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EXPERIENCE:

- **Teaching:** From 10th March 2010 to date
 - **Assistant Professor, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA** (10 March 2010 – 27 June 2016)
 - **Assistant Professor, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata** (28 June 2016 – Present)
- **Research:** Three years at -
 - University of Lucknow, Lucknow, **India** (2003-2005)
 - Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, **Israel** (2006-2007), and
 - Woolf Institute, Cambridge, **United Kingdom** (2010)
- **Social Activism:** Three years as -
 - **Fellow, Open Space, Youth Outreach Programme of Centre for Communication & Development Studies, Pune** (May 2008 – March 2010) (The experience gained during these two years helps me immensely in teaching Development Studies to post-graduate students)
 - **Honorary Secretary, Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE)** (20 September 2013- 13 June 2014)
 - **Honorary Executive Director, Youth Outreach Programme, Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE)** (14 September 2014- present)

- **Administrative Experience**

Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA:

- Faculty-in-Charge, Department of History & Civilization (19 December 2011 – 26 July 2012)
- Programme Coordinator, MA in History & Civilization (27 July 2012 – 27 June 2016)
- Programme Coordinator, MA in Political Science & International Relations (11 June 2013 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, Theatre Club (1– 26 August, 2010)
- Faculty-in-Charge, Dramatics Club (27 August 2010 – 21 March 2012)
- Member, Cultural Council (15 June 2011 – 27 June 2016)
- Member, Library Committee (19 April 2012 – 27 June 2016)
- Coordinator, Lecture Series, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (18 August 2011 – 27 June 2016)
- Observer, Gautam Buddha University Entrance Test (2014), Dehradun Centre

Presidency University, Kolkata:

- Convenor, Finance, Purchase & Maintenance Committee (December 2017 – Present)
- Convenor, Committee for Academic Development and International Collaboration & Academic Exchanges (December 2017 – Present)
- Member, Coordination Committee for International Collaboration & Exchange Programmes (2 February 2017 – Present)
- Convenor, Conferences/Lectures/Seminars Committee, Department of History (18 January – December 2017)
- Convenor, Committee for International Collaborations and Academic Exchanges, Department of History (18 January – December 2017)
- Co-Convenor, Committee for Academic Development, Department of History (18 January – December 2017)
- Member, PhD Committee of the Department of History (11 June, 2018 – Present)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Year	Degree	Subject/Subjects	University	Research Topic
2010	Post-Doctorate	Muslim-Jewish Relations	Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK	Muslim-Jewish Relations in South Asia
2007	Post-Doctorate	History of the Jewish People	Tel Aviv University, Israel	Traditions of Israelite Descent among Certain Muslim Groups in India
2005	Ph.D.	Medieval & Modern Indian History	Lucknow University, India	The Indian Jewry and the Self-Professed 'Lost Tribes of Israel in India
2002	M.A.	Medieval & Modern Indian History	Lucknow University, India	
2000	B.A.	Medieval & Modern History of India and the West, Ancient Indian History and Archaeology, and English Literature	Lucknow University, India	

COURSES ATTENDED

2018, December 10-31: Faculty Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Research Methodology, University Grants Commission (UGC) Human Resource Development Centre, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, **India**

2018, January 1-29: Faculty Orientation Programme, University Grants Commission (UGC) Human Resource Development Centre, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, **India**

2017, July 16-29: ISGAP (Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy)-Oxford Summer Institute in Curriculum Development in Contemporary Antisemitism Studies, St John's College, University of Oxford, **UK**

2015, September 26 – October 2: Conference for International Holocaust Education, a professional development program hosted by the William Levine Family Institute for Holocaust Education, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, **USA**

2013, September 16-20: International Educator Institute, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, **USA**

2004, March 8 –17: Successfully attended the Indian Council of Social Scientific Research (ICSSR) sponsored training programme on Methodology and Project Formulation at the Department of Public Administration, University of Lucknow, **India**

1997, July – December: Course in Urdu from Urdu Coaching School, Uttar Pradesh Urdu Academy, Lucknow, **India**

MEMBER:

- Ad-hoc Board of Studies in the Hebrew Language, Goa University (2018-2020)
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* (International refereed journal published by Florida International University, USA and the University of Saskatchewan, Canada) (ISSN 1206-9330)
- International Advisory Board, *Asian Jewish Life* (ISSN 2224-3011)
- Advisory Team, The Ten Lost Tribes Challenge: Expeditions of Discovery (A series of research and discovery expeditions to various groups around the world, who consider themselves or considered by others to be descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel)
- The following bodies of Presidency University, Kolkata:
 - The Cultural Committee for Bicentenary Celebrations (2017)
 - The Organizing Committee of World Education Summit (6-20 January 2017)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- **2019 January:** Travel Grant from the OHR Torah Stone Nidchei Israel Institute for the Research of Jewish Communities, **Israel** to cover the expense of travel to Jaipur for paper presentation at the conference titled “The Roots of the Pathans in India”
- **2018 October:** Travel Grant (CAD 800/-) from the organizers of the conference *Genocide in Twentieth-Century History: The Power and the Problems of an Interpretive, Ethical-Political, and Legal Concept*, jointly held by Holodomor Research and Education Consortium, Canadian

Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta; Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine, Centre for European Research, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto; and Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto, at the University of Toronto, **Canada** from October 19-20, 2018, followed by an Early Career Scholars Workshop on October 21, 2018

- **2017 December:** Travel Grant from UNESCO to participate in the International Conference on Education and the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2017 October:** Travel Grant from Salzburg Global Seminar to visit the **International University of Rabat, Morocco**, to help it develop a postgraduate programme in Conflict Resolution and Governance of Peace.
- **2017 July:** A grant covering the expenses of international travel and food and accommodation to facilitate participation in the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) Summer Institute on Curriculum Development in Critical Antisemitism Studies at **St. John's College, Oxford, UK**
- **2017 March:** A Travel Grant from the **University of East Anglia** under its India Dialogues Programme to participate in its International Workshop on Curriculum Development at its campus in Norwich, **UK**
- **2016 June:** A Travel Grant from the **American Jewish Committee** to be a panelist in a session on Holocaust Education at its Global Forum (5-7 June) in Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2016 April:** A Travel Grant from the **Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, Indiana University** to participate in its International Scholars Conference on "Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, and the Dynamics of Delegitimization", held at the Bloomington, IN campus, **USA**
- **2015 August-December:** Endeavour Research Fellowship awarded by the **Government of Australia** for post-doctorate (availed at the University of Sydney)
- **2015:** UNESCO Travel Grant to participate in the Conference for International Holocaust Education, led by the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and UNESCO in Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2014:** A Grant sponsored by the **Swiss National Science Foundation** and the **University Priority Research Program Asia and Europe**, awarded by the Science Committee of the 23rd European Conference of South Asian Studies, to assist me to attend the conference at the

University of Zurich from July 23 to 26, 2014. It included a registration fee waiver, accommodation for 4 nights and a contribution of up to 680 CHF.

