



Understanding the Jews of India

From the ancient world to the British Raj and beyond

Jews formed communities and were trading in India from the time of King Solomon. In these upcoming lectures for the fall, we will be looking primarily at three of those communities: the Jews of Cochin; the Jews of the Konkan coast; and the Baghdadi Jews who prospered under the British Raj. Their history is fascinating and full of surprises. Yet there are virtually no Jews living in any of these communities today. Why?

Our lecturer will be *Andrée Aelion Brooks*, a former contributing columnist and news writer for the *New York Times*. She is the author of several books on unusual aspects of Jewish history (one of which is in pre-production for a TV mini-series). She is an Associate Fellow, Yale University, and was honored in 2013 by the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame.

These mini-courses on the Jews of India will be offered in two places this fall:

1. **Tuesdays: October 13, 20, 27 & November 3, 10, from 1-2.30 p.m.** Five sessions.

JCC- Manhattan, Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street, New York, N.Y.

For further information and registration call: 646 505-5708

2. **Thursdays: November 11 and 18 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Two sessions.

Learning in Retirement, 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT.

This will be a more abbreviated course covering similar material as at the JCC.

For more information and registration call: 203-595-0398

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