפצו אותה והשיבו לה את יופייה הייחודי. היא צפתה בגאווה איך הפכה העיר משטופת חול ושוממת אדם למרכז שופע וחיוני. היא סיפרה לי על מר בן-עמי שהשקיע בדרום כפי שהשקיע בצפון לבקשתו של ראש הממשלה, על אדון רוגוזין שברחב ליבו בנה מפעל כדי לפרנס את תושבי העיר הראשונים, היא סיפרה בפחד איך הגיעו המצרים ל"עד-הלום" והעיר ניצלה ברגע האחרון. חשתי כמה היא מרגישה מוגנת ואיך נהנתה שהילדים טיפסו על חומותיה המחודשות.

בלילה החלטתי שלמחרת אמשיך בדרכי, דחיתי את הנדידה יתר על המידה, "אני מאבדת כיון בספינה הזו, עליי לחזור לתלם" אמרתי לעצמי. מצאתי לי מקום לישון ואגרתי כוחות להמשך המסע. עצמתי את עיניי כשלפתע צלילי עוד גרמו לי לפקוח את עיני, הצלילים הידהו לי בראש וזימנו אותי לבוא. לא האמנתי למשמע אוזניי. עפתי במהירות לכיוון ההיכל שממנו בקעו הצלילים. התקרבותי ושמעתי תזמורת מהערים האנדלוסיות. הצלילים בקעו באהבה מהכלים השונים ושמעתי קול משי צלול קורא לאהוב שיבוא מהים. מחוץ להיכל שולחנות אירוח היו מלאים בכל טוב, מטעמים ותה חם, האירוח של מרקש. התרגשתי ושקעתי בשירה.

בדרכי חזרה למעוני, עפתי מעל מופע פתוח. ממילא לא יכולתי לחזור לישון לאחר משמע אוזני, וירדתי לראות במה עוד תפתיע אותי העיר-ספינה הזו. מולי ניצבה במה שהאירה אור בודד חזק על זוג צמוד בידיים פרושות ללא תזוזה. הגבר היה לבוש מחויט והאישה שמלה אדומה כורד. מנגינה נעימה החלה לנגן, והזוג החל לנוע כאיש אחד. ריקוד ולס מדהים ומקצועי כפי שראיתי רק במוסקבה המוכשרת. עקבתי כשבוע אחר הזוג שנע כסביבון צבעוני. עברו ימים רבים והייתי אמורה לעזוב, חשבתי רק לעצור לנוח אך כל יום מצאתי סיפור שגרם לי להישאר. פגשתי עין גדולה משקיפה, ראיתי שכונות עוני ומצוקה לצד אזורי עושר וחידוש, היו חלקים חלשים וחזקים אך כולם היו מוגנים תחת מהמפרש הגדול של הספינה.

לאחר שראיתי, שמעתי, טעמתי, הרחתי, ונגעתי בספינה, העזיבה הייתה קשה מנשוא. עפתי לנקודה האהובה עליי- קצה מפרש בכיכר סלוניקי, אחד מתוך חמישה מפרשים הממתינים למטה הקסמים שיפעיל אותם. הבטתי אל האופק וחשבתי על אבותיי הנוודים. האם שאלו מדוע הם נודדים? הנדידה כבר לא הייתה מובנת מאליו עבורי, היא כבר לא הרגישה טבעית. התחושה הייתה מוזרה ונכונה גם יחד. הבנתי שלא איבדתי את כיווני, אלא מצאתי אותו לאחר אלפי שנות נדידה. "כן, פה אשאר" אמרתי לעצמי בקולו. אני אבנה פה קן ומשפחה. מצאתי את ביתי, הרגשתי כאן שייכת, מוזמנת, שיש לקול שבתוכי מקום.

אינני כבר ציפור נודדת, יש לי בית, יש לי שם-"אשדוד". זקפתי את גבי והרוח נשבה בפני, חייכתי שקיבלתי את ברכתה.



All the essays and poetries are combined in a book and available to readers at NIS 40.00

The Bene Ephraim (Hebrew: בני אפרים)
Prasanth Ponugoti

(Bene-Ephraim are Jews who were Turmeric Traders who carried Turmeric from Andhra Pradesh (largest supplier of Turmeric) to the Middle-East)

Deputy speaker of Andhra Pradesh state attended the first day prayers at our community sukka .

While speaking after first day prayers as per local halakka Rabbi Yacobi has described to media about the meaning and importance of Sukkot festival and sukka.

On this occasion Kona Raghupathi , Deputy speaker of Andhra Pradesh assembly said that he is proud of Indian culture ,that hosts various religions for ages.

He also promised that he will work for the development of Bene Ephraim Jews who are living in this area for ages and keeping the ancient Jewish traditions.



Mr. Kona Raghu Pathi (standing)

Sitting on the right: Local Rabbi Yacobi of Bene-Ephraim



Cooking

How do you like your boiled egg? All these room temperature eggs were dropped in boiling water at the same time and removed after few minutes as mentioned below. Most popular is the 6 and 6.30 minutes boiled egg. (Egg Timer available)



Bene-Israel Jokes on Cemetery



Last night drunk Mabgavkar took a short-cut through the cemetery when he saw Navgaokar chiselling a tombstone.
Mabgavlar: You gave me a fright! Why are you working so late.
Navgaokar: They spelt my name wrong!



Galsulkar: Do you know that this graveyard in shambles, is full of graves of Bene-Israel people who thought that Bene-Israel community cannot survive with-out them
Penkar:??!!

Divekar: Man the graveyard looks overcrowded.
Pingle: Yes, people are dying to get in!

Ramrajkar : Why's a graveyard the safest place in quarantine?
Talkar: Why?
Ramrajkar: Everybody's 6 feet away.

Talagaokar: There's a graveyard at the end of my street.
Ashtamkar: I guess it really is a dead end.
Talagaokar: ??!!

Aaron: Hey Esther, are you a graveyard?
Esther: Why?
Aaron: Because I would die to get inside of you.

One day at school;
Ruth: Leah do you know my father loves telling people how he has thousands of people under him at his job.
Leah: *@ How?
Ruth: He cuts the grass at the graveyard.

Dighokar: Bhonkar, I am checking with all Bene-Israel people. Can you tell me when will you die?
Bhonkar: (Surprised and Angry) *WHY?*
Dighokar: I am making my business plan. I dig graves.

Malakar: Pezarkar do you know graveyards are great places to get laid.
Pezarkar: Yes, especially if you are dead.