- **2014: Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellowship** for attending the Salzburg Global Seminar's Session 525, "Holocaust and Genocide Education: Sharing Experience Across Borders", to be convened at Schloss Leopoldskron, Austria, from June 21 to 26, 2014
- **2013 October-November:** Visiting Fellowship, **Institute of Asian Studies**, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- **2013 October-November: Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME)** Fellowship for Paper Presentation at International Symposium on Religion Journalism, Griffith University Multi Faith Centre, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- **2013, September 16-20:** Grant covering expenses of international travel and stay to attend the **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** International Educator Institute in Washington, DC, USA
- **2013 February:** Visiting Scholarship, School of Languages and Cultures, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, **University of Sydney**, Australia
- **2010 October - 2011 June: Government of Israel** Scholarship for post-doctoral research on "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia" at the Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (Could not accept)
- **2010 April – June:** Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations (CMJR), **Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK** Visiting Fellowship for research on "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia"
- **2008 May - 2010 March:** Open Space Fellowship¹ from the **Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Pune, India** – tenable in Lucknow, India
- **2006-2007: Government of Israel** scholarship for post-doctoral research in the subject History of the Jewish People at the Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- **2006-2008:** Centre for Judaic & Inter-Religious Studies, **Shandong University, China** scholarship for D.Litt. in Judaic Studies (Could not accept)

¹ Open Space is the civil society and youth outreach initiative of the Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Pune [www.openspaceindia.org]. Centre for Communication and Development Studies (CCDS) is a social change resource centre focusing on the research and communication of information for change

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Books:

2016, *Jews, Judaizing Movements and the Traditions of Israelite Descent in South Asia*, Pragati Publications, New Delhi (ISBN 978-81-7307-158-4)

[Reviewed by *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, *The Social Ion*, *The Statesman*, and *Himal Southasian*]

2006, *The Indian Jewry and the Self-Professed 'Lost Tribes of Israel' in India*, Bene Israel Heritage Museum and Genealogical Research Centre, Mumbai [e-book/CD-ROM]

“Believed to be the first book to combine study of the Lost Tribes of Israel in India with that of the Indian Jews, and a rare major work by a non-Jew on the subject of the Lost Tribes of Israel.”

- *The Jerusalem Post* (Online Edition), December 17, 2006

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. “Reciprocal (Mis-)apprehensions: Jews on on-Jews, and Non-Jews on Jews in Indian Fiction”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 15, 2016, pp. 9-20.
2. “Claimants of Israelite Descent in South Asia”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 14, 2014, pp. 97-111.
3. “European Association for South Asian Studies: Panel on Jews at its 23rd Conference for the First Time in its History”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 14, 2014, pp. 147-150.
4. “The First Ever Holocaust Films Retrospective in South Asia”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], Vol. XI, 2010
5. “Traditions of Israelite Descent Among Certain Muslim Groups in South Asia”, *Shofar – An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* [ISSN 0882-8539] (Purdue University publication), Vol. 28, No. 1, 2009, pp. 1-14
[<http://muse.jhu.edu/login?uri=/journals/shofar/v028/28.1.aafreedi.pdf>]

Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Books with ISBN

1. "The Tradition of Israelite Descent among the Pashtuns in India and its Contemporary Ramifications" in Marla Brettschneider, Edith Bruder and Magdel Le Roux, eds, *Africana Jewish Journeys: Studies in African Judaism*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2019 (ISBN-13: 978-1-5275-2213-8) (ISBN-10: 1-5275-2213-X), pp. 202-213.
2. "Muslim Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in South Asia: A Case Study of Lucknow" in Alvin Rosenfeld, ed., *Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism and the Dynamics of Delegitimization*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington, 2019 [ISBN: 978-0-253-03869-2 (cloth), 978-0-253-04002 (paperback), 978-0-253-03872-2 (ebook)], pp. 454-480.
3. "Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism among South Asian Muslims", in Marc Grimm and Bodo Kahmann, eds., *Antisemitismus im 21. Jahrhundert: Virulenz einer alten Feindschaft in Zeiten von Islamismus und Terror* (Antisemitism in the 21st Century: The Virulence of an Old Hatred in the Era of Islamism and Terrorism), De Gruyter, Berlin, Munich and Boston, 2018 (ISBN 978-3-11-053709-3), pp. 179-198.
4. "South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews, Israel and Zionism" in Richard Benkin, ed., *What is Moderate Islam?*, Lexington Books, London, 2017 (ISBN 9781498537414), pp. 191-200.
5. "Between Indianness and Jewishness: The Ambivalence of Indian Jews as Reflected in Literature, Cinema and Art" in Priya Singh et al, ed., *Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections*, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, in association with KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 2014 (ISBN 978-93-83649-04-4), pp. 69-84
6. "The Impact of Domestic Politics on India's Attitudes towards Israel and Jews", in Priya Singh and Susmita Bhattacharya, eds., *Perspectives on West Asia: The Evolving Geopolitical Discourses*, Shipra Publications, India, 2012 (ISBN: 9788175416376), pp. 171-183

Contributions to Forthcoming Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

1. "Tradition of Israelite Descent among the Pashtuns in India and its Contemporary Ramifications" in Marla Brettschneider and Edith Bruder, eds, *Africana Jewish Journeys: Studies in African Judaism*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2019

2. "The Anglicization of India's Baghdadi Jews and their Emergence as Intermediaries between the British and the Indians" in Aditi Chandra and Vinita Chandra, eds, *The Nation & Its Margins: Rethinking Community*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2019

Encyclopaedia Essays

1. "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia", in Kassam, Zayn, Yudith K Greenberg, and Jehan Bagli, eds, *Islam, Judaism and Zoroastrianism*, Springer 2018 (ISBN 978-94-024-1266-6) as part of the series, Arvind Sharma, ed., *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, Springer, 2018 (ISBN 978-94-007-1988-0)
2. "The Traditions of Israelite Origins of Pathan/Pashtun Tribes", in in Kassam, Zayn, Yudith K Greenberg, and Jehan Bagli, eds, *Islam, Judaism and Zoroastrianism*, Springer 2018 (ISBN 978-94-024-1266-6) as part of the series, Arvind Sharma, ed., *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, Springer, 2018 (ISBN 978-94-007-1988-0)

Edited Works:

- A special issue titled "Hatred and Mass Violence: Lessons from History" of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 49: February 2019): <https://cafedissensus.com/2019/02/24/contents-hatred-and-mass-violence-lessons-from-history-issue-49/>
- A special issue titled "India's Response to the Holocaust and its Perception of Hitler" of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 21: January 2017): <https://cafedissensus.com/2017/01/20/contents-indias-response-to-the-holocaust-and-its-perception-of-hitler-issue-31/>
- A special issue, titled "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia" of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 21: January 2016): <http://cafedissensus.com/2016/01/08/contents-jewish-muslim-relations-in-south-asia-issue-21/>
- A special issue, titled "The Indian Jewry" of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 12: January 2015): <http://cafedissensus.com/2014/12/31/contents-the-indian-jewry-issue-12/>

Publications in International Non-Peer-Reviewed Periodicals with ISSN

1. "Our Struggle against Hatred and Mass Violence", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 49, February 2019: <https://cafedissensus.com/2019/02/24/guest-editorial-our-struggle-against-hatred-and-mass-violence/>
2. "India's Response to the Holocaust and its Perception of Hitler: An Introduction", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 31, January 2017: <https://cafedissensus.com/2017/01/20/indias-response-to-the-holocaust-and-its-perception-of-hitler-an-introduction/>
3. "Holocaust and Hitler in Hindi", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 31, January 2017: <https://cafedissensus.com/2017/01/20/holocaust-and-hitler-in-hindi/>
4. "The Jews of Bollywood: How Jews Established the World's Largest Film Industry", *Asian Jewish Life* (ISSN 2224-3011), Issue 17, March 2016, pp. 20-25.
5. "Tagore's Association with Jews", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 19, October 17, 2015 [<http://cafedissensus.com/2015/10/17/tagores-association-with-jews/>]
6. "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia: Where antipathy lives without Jews", *Asian Jewish Life* (ISSN 2224-3011), Issue 15, October 2014, pp. 13-16. [http://www.asianjewishlife.org/pages/articles/AJL_Issue_15_Oct2014/AJL_Issue15_Feature_Jewish-Muslim-Relations-South-Asia.html]
7. "The Attitudes of Lucknow's Muslims towards Jews, Israel and Zionism", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 7, April 15, 2014 [<http://cafedissensus.com/2014/04/15/the-attitudes-of-lucknows-muslims-towards-jews-israel-and-zionism/>]
8. "The Paradox of the Popularity of Hitler in India", *Asian Jewish Life* (ISSN 2224-3011), Issue 14, April 2014 pp. 14-16. [<http://asianjewishlife.org/images/issues/Issue14-April2014/PDFs/Feature-Hilter-in-India.pdf>]
9. "Community and Belonging in Indian Jewish Literature", *Himal Southasian* (ISSN 1012-9804), May 2014 [<http://himalmag.com/indian-jewish-literature/?currentPage=all>]

