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**Date of Birth:** 1978, June 29

### Education:

Year	Degree	Subject/Subjects	University	Research Topic
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	

**Additional:**

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

**Scholarships/Fellowships & Awards:**

- **2010 October - 2011 June:** Nominated for the Israeli Government Scholarship by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, for research on “Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia” at the World Centre for Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- **2010 April – June:** Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations, Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK Visiting Fellowship for post-doctoral research on “Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia”
- **2008 May - 2010 March:** Open Space Fellowship<sup>1</sup> from the Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Pune – tenable in Lucknow
- **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)

**Involvement in International Research Projects:**

- **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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

- **2002, November:** DNA Sampling of the Afridi Pathans of Malihahad, 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.

### **Participation in Seminars:**

- **2009, March 18:** Seminar on the great Orientalist of Lucknow, Allama Mufti Mohammad Abbas Shostary, on the occasion of his 200<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, organized by the Department of Oriental Studies in Arabic & Persian, University of Lucknow
- **2009, February 10-12:** Seminar on Transforming Gender Relations – Redefining Masculinity, Education & Agricultural Interventions, organized by Saajhi Duniya and sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research in collaboration with Oxfam in Lucknow, India
- **2008, September 30:** Seminar on Multi-Culturalism and Politics of Representation, jointly organized by the University Grants Commission Academic Staff College and the Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow, India
- **2008, January 28:** Limmud – A Community Day of Learning, Agency for Jewish Education, La Jolla, California, U.S.A.
- **2007, October 27:** Midwest Jewish Studies Association 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.
- **2005, August 30:** International Seminar on Indo-Japan Socio-Economic and Cultural Relations, organized by Hindi-Urdu Sahitya Award Committee in Lucknow, India
- **2005, March 19-20:** National Seminar on India's Development Concerns, organised by the Institute for Applied Research and Development, Lucknow, India

### **Major Publication:**

**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

**Forthcoming Monographs:**

One each in Hindi and Urdu on Indo-Judaic Studies

**Articles and Papers:**

2009. "Traditions of Israelite Descent Among Certain Muslim Groups in South Asia", *Shofar* (Purdue University's Jewish Studies journal), Vol. 28, No. 1
2008. "Indian Scholar barnstormed U.S. trying to establish Jewish Studies in India", *San Diego Jewish World*, Vol. 2, Number 290, December 7  
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2008. "A Non-Jew dreams of bringing Jewish Studies to India", *Kulanu*, Vol. 15, No. 3, Autumn [<http://www.kulanu.org/newsletters/2008-fall.pdf>]
2008. "Medieval Persian References to the Israelite Origin of Afridi Pashtuns/Pathans", *Israel e News*  
[<http://www.israelenews.com/view.asp?ID=2958>], August 29
2008. "An Indian Jewish P.O.W. in Pakistan", *Arutz Sheva*  
[<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Articles/Article.aspx/8127>], July 23 and Israel e News [<http://www.israelenews.com/view.asp?ID=2802>], August 4
2007. "Indians with Biblical Roots." <http://desicritics.org/2007/01/03/105519.php>  
and <http://www.think-israel.org/aafreedi.indianjews.html>
2006. "The Jewish Interest in the Afridi Pathans of Malihabad." *Azad Academy Journal* XXII, 5
2006. "The Afridi Pathans." *Azad Academy Journal* XXII, 4
2006. "Navras." *Azad Academy Journal* XXII, 1
2005. "Majestic Malihabad: A Land of Legends." *Azad Academy Journal* XXI, 8
2005. "Jews in Lucknow." *Azad Academy Journal* XXI, 6
2004. "The Role of Afridi Pathans in India's Struggle for Freedom." *Azad Academy Journal* XX, 7
2004. "India's Esther David: A Sculptor, Painter and Writer." *Imkan* II, 4: June [Urdu]
2004. "A Travelogue of Mumbai (Bombay) highlighting the metro's Jewish facet." *Imkan* III, 3: May [Urdu]