Roherkar hanged himself to death from a tree in a graveyard.
Nagavkar: Sankar why do you think he hanged himself in the graveyard?
Sankar: Perhaps he had no tree at home.

Satamkar: Dudkar, why do you think the religious Jewish people bury their women in separate sections?
Dudkar: I think it is to help God to find easily who the major sinners are.

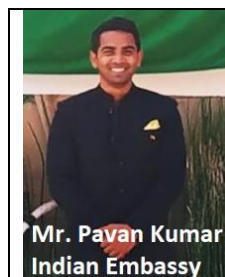
Mazagaokar: Killekar, what's the difference between a toilet and a graveyard?
Killekar: (confused) What?
Mazagaokar: Nothing. When you have to go, you have to go.

Haim (on phone): Sam there is no place in the graveyard. A family has come with a body.
Sam: Just find an old ruin grave and sell it to them for 1 lac Rs. Tell them it is only place remaining.

Bhastakar: Bhonkar, you know all our cemeteries are in shambles today. It makes me so sad.
Bhonkar: Do you know where is your great grandfather is buried?
Bhastakar: No

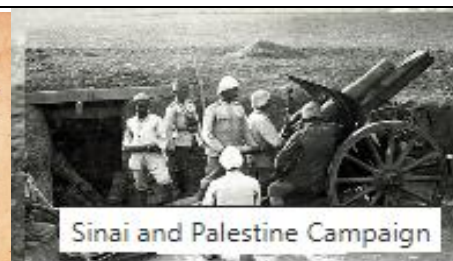
Bhonkar: So why do you worry? If you need to preserve your ancestors graves then you should have built Pyramids.
Bhastakar: Oh.. ok. I will then check how we can burry my family in Egypt.

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Celebrating the Tricolor 🇮🇳
The Haifa War Cemetery, where soldiers from Indian units who liberated Haifa in Sept 1918 are honored, has been illuminated in the Tricolour ahead of Indian #IndependenceDay on Aug 15.
#JaiHind



In October 1914, the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade from India was moved by sea to Egypt to become part of the Force in Egypt defending the Suez Canal. During November 1917 as part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force that the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade was involved in the Third Battle of Gaza and played an active role in the British victory over Turkish forces in Palestine.

In total, eighty-four men from the brigade were killed in action or died of their wounds and another 123 were wounded. Several memorials were erected to commemorate the brigade in the Middle East and in India. The anniversary of the brigade's most famous victory, the Battle of Haifa, is still celebrated today by its successors in the Indian Army.

15th (Imperial Service) Cavalry Brigade



Memorial to the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade, New Delhi.



Battle of Haifa

Part of the Middle Eastern theatre of World War I



Jodhpur lancers (In khaki) and Mysore lancers (In white) marching through Haifa after it was captured

Embassy of India Newsletter Aug. 2021 summarized many important matters;

- ON the **cultural** front, the Indian Cultural Center (ICC) in Tel Aviv, in association with the Indian Jewish Heritage Center and Cochin Jewish Heritage Center, launched the [Indian Jewish Artifacts Exhibition](#) series as part of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* celebrations during which paintings of synagogues of India by renowned architect and artist Prof. Jay A. Waronkar are on display.
- The ICC also launched [Create Your Own Indian Art](#) virtual workshop series under which sessions on Kashmiri [papier-mâché](#) art and [Pichwai paintings](#) were organized during the month.
- ON the **consular and community** front, the Indian students and caregivers who had been stuck in India owing to Covid-19 restrictions started returning to Israel through the *Vande Bharat Mission* flights. The students at Technion University organized Independence Day celebrations on their campus which were attended by senior officials from the Embassy. On August 23, the Ambassador joined the Cochini and Pardesi Jewish diaspora for Onam celebrations in Hadera.

ICCR Scholarships 2020-21 for Israeli Nationals. Scholarships for Israeli Nationals to Study in India.

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Blessings by our Sages – Saul Aptekar

ברכת הבנים

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❖ BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN / ברכת הבנים ❖

THERE IS A WIDESPREAD CUSTOM FOR PARENTS TO BLESS THEIR CHILDREN – YOUNG AND OLD – BEFORE LEAVING TO THE SYNAGOGUE ON THE EVE OF YOM KIPPUR.

FOR A SON:

יְשַׁמְךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּאַפְרַיִם וּמְנַשֶּׁה.*

« and Menashe. * < like Ephraim < May God make you

(1) Genesis 48:20.

« קִיעוּרָה הַטְּשָׁקָה / THE MEAL BEFORE THE FAST »

Immediately after the *Minchah* services, one should begin the *seudah hamafsekes*, the festive last meal before the fast. At this meal the *challah* is dipped into honey (as it is at the Rosh Hashanah meals). Strong wine and other intoxicating beverages should not be taken at the meal. Fish (especially salty fish), spicy foods, and hot food whose primary ingredient is milk, eggs or garlic, are not eaten. It is customary to serve light foods, such as chicken, rather than heavy foods such as beef (*Mishnah Berurah* 608:16; *Matteh Ephraim* 608:1).

If one finishes his meal much before the time to begin fasting, it is preferable that he have in mind or state orally that with the conclusion of the meal he does not wish to assume upon himself the restrictions of the fast. Thus, if he chooses, he may eat or drink even after the meal is over. However, even if one did not make this declaration and he wishes to eat or drink, he may do so, provided that he had not decided — mentally or orally — to assume the restrictions of the fast (*Mishnah Berurah* 608:15; 553:2; *Matteh Ephraim* 608:6).

« בְּרַכַּת הַבָּנִים / BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN »

It is customary for parents to bless their children, young and old, before leaving for the synagogue, after the final Erev Yom Kippur meal. The flow of Divine beneficence and blessing which comes with the onset of this sacred day makes this a particularly auspicious time for such blessings. Both hands should be laid upon the head of the child to signify that the blessing is conveyed with complete generosity of spirit. Each parent may add personal blessings to the customary text, as he sees fit (*Beis Yaakov*).

« יְשַׁמְךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּאַפְרַיִם וּמְנַשֶּׁה » — My God make you like Ephraim and Menashe. This blessing is taken from Jacob's blessing to the two sons of Joseph. He prefaced his blessing with the words, . . . בְּךָ יִבְרַךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ (with the blessing given your children) shall Israel invoke blessing, saying . . . Thus Jacob himself pronounced the text of the blessing that Jewish parents would give their children throughout history.