10. "Das Geheimnis names Sarmad", *Sudasien*, 33. Jahrgang, Nr. 1/2013 (ISSN 0933-5196) (German), 2013, pp. 85-87
11. "Absence of Jewish Studies in India: Creating a New Awareness", *Asian Jewish Life*, Autumn 2010, pp. 31-34
[http://asianjewishlife.org/pages/articles/autumn2010/AJL_Feature_Absence_of.html]

Publications in National Periodicals with ISSN²

1. "The Jewish Interest in the Afridi Pathans of Malihabad." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXII, 5, 2006
2. "The Afridi Pathans." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXII, 4, 2006
3. "Navras." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXII, 1, 2006
4. "Majestic Malihabad: A Land of Legends." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXI, 8, 2005
5. "Jews in Lucknow." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXI, 6, 2005
6. "The Role of Afridi Pathans in India's Struggle for Freedom." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XX, 7, 2004
7. "The Divine Madness of Sarmad." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XIX, 5, 2003
8. "Malihabad: An Oasis of Poets." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XIX, 3, 2003

Publications in Quasi Academic & Popular Media

2018

1. "The Story of a Secularist in India", *Café Dissensus Everyday*, June 10: <https://cafedissensusblog.com/2018/06/10/the-story-of-a-secularist-in-india/>

² When these articles appeared in the *Azad Academy Journal* it did not have ISSN, but now it does have.

2017

1. "PM Modi should launch Jewish Studies to fight antisemitism", *News 18*, July 6: <http://www.news18.com/news/india/opinion-pm-modi-should-launch-jewish-studies-to-fight-antisemitism-1452777.html>
2. "High Time Jewish Studies got introduced in Indian Academia", *Swarajya*, June 23: <https://swarajyamag.com/culture/high-time-jewish-studies-get-introduced-in-indian-academia>

2015

1.
 - "Indian Students put on First-Ever Play on Holocaust", *United with Israel*, January 20 [<http://unitedwithisrael.org/indian-students-put-on-first-ever-play-on-holocaust/>]
 - "First known Hindi play on Holocaust presented", *San Diego Jewish World*, January 16 [<http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2015/01/16/first-known-hindi-play-holocaust-presented/>]
 - **Spanish Translation:** "Estudiantes de la India interpretan una histórica obra de teatro sobre el Holocausto", *Unidos con Israel*, January 21 [<http://unitedwithisrael.org/es/estudiantes-de-la-india-interpretan-una-historica-obra-de-teatro-sobre-el-holocausto/>]

2014

1. "Chutzpah comes to Bollywood", *The Pioneer*, October 13 [<http://www.dailypioneer.com/columnists/oped/chutzpah-comes-to-bollywood.html>]
2. "Some Pakistan media seek inter-faith peace", *The Peace Journalist* (A publication of the Center for Global Peace Journalism at Park University, USA), Vol. 3, No. 1, April 2014, pp. 8-9
3. "Indian Jewish Novelist honoured in Lucknow", *San Diego Jewish World*, January 5 [<http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2014/01/05/indian-jewish-novelist-honored-lucknow/>]
"Hindi's Only Jewish Novelist Honored", *The Jewish Reporter*, January 24 [<http://thejewishreporter.com/2014/01/05/hindis-only-jewish-novelist-honored/>]
Russian Translation: "Еврейская писательница, пишущая на хинди, получила награду: ПРЕМИЯ СОЦИАЛЬНОГО РАВЕНСТВА"
[<http://isrageo.wordpress.com/2014/01/08/hindijew/>]

2013

1. “Press as a Tool for Achieving Interfaith Peace and Reconciliation: The Case of *Weekly Press Pakistan*”, *Weekly Press Pakistan*, December 28
[<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/12/12621>]
2. “The Need for the Strengthening of Indo-Israel Academic Ties Strongly Felt”, *Weekly Press Pakistan*, December 20 [<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/12/12349>]
3. “*Weekly Press Pakistan* commended for its efforts for peace”:
 - *Weekly Press Pakistan*, November 10 [<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/11/10627>]
 - *Scholars for Peace in the Middle East*, November 17 [<http://spme.org/spme-fellows/weekly-press-pakistan-commended-for-its-efforts-for-peace/16125/>]
4. “Jewish and Muslim Folklores take Centre Stage at an International Conference in India”, *Weekly Press Pakistan*, November 10 [<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/11/10624>]
5. “International Educator Institute held at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum”, *Weekly Press Pakistan*, October 8 [<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/10/9501>]
6. “Méri Pahchān hai Kal ké Āsār méin” (The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pathans), *Weekly Press Pakistan*, July 14 [Urdu] [<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/07/8092>]
7. My Endeavour to Combat Anti-Semitism and Holocaust Denial, *Weekly Press Pakistan*, June 24 [<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/06/7914>]
8. “The First Ever Novel by a Baghdadi Jew from India on her Community”:
 - *Weekly Press Pakistan*, June 19 [<http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/06/7883>]
 - *The Democate*, August 17 [<http://thedemocate.com/?p=1827>],
 - *Battalion of Deborah*, August 15 [<http://www.battalionofdeborah.org/featured/first-novel-ever-by-a-baghdadi-jew-from-india-about-her-community/>],
 - *Your Jewish News*, August 16
[<http://www.yourjewishnews.com/2013/08/n28750.html>]
 - “First Novel Released by Baghdadi Jewish Author about Community”, *J Space*, August 15 [<http://www.jspace.com/news/articles/first-novel-released-by-baghdadi-jewish-author-about-community/15025>]
 - **Spanish Translations:**

