

Indira Gandhi National Centre For The Arts

Round Table Conference on Jews of India

Date: 13th October 2014

Venue: Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, Janpath, New Delhi- 110001

I. Inaugural Session

10.00 *Welcome Address* by Mrs. Dipali Khanna (Member Secretary, IGNCA)

10.15 *Presentation of the Concept for the Exhibition on 'Hodu: Jews In India'* by Dr. Kenneth X. Robbins

10.30 *Presentation of the Concept for the International Symposium on the Jewish Heritage of India* by Dr. S. Sreekala (Associate Professor, Janapada Sampada, IGNCA)

II. Presentations (~20 mins.) and Discussions (~20 mins.)

10.40 *West Asian and European Jews in India* by Dr. Kenneth X. Robbins

11.00 *Holocaust refugees in India* by Dr. Margit Frits (University of Gaz, Austria)

11.20 *Memories of growing up Jewish in Bombay: a model for coexistence?* by Elizabeth Solomon (ISF Academy, Hong Kong)

11.40 Discussions with Dr. Robbins, Dr. Frits, and Dr. Solomon

12.00 Tea Break

12.10 *Jews of Kerala* by Dr. S. Sreekala (Associate Professor, IGNCA)

12.30 *Copper Plates of Cochin Jews* by Dr. MGS Narayanan (Historian, Kerala)

12.50 *The Last Bene Israel Jews of Ahmedabad* by Esther David (Author, Sahitya Akademi awardee)

13.10 Discussions with Dr. Sreekala, Dr. Narayanan and Ms. Esther David

13.30 Lunch

14.30 *Recalling Jewish Calcutta: Building a Digital Archive* by Yael Silliman (Associate Professor of Women's Studies, University of Iowa, will be in Kolkata)

14.50 *Indian Jews as they come across in their literature* by Navras Jaat Aafreedi (Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida)

15.10 [Presentation/Abstract Awaited] Shye Ben-Tzur (Composer, poet based in Ajmer/Jaipur)

15.30 *Music of the Baghdadian and Bene Israel Jews of India* by Sara Manasseh (Ethnomusicologist, London)

15.50 Discussions with Dr. Silliman, Dr. Aafreedi, Mr. Ben-Tzur, Dr. Manasseh

16.15 Tea Break

16.30 *Jewish Heritage and the Contribution of the Community in India* by Ralphy Jhirad (Trustee, Bene Israel Heritage Museum and Genealogical Research Centre, Mumbai)

16.50 *Jews in Delhi* [Presentation/Abstract Awaited] by Ezekeil Malekar (Honorary Secretary,
Judah Hyam Synagogue, New Delhi)

17.10 Discussion with Mr. Jhirad and Mr. Malekar

17.30 Closing Statements