Ephraim and Menashe were singled out as the models for blessing because they were unique. Although they were Jacob's grandchildren, he elevated them to the status of his sons, granting each his own portion of Eretz Yisrael and the same rights as the other tribes. Therefore, in effect, the Blessing of the Children implies that each child so blessed should be granted heavenly assistance to rise to greatness.

A central feature of Jacob's blessing is that he gave priority to the younger son, Ephraim, over his older brother (see *Genesis* 48:13-20). Joseph was upset that his father slighted Menashe, but the two sons reacted differently. Menashe was not jealous of his brother's superiority, and Ephraim did not display arrogance as a result of his preferred status. Seeing this, Jacob declared that this display of unselfish brotherhood should become the model for the entire nation. When Jews seek to bless their children, they can find nothing better to wish upon them than such sterling perfection of character (*Agra d'Pirka*).

Yalkut Yehudah finds another reason for the choice of these two as Israel's blessing. They were the first Jews born and raised in exile. What is more, they were raised in Pharaoh's court at a time when there was no Jewish

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BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה* וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ. יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ

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religious life in Egypt except within the intimacy of their own family. That they grew up to be sources of pride to the Patriarch makes them eminently worthy to be the exemplars of Israel. « יְבָרְכֶךָ — May HASHEM bless you. These verses are the Priestly Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26; see pages 927-932). In the verse following these blessings, God states that when the *Kohanim* (priests) bless the nation, He will confer His own blessing upon the Children of Israel. This makes clear that *Kohanim* have no independent power

of blessing; rather they are the instruments through which God allows His blessing to rest upon Israel (*R' Hirsch*). Similarly, parents are the agents whose love and devotion to their children is the conduit for God's infinite blessing.

« וַיְהִי רָצוֹן — May it be the will. One should bless his children that he merit to raise them to Torah, marriage, and good deeds; that they be truly God fearing with no ulterior motives but with complete sincerity; that they live long lives

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FOR A DAUGHTER:

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 < and Leah.* < Rachel, < Rebecca, < like Sarah, < May God make you
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dedicated to the service of God and to His Torah in utter truth; that they have children and grandchildren who will engage sincerely in Torah and the commandments; and that they merit both tables [spiritual growth and achievement and material wealth and comfort] according to God's abundant compassion and unlim- ited kindness (Besamim Rosh).

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<i>I'hachayot bahem</i>	What comes alive through their needs
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20 thrilling technologies that will change lives 20 years from now.

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Before we look at 2040, let's take a quick trip down memory lane to 20 years past. Life at the start of the new millennium was completely unlike today and filled with technology that is no longer known to the modern generation. Landlines, Floppy Disks, VCRs, Phonebooks, Copiers, Film cameras went from awesome to obsolete really quickly.

It is interesting to think of where the digital world will be headed by 2040. Today's technology will seem primitive by the standards of 2041, just as 2001's technology is to us today.

Let's imagine how fascinating 2041 could be!

1. Virtual cloud on-the-go. Data and information might be available virtually as air. Everything on the go will take on a literal meaning and the word "connect" will be meaningless of your gadgets. Imagine wherever you are - in an elevator, a car, or an airplane; data will just move seamlessly.
2. AI will make you believe the world revolves around you! As you talk, discuss, act - AI will surround you with options and suggestions, actionable at a tap or a wink! AI will resemble RI (Real Intelligence)

3. Driverless and automated intelligent cars will move, self-park and maybe fly as well?
4. People's job profiles will change. They will need to work less, and most routine and hazardous work will be covered by robots.
5. Typing on gadgets may be redundant and will be replaced by voice commands, gestures and maybe even thought controls.

6. Local/Vernacular languages will no longer be barriers to trade and travel. On the go translations of spoken and written language will ensure a global world and smoother travel.
7. Green energy will be affordable and freely available. A quieter lifestyle will actually be a reality with vehicles running on clean, renewable power sources.
8. Virtual charging surfaces will be ubiquitous, allowing effortless charging of gadgets on table-tops or car dashboards/surfaces.
9. Space Tourism will turn from fantasy into a reality! Holidays to Mars, round trip around Venus and perhaps, some may prefer to settle permanently in space!
10. Medical treatments, especially surgery, will be robotics driven for high precision.
11. All gadgets will be connected to the cloud. IoT will be way of life.

12. Robots and Cobots - Most of the routine workforce will be replaced by robots partially or, completely giving rise to the term Cobots i.e. Colleagues that are Robots.

13. Personal banking and professional banking will see massive developments with blockchain technology making it faster and secure. I won't be surprised if physical money and physical banking concepts vanished or become limited to very specific scenarios that are uncommon.

14. Physical credit cards will be replaced by virtual limits in your wallets, guarded by biometrics.
15. Computers/Laptops will be thin and practically weightless. Even foldable, or rollable, enabling

16. Remote business meetings will be conducted virtually as a standard. Travel might become purely recreational. Business travels will be limited to at the behest of those at the highest echelons, denoting a person's power and wealth.
17. Wearable gadgets will be indispensable. They will be miniaturised and may be even inserted in ones' body. Information and entertainment will revolve around these gadgets.

19. Every home will have the equivalent of a theatre, with 60+ inch displays installed and a plethora of content accessible on the cloud. Releases will be cloud first.

20. 3D Printing will be used to construct buildings, structures, and some products within a matter of hours/days which currently take months and years to do.

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Lives in Israel Updated March 24, 2018

Why does Israel not consider the Druze people to be Arabs?

I'm an Israeli Druze and here is my opinion about the issue: Druze are Arabs. It's important to clarify this at the very start especially after seeing so many answers that say otherwise.

We don't just know Arabic it's our mother tongue, we share the same Arabic cuisine and culture of our Arabic neighbors, we have Arabic names and originally some Druze tribes came from the Arabic peninsula. So we are Arabs in almost every aspect i can think of (if not all of them)

The real question here is a question of identity. After the Israeli war of independence the Druze were recognized by the Israeli government as a separate community aside from their other Arabic neighbors (like Muslim and Christian Arabs) and for the Druze it was really important not to be included in that generalizing term "Arabs" but why?

In Israel the term "Arabs" is used to call the "other side" or in a very simplified manner "the bad guys". And the Druze - who fought and died alongside other Israelis in every Israeli war since the country's inception - didn't want to because well it's pretty obvious why.