- "Historia de la Comunidad Judia de Calcutta", *Cidipal*, August 20
[<http://www.cidipal.org/noticias/interes-general/11667-2013-08-20-17-45-06.html>]
 - "Primera novela de un judio de Baghdad sobre su comunidad en la India", *Periodico Indopublico*, August 19 [http://infopublico.com/primera-novela-de-un-judio-de-baghdad-sobre-su-comunidad-en-la-india/228601/]
9. "Jewish Studies on the rise in India", *Yedioth Ahronoth*, June 11
[<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4387137,00.html>]
 10. "A Christian and a Muslim from Australia emerge as Ambassadors for Peace", *Weekly Press Pakistan*, June 11 [http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/06/7807]
 11. "A Muslim unceasing search for his Jewish mother",
 - *Weekly Press Pakistan*, June 10 [http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/06/7793]
 - *Eretz Yisrael*, August 22 [http://blog.eretzyisrael.org/post/59013183571/muslim-mans-unceasing-quest-for-his-jewish-mother]
 - *Israel and Stuff*, August 22 [http://www.israelandstuff.com/muslim-mans-unceasing-quest-for-his-jewish-mother]
 - *Yedioth Ahronoth*, August 21 [http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4410528,00.html]
 - *Jews News*, July 11 [http://www.jewsnews.co.il/2013/07/11/a-muslims-unceasing-search-for-his-jewish-mother/]
 - *5 Towns Jewish Times*, July 11 [http://5tjt.com/a-muslims-unceasing-search-for-his-jewish-mother/]
 - *Today Newslines*, July 14 [http://todaynewslines.com/a-muslims-unceasing-search-for-his-jewish-mother/2212985/]
 - **Russian translation:** "Мусульманский поэт Соз Малихабади безуспешно ищет мать – еврейку Рихану", *News Ru*, July 11
[http://newsru.co.il/world/11jul2013/soz456.html]
 - **French translation:** "Un Pakistanais d'Inde à la recherche de sa mère Juive au Pakistan...", *JSS News*, August 22 [http://jssnews.com/2013/08/22/un-pakistanais-dinde-a-la-recherche-de-sa-mere-juive-au-pakistan/]
 12. "The Jewish Beauty Queens of India",
 - *Weekly Press Pakistan*, June 6 [http://weeklypresspakistan.com/2013/06/7765]

- *The Jewish Press*, June 25 [<http://www.jewishpress.com/news/breaking-news/the-jewish-beauty-queens-of-india/2013/06/25/>]
- *Diario Judio*, July 9 [<http://diariojudio.com/opinion/the-jewish-beauty-queens-of-india/52532/>]

“History of India’s Jewish beauty Queens”, *Yedioth Ahronoth*, August 3 [<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4402232,00.html>]

“The Life and Times of India’s Jewish Beauty Pageant Winners”,

- *Jews News*, June 25 [<http://www.jewsnews.co.il/2013/06/25/the-life-and-times-of-jewish-beauty-queens-of-india/>]
- *The Algemeiner*, June 26 [<http://www.algemeiner.com/2013/06/26/the-life-and-times-of-the-jewish-beauty-queens-of-india/>]

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2. "Jews in Lucknow: Moneylender and the Watchmaker", *The Lucknow Tribune*, December 15
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1994

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Forthcoming Publications

- "Interfaith Studies as a Means to Promoting Peace and Understanding", in Hans Gustafson, ed., *Interreligious Studies: Dispatches from the Field*, Jay Philips Center for Interfaith Learning, University of St. Thomas, 2019
- "Antisemitism in the Muslim Intellectual Discourse in South Asia", in Gunther Jikeli, ed, Special Issue "The Return of Religious Antisemitism?", *Religions* (ISSN 2077-1444), 2019
- "The Need and the Pedagogy for Antisemitism Studies in India", in Charles Asher Small, Olufemi Vaughan, Carlton Long and Naya Lekht, eds., *Interdisciplinary Study of*

Contemporary Antisemitism: Issues of Pedagogy (tentative title), Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP), New York, 2019

- “Emergence of Kolkata as a Centre of Jewish Studies in India”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, Vol 16, 2019
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Edited Volumes

1. (Co-editor: Dr Rohee Dasgupta, Jindal Global Univ), *Global Approaches to Holocaust Education*, 2019.
2. (Co-editor: Dr Rohee Dasgupta, Jindal Global Univ), *Narratives of Violence and Memory*, 2019.

Monographs:

One each in Hindi and Urdu on Indo-Judaic Studies

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- **2004, November-December and 2005, February-August:** Representation of Jews, Zionism and Israel in Pakistani and Indian Muslim Discourse (Arts & Humanities Research Board, UK funded project) – Worked on an assignment for Prof. T. Parfitt, Chairman of the Centre of Near & Middle East Studies and the then Director of the Centre of Jewish Studies, SOAS, University of London, and Dr. S. C. Yesudian-Storfjell, Research Assistant, Department of Near & Middle East, SOAS, University of London.
- **2002, November:** DNA Sampling of the Afridi Pathans of Malihabad, Lucknow district, Uttar Pradesh, India – Teamed up with Prof. T. Parfitt and Dr. Y. Egorova (London University), and collected DNA samples of fifty paternally unrelated Afridi Pathans in Malihabad to confirm their putative Israelite descent, thus initiating the first ever genetic research on any Pathan tribe in history.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES:**2019**

Jan 20-21 “The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pathans”, Conference titled ‘The Roots of the Pathans of India’, under the auspices of the OHR Torah Stone Nidchei Israel Institute for the Research of Jewish Communities, in Jaipur, **India**

2018

Oct 19-21 “Challenges to Holocaust Education in India”, Early Career Scholars’ Workshop at the International Conference ‘Genocide in Twentieth Century History: The Power and Problems of an Interpretive, Ethical-Political, and Legal Concept’, under the joint auspices of Holodomor Research and Education Consortium, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta (Toronto Office); Institute for Holocaust, Genocide and Memory Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine, Centre for European Research, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto; and Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto, held at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Policy, University of Toronto, Toronto, **Canada**

2017

Mar 31 “The Socio-Cultural Ties between India and Israel: An Overview”, India-Israel Academic Dialogues: Political and Cultural Crossings – Two-Day-International Conference jointly organized by Tel Aviv University and O P Jindal Global University in association with the Middle East Forum, USA at the Centre for Israel Studies, O P Jindal Global University, Sonipat, **India**

Mar 28 “Challenges to Curriculum Development in Holocaust Studies in India” at Humanities in India – International Workshop on Curriculum Development under the auspices of the University of East Anglia International Partnerships Programme at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, **UK**

Feb 6 “Jewish-Muslim Relations in India”, *Shirei Hodu*: Celebrating the Jewish Saga of India, Two-day International Conference on Art, Culture and Heritage of the Jews of India, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, **India**

2016

- April 2-6 “The Interconnections between Muslim Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in South Asia: A Case Study of Lucknow”, Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, and the Dynamics of Delegitimization: An International Scholars Conference, Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, **USA**
- March 18 “The Anglicization of India's Baghdadi Jews and their Emergence as Intermediaries between the British and the Indians”, Eighth International Conference on East-West Intercultural Relations: “Reconsidering Cultural Ideologies and Identities in India and Beyond”, jointly organized by the University of California, Merced, USA and Ramjas College, University of Delhi, India at Ramjas College, University of Delhi, **India**

2014

- December 16 “Language, Culture and Values: The Conflict of East and West within the Baghdadi Jewish Community of India”, International Conference on “Language, Culture and Values: East and West”, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, **India**
- October 13 “Indian Jews as they come across in their Literature”, Round Table International Conference on the Jews of India, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, **India**
- July 25 “Reciprocal (Mis-)Apprehensions: Jews on Non-Jews and Non-Jews on Jews in Indian Fiction”, 23rd European Conference of South Asian Studies, University of Zurich, Zurich, Zurich, **Switzerland**

2013

- December 10 “Indian Jewish Literature at a Glance”, Brandeis-Jindal Workshop on Israel Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs, O. P. Jindal Global University, India in collaboration with Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, **USA**
- October 31 “Press as a Tool for Achieving Interfaith Peace and Reconciliation: The Case of Weekly Press Pakistan”, Two-Day International Symposium on Religion

Journalism, Multi Faith Centre, Griffith University, Brisbane, Queensland, **Australia**