2004. "A Muslim Urdu Poet's Search for his Jewish Actor Mother." *Imkan* III, 2:1 March-April [Urdu]
2004. "Jews in Indian Cinema." *Imkan* III, 1: January-February [Urdu]
2003. "India's Jewish Literature." *Imkan* II, 11: November [Urdu]
2003. Translation of Etgar Keret's short story "Breaking the Pig". *Imkan* II, 10: October [Urdu]
2003. "Shalom Lucknow! Tracing Lucknow's Jewish connection." *Lucknow Times, The Times of India*, September 10
2003. "An Overview of Modern Hebrew Literature." *Imkan* II, 9: September [Urdu]
2003. "Nissim Ezekiel: Father of India's Modern English Poetry." *Imkan* II, 8: August [Urdu]
2003. "The Role of Afridi Pathans in India's Struggle for Freedom." *Imkan* II, 7: July [Urdu]
2003. "Sarmad: The Jewish Sufi." *Imkan* II, 6: June [Urdu]
2003. "The Divine Madness of Sarmad." *Azad Academy Journal* XIX, 5
2003. "First Muslim President of India Dr. Zakir Husain's Jewish Girlfriend." *Imkan* II, 4: April [Urdu]
2003. "Malihabad: An Oasis of Poets." *Azad Academy Journal* XIX, 3
2003. "The Putative Israelite Background of the Great Urdu Poet Josh Malihabadi." *Imkan* II, 2: February [Urdu]
2002. "Malihabad's Israeli connection." *Lucknow Times, The Times of India*, November 143. Accessible online:
1995. "Denmark." *Manas Mail*, August 7-13 [Hindi]
1995. "Iran." *Manas Mail*, July 17-23 [Hindi]
1995. "I Dream of United India (Parts I, II and III)." *Society for Applied Creativity (SAC) Newsletter*, April, May and June respectively
1994. "A Glimpse of Kuwait." *Jamshed Times*, December 3-9 [Hindi]
1994. "Navras: My Namesake." *Jamshed Times*, November 12-18 [Hindi]
1994. "Navras: A Study in Aesthetics." *Jamshed Times*, October 31 – November 6 [Hindi]

- 1994 “War: A Catastrophe.” *Jamshed Times*, October 29 – November 4 [Hindi]
- 1994 “The Idea of India’s Reunification.” *Jamshed Times*, October 22-29 [Hindi]

**Forthcoming Papers:**

- “Claimants of Israelite Descent in India”, Sebastian Bauer and Moshe Kastiel, eds., *Noachides: A Global Perspective*, Jerusalem, 2010
- Forewords to the Hindi and Urdu editions of Aryeh Gallin, *Cracking the Qur’an Code – Ishmael: G-d’s Land, Torah and People covenants with Israel in the Qur’an and Islamic Tradition*, Root & Branch Association Ltd., Jerusalem, 2010

**Communicated Papers:**

- “The Putative Israelite Origin of Afridi Pathans”, *Pe’amim*
- “Medieval Persian References to the Israelite Origin of Afridi Pathans”, *Azad Academy Journal*

**Lectures Given:**

- 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
- 2008, June 12 “An Introduction to Indo-Judaica”, Academy of Mass Communication, Lucknow, India
- 2008, January 27 “Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema”, Limmud – A Community Day of Learning, Agency for Jewish Education, La Jolla, California, USA
- 2008, 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
- 2007, December 14 “The Theory of the Israelite Origin of Afridi Pashtuns/Pathans”, Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia, USA
- 2007, 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>

- 2007, October 21. “Traditions of Israelite Descent Among Certain Muslim Groups in India”, The Midwest Jewish Studies Association 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Evanston, Illinois, USA
- 2007, 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
- 2007, March 22. “A Cultural Profile of Indian Jews”, Department of East Asian Studies, Haifa University, Israel
- 2007, 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
- 2006, November 26. “Jews in Indian Culture”, The Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- 2006, October 10. “The Muslim Claimants of Israelite Descent in India”, Maulana Azad Memorial Academy, Lucknow, India

**Press Stories on Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Research:**

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- 2010 The 2,700 year old Pashtun link to Israel, *The Dawn*, January 18. Accessible on the webpage: <http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/news/sci-tech/03-the-2700-year-old-pashtun-link-to-israel-ss-09>
- 2010 Rory McCarthy, “Pashtun clue to lost tribes of Israel”, *The Guardian*, January 17. Accessible on the webpage: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/17/israel-lost-tribes-pashtun>
- 2010 Haaretz Service, “Could the Taliban be genetically linked to the Jews?”, *Haaretz*, January 14. Accessible on the webpage: <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1142690.html>
- 2010 Simon McGregor-Wood, “Israelis and Taliban Separated at Birth?”, *ABC News*, January 12. Accessible on the webpage: <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/taliban-jewish-roots/story?id=9535559>