Even Jewish people who came from Arabic countries - people who were as Arabic as any other Arab - would rage at you if you called them Arabs. It has really become an insult in Israel.

And this is mainly why we don't want to be called Arabs and thus why Israel created a whole new community within a community.

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July 2021

The group has been busy making Zoom arrangements for Selichot meetings including separate one for ladies of the community. They have also arranged zoom prayer meeting for Yom Kippur and the high festivals.

They have been helping several Bene-Israel families during Corona in many different ways. In addition to finding financial help for these families they have helped sick corona patients to move them to hospitals and getting treatment on priority. There are many unfortunate families who have lost their dear ones with Corona diseases. In this case it is very difficult for families to get the body of the family member from the hospital as all corona patients are bunt in India as per instructions. To give respectable burial to our Bene-Israel members who have left their loved ones behind, this group has helped families to get the bodies back. Shaniwar Teli appreciates their wonderful job done to help our Bene-Israel community.

We at Shaniwar Teli appreciate their sincere work for our community.

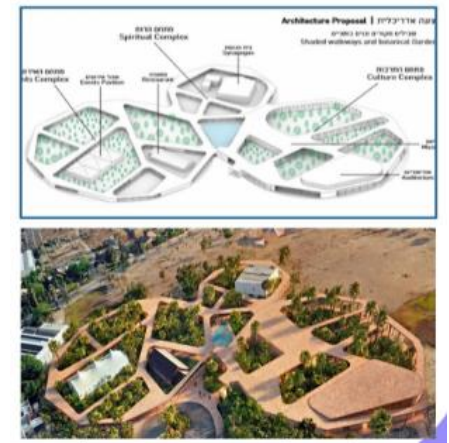
IJFC

“Masala Dosa that is what Navatim reminds me” says Rachel whose 19 years old daughter was recently drafted at the **Nevatim Israeli Air Force Base** after her initial training. Whenever we go to visit my daughter we order south Indian food at the Nevatim Cochin Moshav. They make it fresh and yummy says Rachel. There is also a Zimmer and one can stay there overnight. The visit to the Cochni Museum is also possible if pre- arranged and Rachel said they did visit it and it was a present visit.

However they had no idea of any combine India Jews Museum or spice gardens. They said they already have s spice gardens that people come to visit.

IJHC is meanwhile is busy arranging zoom meetings that you can on their website;

[\(20+\) Indian Jewish Heritage Center- IJHC | Facebook](#)



IJFC's Future plan at Nevatim

RJA

Advocate Herzl Levy Bhonkar



RJA celebrated New Jewish year 5782 at various synagogues in Raigad (Alibaug and Revdanda) including sea prayers.

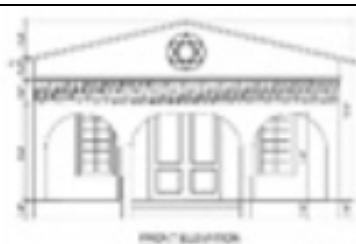
Evening Rosh Hashana: Magen Aboth synagogue Alibag with no* minyan.

1st day of Rosh hashana and tashlikh prayers at Revdanda with minyan.

2nd day of Rosh hashana at Magen Aboth synagogue Alibag with minyan.



*RJA is seriously concern about such situations when there is no minyan during festivals and Shabbat. They are working on a new plan to attract people from Mumbai to spend weekends and holidays in Raigad region. Once the plan is ready they will be sharing with all the Bene-Israel community.



Ambapur: Synagogue re-construction work progress has been delayed due to corona work regulation limitations.

Korlai Cemetery Wall: Building of the wall is waiting for corona reasons.

New Project: The RJA team will decide on their next project.

We at Shaniwar Teli appreciate RJA service to the Bene-Israel community.

This is just the beginning of several “Felicitation” to come to the **Raigad Jewish Association** (RJA) for the meaningful work they are doing in preserving the Bene-Israel Jewish Heritage properties in our land of Kokan; Raigad where our gene

The RJA got its present momentum by electing Advocate Herzl Levy Bhonkar as the RJA President. Since then it is no looking behind for RJA.



Felicitation of Raigad Jewish Association by Emphraim Joshua vakrulkar through Milka Ashtamkar ❤️



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Congratulation!

IOBI

Showing The **Other Side** of the Coin

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No
Elected
Leader



IOBI issued 2021 Jewish New Year issue; Kol Bene Israel sub titled; CULTURE EMAGAZINE OF IOBI, though we found nothing of BI Culture in there. We decided to ask some IOBI members to review this issue so that we are fair. Review below by IOBI.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This issue (as all others) of IOBI are not representing IOBI members as it was not preapprove by a committee officially chosen by IOBI members. It is work of a self-appointed editor who is an ordinary member of IOBI and is trying to win fake popularity at the cost of IOBI. 2. 54 pages are printed but not in one page did it say IOBI helped some Bene-Israel. IOBI was formed to help BI. Not to print useless magazines that helps no one. 3. Most disgusting is the article on Corona. Does he have any idea how many BI died of corona? How many did not get bodies of their family members? How many were helped to get the bodies from the hospital by various BI social workers. Disgusting. How many lost jobs? How many had nothing to eat? Are they laughing at those BI who suffered? Nauseating! Shocking! 4. On page 41 they speak of their recent activity. Pictures are from 2018. Piyutim (Poems) group keeps organization such evenings irrespective of IOBI. Magen Hassidim in Ashdod arrange dinner (sometimes Malida too) on every Saturday for old people and has nothing to do with IOBI. All fake news. Being present once in 2018 does not mean anything. Extra burden on Magen as no one paid. Calling Uncle and Aunty to be leaders is not a criterion. One needs ability. They should feel ashamed to go to any functions as | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. In the pictures you see only one family? Why? Further nothing was done in India? Why? Where is IOBI India? 6. The issue is filled by people who have married outside the community and accepted other religions. Why are they running & they writing in Bene-Israel publications? The group should be renamed. Int Org of Non BI (IONBI). 7. It is funny that all artists have done only circular art. Looks like everyone was asked to make a circle and fill it up for the issue. Jews would do stars and not circles as in other religions. Seems the teacher is non Jewish. 8. On page 51 they list all BI teams and wish from them a happy new year? They did not take permission from anyone. We IOBI members don't agree doing things without permission. 9. The kid's crossword is copied and so is the painting page. They are seen in North American Jewish papers. 10. There is a new serious problem now that all packages coming to Israel from India are returned? Why? When BI need help IOBI runs away. Once it is solved they will come running to take credit. 11. We don't want such inefficient people forcefully represent us. There are more able people to represent us. Only elected and able members who are interested in this social job should represent us. Not by Uncle Uncle Aunty Aunty. |
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representatives of IOBI when they are not. No one choose them. No one told them to become our leaders? Begging to become leaders is not graceful or honorable. How can fake self-appointed leaders be so **Shameless**. We spit on them.