- October 25 "A Glance at the Indian Jewish Folklore", Three-Day-International Conference on Folklore: Reinventing Past through Folk Traditions", Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, **India**
- May 4 "The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pashtuns/Pathans", lecture given to a group of American Jewish students of Kivunim Academic Programme on a Study Tour of India, under the auspices of Bene Israel Heritage Museum & Genealogical Research Centre, Mumbai, at Vivanta by Taj Ambassador, New Delhi, **India**
- April 12 "Israel as it figures in Indian Jewish Literature", O. P. Jindal Global University and Middle East Institute Joint Seminar on Israel: Perspectives on a State in Transition", O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, **India**
- March 13 "Between Indianness and Jewishness: The Ambivalence of Indian Jews as reflected in Literature, Cinema and Art", International Seminar on "Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections", Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, **India**
- February 10 "The Indian Muslim Involvement with the Hebrew Language", Australian Association for Jewish Studies' 25th Annual Conference on "Jewish Languages, Jewish Cultures: The Shaping of Jewish Civilization", University of Sydney, Sydney Australia, Venue: Sydney Jewish Museum, Sydney, **Australia**
- January 30 "Hebrew and the Jewish Literature and Culture in India", International Conference on "Hebrew Language & Culture: Reception, Self-Conception and Intercultural Relations", Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, **India**

2012

- November 3 "The Evolution of the Indian Jewish Identity under the British", IX Annual Conference of the Rajasthan Association for Studies in English on "The Experience of British Rule in Modern India as Reflected in Contemporary Life and Literature", Jaipur National University, Jaipur, **India**
- October 8 "The Jewish Rulers of India", Twenty-third Uttar Pradesh History Congress, MJP Rohillakhand University, Bareilly, **India**

- September 8 “The Jewish Engagement with Buddhism”, International Conference on Introspections on Buddhist Traditions, School of Buddhist Studies & Civilization, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, **India**
- September 1 Spoke on the Art of Story Telling as the Keynote Speaker and presented the paper titled, “An Overview of the Indian Jewish Folklore” at the National Conference on Folk Narrative, Centre for Comparative Study of Indian Languages and Literature, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, **India**
- June 20 “Educating India’s Population on Hitler and the Final Solution”, Telling the Story - Teaching the Core: Holocaust Education in the 21st Century, Eighth International conference on Holocaust Education, The International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem, **Israel**
- April 1 “The Alarmingly Rising Popularity of Hitler among the Youth and its Implications for Religious Minorities in India”, University Grants Commission (UGC) sponsored two-day-national-seminar on “Understanding Contemporary India and the World”, Centre for Nehru Studies, Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, **India**
- March 24 “An Overview of India’s Jewish Literature”, National Conference on Writings from the Margins, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, **India**
- February 7 “The Marginalisation of Indian Jews”, International Seminar on the Marginalized and the Excluded in Society”, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, **India**
- January 7 “History and Activities of Marathi Jews Across the World”, Three-Day-14th-International Conference on Maharashtra: Society & Culture, Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai (Co-Sponsored by the Indian Council for Social Scientific Research, New Delhi), **India**
- 2011**
- January 18 “The Impact of Domestic Politics on India’s Attitudes towards Israel and Jews”, Two-Day-International-Seminar – Perspectives on West Asia: Its Evolution as an Area of Study in the Changing Geopolitical Discourses, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, **India**

2008

September 30 “Jews and Judaism in Indian Politics and Discourse”, Seminar on Multiculturalism and Politics of Representation, jointly organized by the University Grants Commission Academic Staff College and the Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow, **India**

2007

October 21. “Traditions of Israelite Descent Among Certain Muslim Groups in India”, The Midwest Jewish Studies Association 19th annual conference in Evanston, Illinois, **USA**

INVITED LECTURES

2019

Mar 18 “The Search for the Lost Tribes of Israel and its Contemporary Ramifications: A Case Study of Pashtuns/Pakhtuns/Pathans”, under the auspices of Asia in Global Affairs at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata, **India**

2017

Dec 7 “Holocaust Education in India”, International Conference on Education and the Holocaust at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, **USA**

Oct 10-12 Spoke at a Peer Advising Seminar under the joint auspices of Universite Internationale de Rabat MEdiNA Studies Program, Sciences Po, Rabat and Salzburg Global Seminar, Austria at the International University of Rabat, **Morocco**

Apr 24 “The Relevance of Holocaust Remembrance for India”, Lecture on Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) under the joint auspices of the American Jewish Committee Asia Pacific Institute and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee at Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Centre, Mumbai, **India**

2016

- Oct 21 "Jewish Contributions to Hindi Literature and their Portrayal in It", Department of Hindi, Presidency University, Kolkata, India
- Sep 22 "Significance of the Holocaust for India" under the joint auspices of the American Jewish Committee, American Joint Distribution Committee, Embassy of Israel, New Delhi, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA, at National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

2015

- December 27 "Indian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews and Israel", Sephardi Synagogue, Sydney, Australia
- December 22 "The Indian Jewish Communities", Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home, Randwick, NSW, Australia
- December 15 "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia", COA, Sydney, Australia
- December 4 "The History and Social Structure of Indian Jewry", Leadership Development Programme, Australian Union of Jewish Students, Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia
- November 1 "India and the Jews", Nefesh Synagogue, Sydney, Australia
- October 11 "Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema", under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia
- October 10 "India's Response to the Holocaust", under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia
- October 10 "Indian Jews in Israel", under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia
- October 9 "India's Varied Jewish Connections", under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia

September 10 “The Rise and Fall of Jews in Indian Cinema”, Departments of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies and Indian Subcontinental Studies, School of Languages & Cultures, University of Sydney, Australia

September 4 “Indian Jewish Communities”, South Asia Research Institute, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

2014

February 28 “History of Indian Architecture”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India

February 26 “Religion in India”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India

February 25 “The Indian National Movement and the Role of Mahatma Gandhi”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India

February 24 “A Synoptic View of India Heritage”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India

2013

November 14 “The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pathans/Pashtuns”, Beit Chabad, Delhi, India

October 28 “India’s Varied Jewish Connections”, Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation, Gold Coast, QLD, Australia

March 30 “The Significance of Sheela Rohekar as the only Jewish Novelist in Hindi Today” under the auspices of the Lucknow Book Club at the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Lucknow, India

February 23 “The Indian Jews and their Contribution to Art and Letters in India”, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

February 21 “South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Israel, Jews and Zionism”, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

- February 20 "Muslim-Jewish Relations in South Asia", Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- February 19 "South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Israel, Jews and Zionism", Multi Faith Centre, Griffith University, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- February 18 "Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema and Literature", National Council of the Jewish Women of Australia, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- February 15 "India, Islam and Israel in the Twenty-First Century", Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC), Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
- February 13 "The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pathans/Pashtuns", Sephardi Synagogue, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
- February 13 "South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews, Israel and Zionism", Lecture Series Encounters, Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia
- February 12 "Jews in Bollywood: The Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema & Literature", Mandelbaum House, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia
- February 12 "The Paradox of the Absence of Anti-Semitism and the Popularity of Hitler in India", Lecture Series Network, Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia

2012

- November 24 "The Impact of the Arab-Israel Conflict on South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews and How it Influences the Foreign Policy in South Asia", Jindal School of International Affairs, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, **India**
- July 1 "Promotion of Jewish Studies in India", The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, Israel
- June 28 "India's Varied Jewish Connections", Embassy of India, Tel Aviv, under the auspices of the Indian Jewish Heritage Center, Netanya, Israel
- June 14 "The Rising Popularity of Hitler in India", Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel

May 5 "The Traditions of the Israelite Descent of Certain Pathan Tribes", lecture given to a group of American Jewish students of Kivunim Academic Programme on a Study Tour of India, under the auspices of Bene Israel Heritage Museum & Genealogical Research Centre, Mumbai, at Judah Hyam Hall, New Delhi, India