(Shaniwar Teli: It seems IOBI is seriously divided between self-proclaimed leaders and able leaders. Members are using us to pass the message. We don't understand what is wrong in elections in each country as members want it? It is a fair demand. Keeping quite will keep it as Chat Group.

GPM- Gabriel Project Mumbai Emergency Nutrition for Starving Families!!
URGENT APPEAL for Donation of only \$70/- (On-line Donations)



Dear Leo,
We have almost reached the matching grant goal for our COVID-19 Emergency Response in the urban slums and rural villages!

Again, we are thankful for the **generous \$5,000 matching grant from the ROI Community, an initiative of Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies**, in support of our emergency COVID-19 work.

Much thanks go out to the following people who have donated generously so far:
Stephen, Sylvia, Peter, Chaim and Ariella, Hannah and Michael, Priva, Talya, Jeff, Caryl, Jay, Rachelle and Alan, Rachel, Sarah, Simi, Debra, Susan, Miriam, Nava, Effi and Sophie, Scott, Tikvah, Haina, Rebecca and David.

We have only \$1,700 to go to reach our goal so **please make a donation today and double your impact fighting the spread of COVID-19** in the urban slums and rural villages of India.

With so much thanks, and prayers for global relief from the pandemic,

Jacob Sztokman
jacob@gabrielprojectmumbai.org

Please donate here:

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Please see below the meaningful work been done by Gabriel and Israel:
[Gabriel Project Mumbai and IsraAID COVID-19 Response - YouTube](#)



We at Shaniwar Teli appreciate Gaberial's sincere efforts.

CJWN - Commonwealth Jewish Women's Network-India

Lebana Penkar

Shaniwar Teli Wishes Lebana good luck with her new position to help the Bene-Israel Community through CJC.



Commonwealth countries are those who were under British rule. Some of them refused to be part of Commonwealth like Israel and USA; but many still agreed to go as Commonwealth countries. CJWN is a branch of CJC; Commonwealth Jewish Council operating from UK. [Supporting Jewish Communities – CJC – Commonwealth Jewish Council](#)

The CJC provides direct support to 38 Jewish communities across the Commonwealth. Over 30 are in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, where their smallest and most vulnerable communities often operate in extremely dangerous environments. Some practice their Judaism without a synagogue building or a rabbi to offer leadership and guidance.

Background is related to an invitation of Sir Clive Lawton of CJC to attend their regional meetings to some prominent members of the Indian BI community; among which was ex-Executive Director of AJDC India (Elijah Jacob) and Ralph Jhirad.

Elijah was requested by WZO to organize an i- Vision conference in India for the local community. Elijah invited Lebana to help him in this project as she was the Chair of the Young Adult Engagement Committee of AJDC.

Lebana and Elijah organized a successful three day i- Vision conference in Mumbai in collaboration with WZO, IJF, AJDC, Elly Kadoorie school and the Israeli Consulate in Mumbai.

Elijah suggested to Lebana to get oxygen concentrators when CJC asked them for recommendations regarding essential requirements for the Indian Jewish Community during the pandemic. Lebana and her father who heads the IJF coordinated with the local synagogues re. distribution of these oxygen concentrators.

Lebana Penkar was extended an invitation to represent CJWN in India. Their aim being getting powerful Jewish women to join force for the betterment of the Jews in Commonwealth countries.

In the last issue we have discussed about the first important contribution of CJC of donating 21 portable oxygen concentrators. Lebana then distributed these to 21 synagogues so that it can be used by Jewish patients as first priority.

Lebana is thinking of suggesting to the synagogues, once the COVID19 threat is eased, to donate these instruments to their closest hospitals where our Jews normally visit.

(These concentrators need refill of chemicals and regular maintenance that hospitals are equipped with).

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HUMBLE APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

The managing committee of the above mentioned synagogue wish to inform you all that our Jewish festival "Kippur" will be coming in a few days time. But due to the recent surge of Covid-19, Government of Maharashtra has issued a strict protocol. Due to this the temples of all religions are closed. Also there is a red alert of possible terrorist attack on Jewish community during this coming festivals. The Mumbai Police are therefore very particular about the safety of Jewish community as well as the government's strict protocol for Covid. The police therefore, issued a strict instructions to us regarding the number of devotees attending the festival prayers. According to the verbal discussion our trustee had with them, they have instructed us that there should not be more than 20 devotees in the Synagogue during Kippur. We therefore, humbly request you all, that please try to understand the seriousness of the situation and cooperate with us to avoid over crowding the Synagogue during this Kippur prayer time. Only persons who are able to do the festival prayers on teba and few members of the managing committee as well as the devotees who attend regular Shabbat prayers will get the preference to attend this Kippur prayer. In case, whoever do not observe this instruction, he or she will be held responsible for the consequences if any. Sorry for the inconvenience.

For The Tiphereth Israel Synagogue

A. S. Benjamin

Managing Committee of Tiphereth Israel Synagogue

AJDC

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4 Yoga for Health & Peace 10am Intermediate Hebrew 4:30pm
5 Meraki Art Class 3pm Beginner Hebrew 5:30pm	6 Kaballah Class 5pm	7 Yoga for Health & Peace 10am Parashat Shavua 7:30pm Night time story session 9pm	8 Rosh Chodesh Av - Onet HaTorah 5:30pm	9	10	11 Intermediate Hebrew 4:30pm
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Keshher - Connecting our Jewish Community						
August 2021 Av - Elul 5781						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Beginner's Hebrew - 4pm Intermediate Hebrew - 5:30pm	2 Golden Age 25th Anniversary - 5pm	3 Meraki Art Class - 5pm	4 Parashat Shavua by Rabbi Joshua Kolet - 7:30pm	5 Kaballah Class with Judah Kolet - 5pm	6	7
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15 Independence Day Beginner's Hebrew - 4pm Intermediate Hebrew - 5:30pm	16 Golden Age Cultural Evening - 5pm	17 Kaballah Class with Judah Kolet - 5pm	18 Parashat Shavua by Rabbi Joshua Kolet - 7:30pm	19 Meraki Art Class - 5pm	20	21
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Keshher - Connecting our Jewish Community						
September 2021 Elul 5781 - Tishrei 5782						
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Thank you **Mr. Nissim Pingle** for the information.
Please contact AJDC to find activities for current months.

Canada

Bene Israel Selichot in Toronto	Israel-Canada Relationships	
 Bene Israel Selichot LIVE from Canada 5781/2021 - YouTube 	Israel and Canada have long stood side-by-side as partners on the world stage. Economic, cultural, political, and security ties reflect our mutual interests in peace and prosperity. Their friendship is rooted in the shared values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. As their bilateral relations expand to new areas including science and innovation, what remains constant are the close people-to-people ties that exist on all levels and in all sectors.	What remains constant are the close people-to-people ties that exist on all levels and in all sectors. May 11, 2021 marked 70 years of diplomatic relations between Canada and Israel. To celebrate 60 years this milestone, both countries issued a commemorative stamp in 2011. The stamp was designed to depict and honour six decades of strong political, economic, cultural and social ties.

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History of the Jews in Kenya

History of the Jews in Kenya refers to the history of Jewish settlement in Kenya, which began in 1899. There is still a Jewish community living in Kenya today including Bene-Israel. [Community in Kenya - World Jewish Congress](#)

The months of Elul & Tishrei

By Ariella Daniels-Canada



The months of Elul & Tishrei is my favorite time of the year. It is a time of renewal, reflection, connection and correction through joy and through our close relationship with Hashem.

From Rosh Chodesh Elul to Yom Kippur, we the Jewish People have the opportunity to recite the Selichot and enhance our relationship with Hashem as individuals and as a Nation. For me, my father's chazaanut is integral to the way I connect and this year we had a couple of great opportunities to share his story & knowledge with the international Bene Israel community and beyond.

On August 26, Chazzan Joshua Daniels was hosted by the Indian Jewish Heritage Center for a "Heritage on Zoom" session on Bene Israel Piyutim & Selichot. He spoke about his journey as a Chazzan and how he utilizes his experiences from living in India, Israel and Canada to develop and enhance the Bene Israeli melodies. Throughout the presentation, he sang excerpts from the Selichot.

You are invited to watch a recording of the livestream Bene Israel Selichot service from Toronto which took place on September 5 at the Richmond Hill Country Shul: <https://youtu.be/-w-xZMsK2SI>



Mr. Joshua Daniels

Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue, Thane

Sami/Samuel Daniel, President

In Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue Thane, Hol Hamoad service was conducted every day with 15 persons.

All the festivals proceeded smoothly with limited members attending keeping the social distancing and following the regulations of the MOH.

We hope by Hannuka the regulations would be more relaxed.

Wishing everyone happy new year.



Authenticate Status: Denied

We had received this information from a contact outside Israel. They are asking for donations for a Bene-Israel Museum in Beer-Sheva and we were asked to authenticate them. Our representative spoke to Reuben in July 2021. He spoke of his plans of a BI Museum and he promised he will send information & pictures on his origination. How even after sever reminders too, we received nothing from them. He keeps saying his secretary will contact us email but no one has sent any information.

At this stage we are not able to validate them as genuine.
If any new proof is produced; we will let the readers know.



New Zealand, Yoel Reuben Samson Killeker



News from Wellington, New Zealand

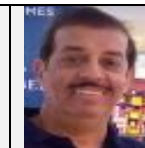
This report is the latest from this beautiful little capital of New Zealand. Just to update you with news that we have not had any others contact us.

The Covid pandemic delta variant hit New Zealand in the last few months, Auckland was the main city hit which is still at a lower level of lockdown. The high holiday prayers were held in the synagogue in Wellington with restricted numbers, government directive was fifty people maximum gatherings. Attendance was in batches of fifty.

It also gives me pleasure to announce that we have joined up with the Indian Jews living in Australia to form an association ***'Indian Jewish Association of Australia and New Zealand Inc.'*** to promote awareness about the different Jewish communities which existed and prospered in India. We hope more from Indian Jews and their descendants who have migrated to these countries join us in this association. It also promotes having contact with various regions and cities, so the awareness of the rich heritage does not die with our generation.

Pune

Dr. Reuben Daniels Pezarkar



Even after struggling for more than one and half year the whole world has not come to grips with the Covid 19. The pandemic continue to rise all over the world. Countries which claimed to be free from the deadly virus were once again found to be in its grip. Various organizations of the Jewish community came together to help the community face this problem. One such organization the Commonwealth Jewish Council decided to donate Oxygen concentrators to all the Synagogues in Mumbai and Pune. One such oxygen concentrator unit was received by Succath Shelomo Synagogue, in Rasta Peth Pune. Thanks to Ms. Lebana Penkar and other members from the CJC for arranging the same as the unit could not be collected by us due to travel restrictions.

This information of receiving the oxygen concentrator was posted on the Succath Shelomo Synagogue whatsapp group so that the needy could avail the facility. The unit was used immediately for one community member who showed signs of Covid - 19 infection, and the unit was home delivered by one committee member of the Synagogue. The oxygen concentrator turned out to be a boon for the patient who successfully fought the infection and recovered. ***Thanks to all the members of the CJC for their foresight.***

Since the pandemic continued its surge unabatedly, for the High Holidays permissions were required to be taken from the Police departments for conducting prayers in the Synagogues. Permissions were granted but for only 25 – 30 persons. Nevertheless at least prayers were held in the Synagogues unlike last year because of the lockdown none could leave their homes and all religious places were closed. Since Pune has two Synagogues namely the Succath Shelomo Synagogue and the Ohel David Synagogue the community members were split in two groups and many could attend prayers.

Let us all collectively come together and pray to Hashem to eliminate this scourge of Corona virus from the face of this earth so that once again all of us can lead normal lives without face masks, sanitizers, social distancing so that we can greet one another in our normal way. L' Shanah Tovah – Happy Rosh Hashanah. and well over the Fast to all the Jewish Communities around the world.



Pune India Fort

Coincidentally Solomon from Australia speaks about his memories of Pune in his article below.



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Australia Solomon Erulkar



A few more months have gone by and have been keeping to my routine. From time to time it can get a bit boring due to local lockdown requirements. Just wondering what I could share with you all in our lovely group.