2011

February 2 "Muslim-Jewish Relations in South Asia", Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India

2010

June 26 Spoke on the Marginalization of the Jews of India as part of a panel on the Jews of India at the Woolf Institute Alumni Reunion, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, UK

June 17 Led a Certificate Class for the students of the Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations (CMJR), Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK

June 15 Gave an Academic Seminar on Muslim-Jewish Relations in South Asia at the CMJR, Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK

June 1 "Jews of South Asia and their Relations with Muslims", Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations (CMJR), Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK

2008

June 12 "An Introduction to Indo-Judaica", Academy of Mass Communication, Lucknow, India

January 27 "Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema", Limmud – A Community Day of Learning, Agency for Jewish Education, La Jolla, California, USA

January 26 "Hidden Jews of Pashtun India", Valley Beth Shalom, Encino, California, USA

2007

December 15 "Jews, Judaizing Movements and the non-Jewish Claimants of Israelite Descent in India", Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia, USA

- December 14 "The Theory of the Israelite Origin of Afridi Pashtuns/Pathans", Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia, USA
- November 19. "Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema", Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
- Lecture announcement accessible on the university website:
<http://www.case.edu/artsci/rosenthal/events.htm>
- June 18. "Jewish-Muslim Relations in India", The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, Israel
- March 22. "A Cultural Profile of Indian Jews", Department of East Asian Studies, Haifa University, Israel
- February 22. "Jewish Contributions to Indian Culture", The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, **Israel**

2006

- December 20. "The Putative Israelite Origin of Afridi Pathans", The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, **Israel**
- November 26. "Jews in Indian Culture", The Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, **Israel**
- October 10. "The Muslim Claimants of Israelite Descent in India", Maulana Azad Memorial Academy, Lucknow, **India**

Participation in Panel Discussions

2019

- January 29 Spoke on Holocaust Remembrance and Memorialization in a panel discussion in commemoration of the UN International Holocaust Remembrance Day, held by the American Jewish Committee Asia Pacific Institute and Indian Pluralism Foundation, at Alliance Francaise du Bengale, Kolkata (The fellow panellists

were Professor Hari Vasudevan, Calcutta University, Dr. Shamir Isha, St. Xavier's College, and Armen Makarian, Armenian College)

2017

December 18 Spoke on the Jewish Community of Kolkata as part of a panel discussion on "Revisiting Calcutta's Diasporic Communities", under the joint auspices of the Maulana Azad Institute for Asian Studies and Asia in Global Affairs, Kolkata, India

2016

July 25-27 Spoke at the panel on "Empowering Communities and Religious Leaders for Synergistic Energy" at the G20 Interfaith Summit Preconference, Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum), Kerala, **India**

June 5-7 Spoke as a member of the panel on Holocaust Education moderated by Rabbi Andrew Baker at the 110th Global Forum of the American Jewish Committee, Washington, DC, **USA**

2015

September 29 Spoke at a panel on "The Politics of Teaching Atrocity" moderated by Dr Klaus Mueller, USHMM Representative for Europe at the Conference for International Holocaust Education led by the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and UNESCO, Washington, DC, USA (September 26 – October 2, 2015) (The fellow panelists were Dr Mohammad Dajani Daoudi, Weston Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy and Dr Edward Kisi, Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of South Florida, USA)

2014

June 22- 26 Spoke at a panel on the role of institutions in raising awareness of the importance of Holocaust education and genocide prevention moderated by Richard Goldstone, International Jurist, South Africa; First Chief Prosecutor for the UN International Criminals Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda at Salzburg Global Seminar's Third Symposium on Holocaust Education & Genocide Prevention, Schloss Leopoldskron, Salzburg, Austria

March 19 Introduced Jael Silliman's novel The Man With Many Hats (2013) at a panel with Jael Silliman and Devapriya Roy, Oxford Bookstore, Connaught Place, New Delhi, India

SEMINARS and CONFERENCES CO-ORGANIZED

- 2016, May 18-19 Co-convened with Prof P R Kumaraswamy (Jawaharlal Nehru University) and Dr Rohee Dasgupta (Jindal Global University) an International Multidisciplinary Conference on Mass Violence and Memory at the O P Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, **India**
- 2012, February 7 Co-convened with Dr. S. N. Fatmi (Gautam Buddha University) an International Seminar on "The Marginalised and the Excluded in Society", School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, **India**
- 2012, March 23-24 Worked as a Member of the Organising Committee of the National Conference on Writings from the Margins, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, **India**

POSTGRADUATE COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

Presidency University, Kolkata:

- A History of Mass Violence (20th century – present) (4 credits)
- History of Small Communities of Foreign Origin in Colonial India (4 credits)

Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA:

- History of the Modern World (5 credits)*
- Cross-Cultural & International Understanding (4 credits)
- Governance, Politics and Development (4 credits)
- Demography & Development (4 credits)
- International Governance (3 credits)
- History of Journalism & Broadcasting in India (4 credits)
- Studies in Historical Enquiry (4 credits)
- Basic Concepts in Social Sciences (3 credits)

- Historiography, Concepts and Research Techniques (2 credits)
- War & Peace in West Asia (3 credits)
- Contemporary International Relations (4 credits)
- Foreign Policies of Major Powers (4 credits)
- Global Peace and Disarmament (3 credits)
- The entire syllabus for MA (History & Civilization) at Gautam Buddha University

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

- Reading Interfaith Relations in World History (4 credits)
- The Jews: A Global History (From the Earliest Times to the Present) (4 credits)

POSTGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

1. A History of Mass Violence (4 credits)
2. History of Small Communities of Foreign Origin in Colonial India (4 credits)
3. History of the Modern World (5 credits)
4. Cross-Cultural & International Understanding (4 credits)
5. Governance, Politics and Development (4 credits)
6. International Governance (3 credits)
7. Demography and Development (4 credits)
8. Development in India: Debate and Trends (4 credits)
9. Public Policy and Development (4 credits)
10. Buddhism & Civilisational Harmony (2 credits)
11. Human Values & Buddhist Ethics (2 credits)
12. Research Methodology (4 credits)
13. History of Science & Technology (2 credits)
14. Basic Concepts in Social Sciences (3 credits)
15. Historiography, Concepts and Research Techniques (2 credits)
16. History of Journalism & Broadcasting in India (4 credits)
17. Studies in Historical Enquiry (4 credits)
18. Indian Foreign Policy (4 credits)
19. Contemporary International Relations (4 credits)
20. War & Peace in West Asia (3 credits)
21. Global Terrorism (3 credits)

22. Foreign Policies of Major Powers (4 credits)
23. Global Peace and Disarmament (3 credits)
24. Social Aspects of Engineering (3 credits)

**1 Credit is equal to one-hour lecture per week.*

MA Dissertation Supervision

1. Shreya Dutta, *The Rebel, the State and the People: Self-Determinism, its Nuances and its Challenges in India*, 2019
2. Anisha Samanta, *History of Mughlai Food in India: Tracing the Roots*, 2019
3. Poulami Basu, *A Socio-Cultural Profile of Lucknow*, 2019
4. Sagarika Sarkar Bose, *The Military Masculinity Complex: Hegemonic Masculinity of the British Empire In India*, 2018
5. Ishwari Mallick, *Rohingyas: A Mobile Nation*, 2018
6. Nidhi Shukla, *Chequered Histories and Contested Realities*, 2017
7. Saema Sarshar, *Chronicling the History of Jewish-Muslim Association in Kolkata*, 2017
8. Swati Dubey, *The Baghdadi Jews of Calcutta: A Story of Integration*, 2017
9. Akshay Saroha, *India-Israel Relations since Normalization in 1992*, 2016
10. Tenzin Yingsel, *The Arab Spring*, 2015
11. Tabassum Ashraf, *The Kashmir Conflict*, 2015