I remember the days growing up in Poona (Pune) and living in Rasta Peth. My schooling years at the Bishops High School. I have been fortunate to keep in touch with school friends going back to 1975.

Our family went to the Succoth Shelomo Synagogue in Rasta Peth for Friday and Sabbath prayers. We also went there during the Jewish festivals. Remember the times when we got fruits from the sukkah at the synagogue. They were great and memorable times. When we came to the synagogue, a local member would sit next to us in the second row of seats and helped us follow the prayers that was recited in Hebrew. If my memory is not failing me, I think Mr. Gadkar was the person who helped us as growing up Bene Israel kids. A few years ago, I travelled to India and was lucky to visit the Succoth Shelomo Synagogue.

Shana Tovah to our Bene Israel Community and friends from around the world.

Oren & Shirley Social Service

Covid 19 was at the peak and cases were increasing in India specially Mumbai, Pune Thane. We were safe in Israel as cases had gone to almost zero ,no masks situation and also we were vaccinated. But how can we sit quiet and see our people in India go through this horrible situation specially the cities where our childhood friends their families were stuck and helpless.

I started communicating with our personal contacts in Israel and India and we (Shirley & myself) were able to have couple of meetings with them, one of them was with Professor Ronnie Gamzu and his team. Professor Ronnie Gamzu who is the Director of Ichilov Hospital Israel and was the former Head of Corona Committee in Israel appointed by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The meeting was meant to discuss Corona situation in India and also the need for sending Medical Aid. Though Israel Government sent several Medical Aid to India on Diplomatic terms the meetings was our small attempt to help not just our Jewish community but also our fellow Indians.

In this COVID 19 situation Shirley and myself never needed to connect to people through Zoom or giving session telling how to be fit and healthy when there were people who had lost their jobs and hardly able to manage themselves and their family. We had zoom meetings with Pune Member of Parliament Mr. Girish Bapat and other officials regarding Medical help.

We are there not just for our Jewish community but for all our fellow Indians to try to help in all possible ways.

Other than this I was also able to help our community members in India get proper covid treatment in good hospital this was possible due to my personal contacts with important people in India.

A small 25 bed temporary hospital with oxygen facility was also arranged with one of my close political leader friend at the outskirts of Pune city.



Prof. Ronni Gamzu

CEO of Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center

[Ronni Gamzu | Ichilov \(tasmc.org.il\)](mailto:Ronni.Gamzu@ichilov.org.il)

We do not like to do publicity for this social work but on request of several community members in India and Israel we giving this information, During COVID 19 pandemic these are few things we did.

We both wish to continue working for all in every possible way. Wishing all Shana Tova 5782.Best regards, Oren Benjamin.

We at Shaniwar Teli appreciate Oren and Shirley for their service to the community. Shows you don't have to member of loud groups to serve.

By Abshalom Chiakar on Oren Benjam Gadkar

Simchat Torah celebration in Ohel David Synagogue
Pune
(Lal Deval). Tasty Chicken Biryani was served to all
the community people who were part of the
celebrations.

The lunch was organised by Oren Benjamin as friendly
gesture to the community.

Oren was not able to attend personally due travel
restrictions in Israel to India, but as always he is
connected to the community through, numerous social
work.

Even though far still close to them.

Oren Benjamin (Gadkar)

Wishing all a great and happy year. ahead 🤝🙏.



This is an excellent example of caring for your own community. Being part of them. Showing real concerns.
Wish those who should do these acts would understand their own responsibly instead of self-appointed
Presidents and self-appointed leaders who are impotent.

Community National Union for Indian Jews



איחוד ארצי הקהילתי ליהודי הודו

[איחוד ארצי קהילתי \(4\) | Facebook](#)

The group aims to connect everyone who wants to join the group in order to unite and get to know members of the community from all over the country. Later on, the group will be used to send messages to promote the community's goals and well-being anywhere in the country.

מטרת הקבוצה לחבר את כל מי שרוצה לקבוצה על מנת להתאחד ולהכיר את בני הקהילה מכל קצוות הארץ. בהמשך הקבוצה תשמש על מנת להעביר מסרים לקידום מטרות הקהילה ולרווחתם בכל מקום בארץ.

Eliat Moshe Digodkar



As the COVID19 restrictions relaxed Eliat began to open to the tourists and visitors. Though things are not 100% normal but we are following the instructions given by Ministry of Health of Israel.

The festivals at Bene-Israel Shaare Shalom Synagogue in Eliat were attended by limited members to follow the COVID restrictions.

A beautiful sukka was built and the synagogues management organized lavish BBQ food in the Sukkah for the members.



"Heritage and Research for Bene Israel Jews"

Avihay Bastekar

Avihay is doing a great job of preserving our Bene-Israel songs, tunes, books (scanning).

Please help him with only 100 NIS/\$30 per year



An organization called Heritage and Research for Bene Israel.

Emphasis on:

1. *Recordings of the elders of the community Stories and history.*
2. *Releasing CDs of traditional songs in Marathi and Hebrew.*
3. *Collection of books and booklets in Marathi and Hebrew from India.*
4. *Translation of the History Book of Bene Israel by Chaim Shmuel Kahimkar.*

For the past 3 months we have been busy writing musical notes for the songs of the "Yamim HaNorayim" and with the month of "Slichot". We have already **written 20 songs**. Every song writing costs us a lot of money. We would be happy for anyone & every one could help by donations. The project "**Heritage and Research for Bene Israel**" launches a NIS 100 fundraising campaign per year. **Yes, only NIS 100 per year**. Or a one-time donation option for any amount you want. You will not feel it but for our organization it will allow you to publish CDs of recordings of women's songs in Marathi, reading the Torah in preparation for a bar mitzvah, prayer recordings in the style of Bene Israeli. And publish and print books.

For donations: Preservation of poetry and customs of India.

Avihay Bastekar

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(Organization for Rehabilitation through Training)
Sivana David Ashtamkar- President



We will be uploading the ORT India Educational scholarship form and also the online educational form for the year 2021-2022. We hope that our next batch of Taglit birthright should take place in Jun 2022, depending on the pandemic situation in our country.