BA (Hons) Dissertations

1. Amrita Mukherjee, *Cabaret in Kolkata: A Cross-Cultural Global Study*, 2017
2. Asmita Bandyopadhyay, *Capturing History in Literature: The Portrayal of the Victimization of Women During and Following the Partition of India in 1947*, 2017
3. Dipanwita Mazumder, *Propaganda and Art: Axis Propaganda in India during World War II*, 2017
4. Lahoma Bhattacharya, *'Wartime Fashion': Analysing the Role of World War II in its Creation with an Emphasis on What made the Nazi Aesthetic Appealing to the Masses*, 2017
5. Debolina Roychaudhury, *Antisemitic Legislation in Nazi Europe*, 2018
6. Koyel Banerjee, *Denying the Holocaust: A Contemporary Form of Antisemitism*, 2018
7. Pragyesh Singh, *"Ethics" during the Holocaust: Moral Responsibility, Motives and Agendas*, 2018
8. Doel Chakraborty, *Science and the Third Reich: Nazi Medical Crimes*, 2018

Post-Doctoral Research Supervision

- Deepti Tiwari [Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) Fellow], *Gandhi and his Jewish Connections*, 2016

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY DR. AAFREEDI AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA (2016-2017)

- Organized a series of lectures by national and international scholars, viz., **Nosheen Ali** (Independent Scholar), **Rohee Dasgupta** (O P Jindal Global University), **Yulia Egorova** (Durham University), **Melissa Fitch** (University of Arizona), **Anna Guttman** (Lakehead University), **Adil Hossain** (University of Oxford), **Sohini Jana** (Euphrates Institute), **Mossarap H. Khan** (New York University), **Shimon Lev** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), **Amit Ranjan** (University of Delhi), **Alvin H. Rosenfeld** (Indiana University), **Sneha Roy** (KAICIID), **Roy Bar Sadeh** (Columbia University), **Sarva-Daman Singh** (Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Australia), **Heinz Werner Wessler** (Uppsala University).
- International multidisciplinary conference on “South Asia: Past, Present and Future” at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 15 February 2017
- International multidisciplinary conference on the “Prevention of Mass Violence and the Promotion of Tolerance” at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 27-28 February, 2017
- Panel on Jewish Contributions to Calcutta in association with the Asia Pacific Institute, American Jewish Committee (AJC), at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 15 March, 2017

MY WORK AS THE COORDINATOR OF THE LECTURE SERIES OF THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES, GAUTAM BUDDHA UNIVERSITY

Lecture on “**Dialogue and Ethics: Encountering the ‘Other’ in the Mahabharata**” by Dr. Brian Black, Lancaster University, UK

Panel on **Women’s Issues, Concerns and Rights**, with Prof. Jael Silliman, Australian Social Activist Jennifer Star of Tara.ed and Dr. Bipasha Som as the panelists. The panel was preceded by a lecture by Prof. Silliman on her Digital Archives Project focused on her Baghdadi Jewish

Community of Calcutta (now call Kolkata) and a reading of excerpts from her maiden novel depicting the community.

MY WORK AS A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL OF GAUTAM BUDDHA UNIVERSITY

- **PANEL** on “Jewish Art, Cinema and Literature” with American Jewish Filmmakers Curt Fissel and Ellen Friedland, Israeli Poet Rabbi Tsippi Levine Byron and American Jewish Painter of Indian origin Siona Benjamin
- **CONCERTS** by Israeli musicians and singers Tal Kravitz and Shye Ben-Tzur
- **LECTURE** by Motto Lerner (Israeli Playwright and Film Screenplay writer)
- **RECITATIONS of POETRY** written by Indian English language poet Nissim Ezekiel and Israeli Hebrew poet Yehuda Amichai
- **READINGS OF WORKS OF FICTION** produced by Indian Jewish novelist Esther David and Polish writer Tadeusz Borowski

FILM SCREENINGS

- **Documentary Films:** *Night and Fog, The Romani Trail, Delicious Peace Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean, I'm Still Here, From Refugee to Immigrant: A Story of Three Kosovar Albanian Americans, Praying in Her Own Voice, Classmates of Anne Frank, Inheritance, Outcast: Jewish Persecution in Nazi Germany, Israel Inside, Company Jasmine, We are Your Voice*, etc.
- **Feature Films:** *Exodus, The Pianist, Schindler's List, Waltz with Bashir, A Mighty Heart, The Diary of Anne Frank, Spring 1941, and The Artist*.

SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Work as the Honorary Executive Director of the Youth Outreach Programme of the Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE) (June 2014 – present):

- Launch of SSRE Internship Programme under its Holocaust Education Project
- Staged the first ever Holocaust themed Hindi play at Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, on January 15, 2015
- Organised in collaboration with Jindal Global University and Middle East Institute New Delhi with partial sponsorship from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, an International

Multidisciplinary Conference on “Mass Violence and Memory” at O P Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana on May 18-19, 2016

- Organised an evening in memory of Daniel Pearl dedicated to World Peace in association with the Euphrates Institute, Kolkata Chapter as part of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days on October 22, 2016.

My Work as the Secretary, Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE) (September 2013 – April 2015):

2014

January 28 Free Medical Check-up and Medicine Distribution Camp for Children, Pregnant Women and Young Mothers in Nagaon, Assam:
<http://socialregenerationandequity.blogspot.in/2014/02/ssre-free-medical-checkup-and-medicine.html>

January 18 Free Medical Check-up and Medicine Distribution Camp in Village Sing Gaon (Udali Dev Block), District Nagaon, Assam:
<http://socialregenerationandequity.blogspot.in/search?updated-max=2014-01-31T10:00:00-08:00&max-results=7>

January 3 Felicitation of the Only Jewish Novelist of the Hindi language, Sheela Rohekar, and a panel on the Portrayal of Religious Minorities in Hindi Fiction, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh:
<http://socialregenerationandequity.blogspot.in/2014/01/ssre-honours-only-hindi-novelist-from.html>

2013

December 29 Free Legal Advice Camp in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

WORK IN LUCKNOW UNDER THE OPEN SPACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

I used several strategies to involve the citizens of Lucknow in debate, discussion and action on social justice and development issues and worked primarily for the betterment of inter-faith and

inter-communal relations and the rights of Dalits.³ Given below is an overview of the events organized by me:

Lectures

Sharon Rappaport, Second Secretary – Political Affairs, Embassy of Israel, New Delhi, on Indo-Israel Relations, Professor **Sarva-Daman Singh**, Honorary Consul of India for Queensland, Australia and Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Australia, on “The Role of Religion in Society”, Prof. **S. A. H. Palazzi**, Sec Gen, Italian Muslim Assembly, on “The Mistinterpretation of Islam by Non-Muslims as well as Muslims”, Prof. **D. Marya**, University of Southern Maine, on “26/11 Mumbai and the Radical Project of Secularism” in memory of Rabbi Holtzberg and Mrs. Holtzberg of Mumbai Chabad, American Writer and Film-maker **Sadia Shepard** on “Religious Harmony and on growing up with American White Christian father, Pakistani Muslim mother and Indian Jewish maternal grandmother”, American Jewish Human Rights Activist Dr. **Richard L. Benkin** on – “The Fight Against Terrorism and Communalism” and “Human Rights in South Asia”, Urdu poet Prof. **Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad** on “The Misuse of Poetry Recitations for Rhetoric”, Honorary Consul of India for Queensland, Australia, and Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Prof. **Sarva-Daman Singh** on “Religious Amity in India”, Anthropologist Prof. **Nadeem Hasnain**’s on “Muslims-‘Others’ Interface”, RTI Activist, **Izhar Ahmad**’s on the Right to Information, ICHR Fellow Parul Jaitley on Dalit Issues

Literary Readings:

American Jewish writer **Katherine Kressman Taylor**’s anti-Nazi story *Address Unknown*, Excerpts from the Secular Humanist Urdu Poet Dr. **Khalid Sohail**’s book *From Islam to Secular Humanism* and recitation of his poems, Yogendra Krishna’s Hindi translations of **Tadeusz Borowski**’s Polish stories from his collection *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*, Excerpts from the Indian Jewish writer **Robin David**’s memoir of the 2002 Anti-Muslim Violence in Gujarat, *City of Fear* (Penguin 2007), Poems of **Nissim Ezekiel** (Indian Jewish Poet of the English Language), **Sadia Shepard**’s reading of excerpts from her memoir *The Girl From*

³ The press coverage of the events can be read on the following sites:

- English:
<http://openspacelucknow.blogspot.com/search/label/Open%20Space%20in%20Lucknow%27s%20English%20Press>
- Hindi:
<http://openspacelucknow.blogspot.com/search/label/Open%20Space%20in%20Lucknow%27s%20Hindi%20Press>
- Urdu:
<http://openspacelucknow.blogspot.com/search/label/Open%20Space%20in%20Lucknow%27s%20Urdu%20Press>

Foreign (Penguin 2008), Dr. Navras Jaat Aafreedi's Urdu translation of the Israeli writer **Etgar Keret**'s short-story, "Breaking the Pig", Hindi translations of the Israeli poet **Yehuda Amichai**'s Hebrew poems, Urdu Poet Anwar Nadeem's poems and excerpts from Vibhuti Narain Rai Hindi novel, *Shahar mein Curfew*, Excerpts from the Indian Jewish writer **Esther David**'s *The Walled City*, 1997, Excerpts from the Hindu Urdu writer **Ramlal**'s travelogue of Pakistan, *Zard Patton ki Bahār* and the Indian Jewish writer **Meera Mahadevan**, nee Miriam Jacob Mendrekar's Hindi novel *Apnā Ghar*

Film Screenings

- **Feature Films:** *In Custody*, *Gandhi*, and *A Mighty Heart*
- **Documentary Films:** *Praying In Her Own Voice*, *Being Osama*, *The Romany Trail*, *Dharmayudha* (The Holy War), *Delhi Diary 2001*, *Passengers*, *Night and Fog*, *Final Solution*, *Impressions from Luton*, *New Muslim Cool*, *In Dark Times*, *In Search of the Bene Israel*, *Father, Son and Holy War*, *Unlimited Girls*, and *Usi Shahjahanpur Mein (In That Very Shahjahanpur)* [Hindi]

Film Retrospectives

- Israeli Filmmaker Yael Katzir's documentaries and her workshops on filmmaking, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University and the University of Lucknow
- The First Ever Holocaust Films Retrospective in South Asia at the University of Lucknow and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
- Retrospective of Films aimed at raising awareness of AIDS/HIV

Poetry Recitations

By: Hindi & Urdu Poets against Racial Discrimination in the run up to the World Poetry Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Muslim Urdu Poet Soz Malihabadi dedicated to Communal Harmony, Dalit as well as non-Dalit poets of both Hindi and Urdu on the theme of "the Dalit Movement", Lucknow's foremost Hindi & Urdu Women Poets on the theme of "The Woman"

Dialogues

Between social activists from India and Pakistan, Session on Multiculturalism with students from 13 countries, International Interface with students from 13 countries, Between Indian and Afghan students, Between Indian and American students, Interactions with Interfaith Couples

An Evening of Jewish Music dedicated to World Peace in memory of Daniel Pearl on the occasion of his 45th birthday as part of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days

REVIEWS OF THE MONOGRAPH *JEWS, JUDAIZING MOVEMENTS AND THE TRADITIONS OF ISRAELITE DESCENT IN SOUTH ASIA*, PRAGATI BOOKS, NEW DELHI, 2016

- Nathan Katz's review in the *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, Vol. 16, 2018, p. 80.
- Myer Samra's review in the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*, Volume XXIX, 2015 – 2016, pp.187-193.
- Moinuddin Ahmad, "Know thy Jews", *The Statesman*, New Delhi, September 22, 2016: <http://epaper.thestatesman.com/c/13407580>
- Ambreen Agha, "From the Margins", *Himal Southasian*, September 16, 2016: <http://himalmag.com/from-the-margins-review-jews-judaizing-movements-and-the-traditions-of-israelite-descent-in-south-asia-ambreen-gha/>

PRESS ON DR. AAFREEDI'S RESEARCHES AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

Stories on Dr Aafreedi's researches and academic activities have appeared in several languages, such as Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Hindi, Lithuanian, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Turkish, and Urdu, in both print and online, in India and beyond, in leading newspapers and magazines, such as *Algemeiner*, *Business Standard*, *Dawn*, *Guardian*, *India Today*, *Indian Express*, *Jerusalem Post*, *Novosty Nedely*, *Outlook*, *Sunday Indian*, *Telegraph*, *Times of India*, etc.

RADIO INTERVIEWS

2019

Interviewed by Shabahat Husain 'Vijeta' on Jews in India for the Urdu language programme of the Lucknow Station of All India Radio, Akashvani on January 3, 2019: <https://soundcloud.com/navras-jaat-aafreedi/dr-navras-aafreedi-radio-interview-on-jews-in-india-urdu>

2013

Interviewed by Dr. Rachael Kohn for her programme series “The Spirit of Things” on ABC’s Radio National in Australia on Sunday, November 17

[<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/spiritofthings/lost-tribes-found/5099200>]

2010

1. Interviewed by Cristina Balotelli for her feature titled “Il segreto dei Talebani”, broadcast on the Italian radio channel Radio 24 in Italy

[<http://www.radio24.ilsole24ore.com/main.php?articolo=segreto-talebani-asia-afghanistan-pakistan>]

2. Interviewed by Tamar Yonah on her show on the Israel National Radio on February 9 from 7 to 8 a.m. (Israel Time) [<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/radio/news.aspx/1925>]

2007

1. Interviewed by Zev Brenner for the programme “Talkline with Zev Brenner” (America’s leading Jewish programme, Live Call in with Newsmaker guests and celebrities making headlines in the Jewish world), for the channel Talkline Communications Network, on November 6 from 9 to 10 p.m. (US Eastern Coast Time)

TELEVISION INTERVIEWS

Sahara Samay Rashtriya, *ETV Urdu* and *Star News*. The one on *Star News* is accessible online: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ns0S8iGbxU>

INTERVIEWS IN THE PRINT PRESS

2017 “Enigma of Arrival and Exit” (Interviewed about the history and culture of the Jews of India by Amit Ranjan, *The Equator Line*, Vol. 5, Issue 4, July-September, pp. 132-144.

2016 “Unlike China, India’s Jews survived...Indian Muslims, Jews unique friends...tolerance debate, minority studies vital for India” Interviewed by Eram Agha, *The Times of India* (all editions), July 1

VIDEO INTERVIEW FOR A DOCUMENTARY RELEASED ON YOUTUBE

India INC, *Hitler, India and the Jews*, July 25, 2018:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHe85DSau_Q [Accessed on August 1, 2018]