Grant Government Medical College Mumbai Sir JJ Hospital Mumbai A very good job oriented courses after 12th Science without any ENTRANCE EXAM... Admission notice for BPMT courses (Bachelor of Para Medical Technology Course) Total No of courses 13 Duration: 3 years + 1 year Internship = 4 years course Eligibility 1. Indian National 2. Passed 10th and 12th from Maharashtra State 3. Born before 31st Dec 2004 4. Domicile of Maharashtra 5. Passed 12th in PCB with 50% for open category Open PWD 45% & 40% for reserve category Imp Date Online Sale of application form 24th Sep 2021 to 2nd Oct 2021 Last date of Online submission of application form 2nd Oct 2021 before 4pm Fees of the course Annual fees for Open/OBC/NT etc. Rs.47950/- For SC/ST :Rs.1050	Name of the courses and number of seats 1.BPMT LABORATORY 60 2.BPMT RADIOGRAPHY 15 3.BPMT RADIOTHERAPY 5 4.BPMT CARDIOLOGY 5 5.BPMT NEUROLOGY 5 6.BPMT BLOOF TRANSFUSION 10 7. BMPT OPTOMETRY 10 8. BPMT OPERATION THEATER 10 9.BMPT ENDOSCOPY Please note these occupations are highly in demand in Israel and other countries of the world. Note that Bene-Israel is a minority community and also as “Teli” we belong to SC/ST group. The fee payment is Rs. 1050.
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IJF – Indian Jewish Federation

Advocate David Talegaonkar



David was to send us an update but we did not receive it until this issue came out.

What can be more beautiful than having a Brith in a Sukka!!



(20<https://www.facebook.com/kulnayerucham/photos/a.453785444984669/1519510131745523> +)

The Shaare Rason Synagogue, Khadak

By Sinora Kolatkar/ Sinora Yeheal Kolatkar

HELP!

We urgently need donations for repairs. Built in 1796 by the Divekar family. Thousands of us have prayed in this place. Your grand grand parents, grand parents, parents and you have prayed here. Please help us to preserve this holy site.

Please send your donations to THE SHAARE RASON SYNAGOGUE ESTATE TRUST, directly to the Bank account with a personal message to Sinora Kolatkar on 9821400036

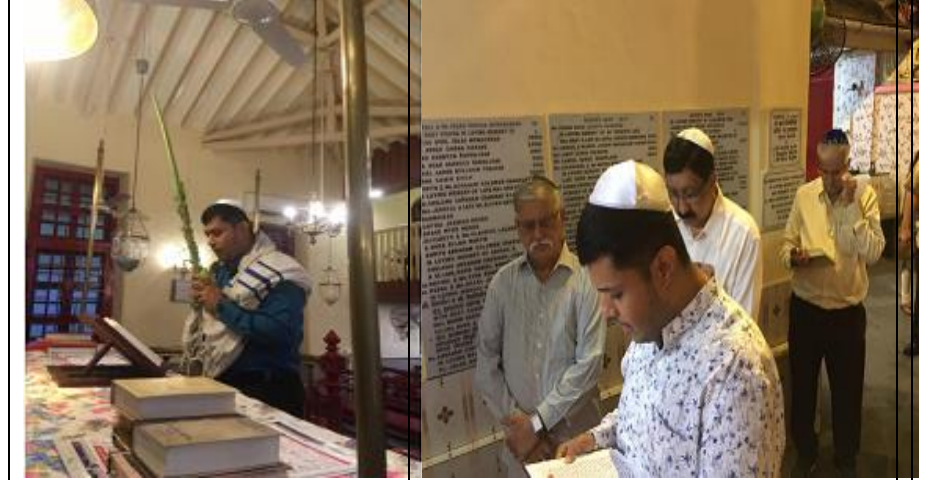
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Should anybody requires any further information about the Synagogue, please contact: Sinora Yeheal Kolatkar, Whatapp/ Mobile No: +91 9821400036



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אנחנו זקוקים בדחיפות לתרומות לתיקונים. נבנה בשנת 1796 על ידי משפחת דיאקר. אלפים מאיתנו התפללו במקום הזה. ההורים הגדולים שלך, הורים גדולים, הורים ואתה התפללת כאן. אנא עזרו לנו לשמר את האתר הקדוש הזה.



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Magen Aboth, Alibaig



Magen Hassidim, Mumbai



Revdanda Synagogue



ShaAre Shalom -Eilat



Synagogue in South New Jersey, USA



Bank of England erects sukkah for Jewish workers

Australia

The sukkah is a walled structure covered with organic material. On the holiday of Sukkot, Jewish people spend time in the sukkah, treating it like their home-away-from-home. As described in the Torah, the sukkah evokes the temporary dwellings the Israelites inhabited on their way out of Egypt.



British Columbia, Canada



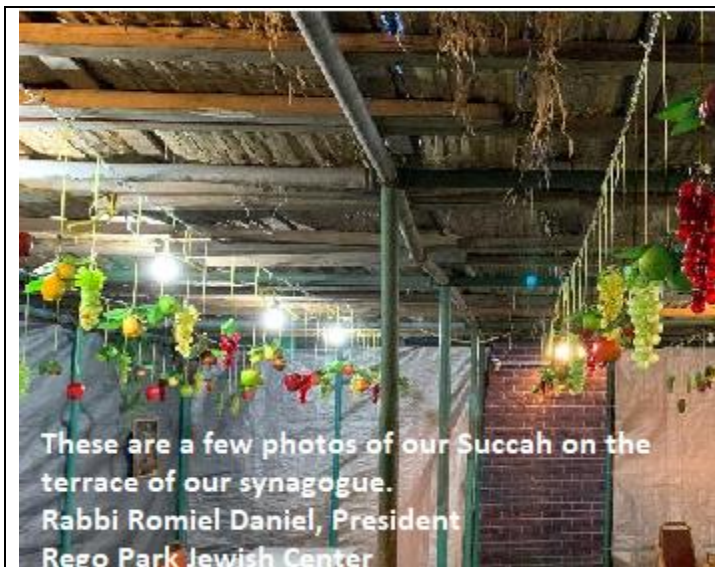
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Magen Hassidim



These are a few photos of our Succah on the
terrace of our synagogue.
Rabbi Romiel Daniel, President
Rego Park Jewish Center

Courtesy: Sam & Erna Daniel, New York Synagogue



Keren Hannah Golan

On duty in the desert. IDF soldiers eating in their makeshift sukkah! 🍷



Beautiful Sukka's

Courtesy: Sam & Erna Danial USA

[beautiful sukkah - Yahoo Image Search Results](#)



Magen Shalom Ramla
Credit: Elkan Judah

In the next issue we will be choosing such people
whom we call

HERO's



of our community from our experience of two years of
Shaniwar Teli.

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

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

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