- 2010 Dean Nelson, "Taliban may be descended from Jews", *Telegraph*, January 11. Accessible on the webpage:  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/afghanistan/6967224/Taliban-may-be-descended-from-Jews.html>
- 2010 Sachin Parashar, "Lucknow Pathans have Jewish Roots?", *The Times of India*, New Delhi, January 11. Accessible on the webpage:  
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Lucknow-Pathans-have-Jewish-roots/articleshow/5431654.cms>
- 2010 Amir Mizroch, "Are Taliban descendants of Israelites?", *The Jerusalem Post*, January 9. Accessible on the webpage:  
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- 2009 Ashish Tripathi, "Gene travel: To Malihabad via Israel?", *The Times of India*, Lucknow, November 5
- 2009 Puja Awasthi, "Lost and Found?", *The Sunday Indian*, May, 4 -10. Accessible on the webpage:  
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- 2009 Vidya Pandit, "Roots Researcher", *Education World*, February. Accessible on the webpage: <http://educationworldonline.net/index.php/page-article-choice-more-id-1609>
- 2008 Times News Network, "A Biblical Connection", *The Times of India*, Lucknow, March 11. Accessible on the webpage:  
[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Lucknow/A\\_Biblical\\_Connection/articleshow/2853521.cms](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Lucknow/A_Biblical_Connection/articleshow/2853521.cms)
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- 2007 "Looking for lost tribes of Israel in Malihabad", *The Times of India*, Lucknow, November 12
2007. Agniva Banerjee, "When a Pathan is called a Jew", *Sunday Times of India*, May 20. Accessible on the webpage:  
[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Opinion/Sunday\\_Specials/When\\_a\\_Pathan\\_called\\_a\\_Jew/rssarticleshow/2061970.cms](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Opinion/Sunday_Specials/When_a_Pathan_called_a_Jew/rssarticleshow/2061970.cms)
2007. Swaraj Chauhan, "Can Afghanistan be Controlled? Another View!", *The Moderate Voice*, April. Accessible on the webpage:  
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*IsraPundit*, April 10, <http://www.israpundit.com/2006/>  
  
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*JewishIndy*, April 16,  
<http://www.jewishindy.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=6599>
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2006. "Malihabad's Pathans embarrassed about Jew lineage!", *A Muslim Indian's Speak and Urdu Poetry Blog/Website*, November 26, [http://indscribe.blogspot.com/2006\\_11\\_01\\_archive.html](http://indscribe.blogspot.com/2006_11_01_archive.html)
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2005. Times News Network, "Tracing Jewish Links in Malihabad", *The Times of India*, August 10. Accessible on the webpage: [http://navrasaafreedi.blogspot.com/2007/03/tracing-jewish-links-in-malihabad\\_31.html](http://navrasaafreedi.blogspot.com/2007/03/tracing-jewish-links-in-malihabad_31.html)
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## DUTCH

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## FRENCH

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<http://www.actu.co.il/2010/01/les-talibans-sont-ils-issus-de-lune-des-tribus-perdues/>
- 2010 Marie-France Calle, “Et si les talibans etaient juifs?”, *Namaste! Salam!*, January 26. Accessible on the webpage: <http://blog.lefigaro.fr/inde/>
- 2010 “Les Talibans sont-ils issus de l’une des tribus perdues?”, *lessakele.over-blog.fr*, January 19. Accessible on the webpage: <http://lessakele.over-blog.fr/article-les-talibans-sont-ils-issus-de-l-une-des-tribus-perdues--43231541.html>

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## ROMANIAN

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## SPANISH

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## TURKISH

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## LITHUANIAN

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## HEBREW

2007

חנן בלכמן

המוצא הקרוב לודאי של האפרידיים הפתאנים במליהבאד משבטי  
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## ITALIAN

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## BAHASA INDONESIA

2009 “Inikah Suku Israel yang Hilang?”, *Unseen Hand*, April 4  
<http://unseenhands.wordpress.com/2009/04/04/inikah-suku-israel-yang-hilang/>

## Radio Interviews:

2010 Interviewed by Cristina Balotelli for her feature titled “Il segreto dei Talebani”, broadcast on the Italian radio channel *Radio 24* on March 27 and 28

2010 Interviewed by Tamar Yonah on her show on the Israel National Radio on February 9 from 7 to 8 a.m. (Israel Time)

2007 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/starnews#p/u/10/ShB3sqVGYc8>

## **My 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. Worked primarily for the betterment of inter-faith and inter-communal relations. Given below is a select list of the events organized by me:

### **INTER-FAITH, INTER-CASTE, CROSS-CULTURAL AND GENDER RELATIONS**

#### **Dialogues:**

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| 2009, August 21     | Indo-Pak Dialogue, Academy of Mass Communication   |
| 2009, July 10       | Session on Multiculturalism with students from 13 countries and the Screening of the documentary Impressions from Luton in the presence of its maker Mekhela Deva, Heritage Institute of Languages |
| 2008, October 18    | International Interface with students from 13 countries, Philosophy Department, Lucknow University   |
| 2008, September 4   | Indo-Afghan Dialogue, Philosophy Dept., Lucknow University   |
| 2008, August 11     | Indo-American Dialogue, Philosophy Dept., Lucknow University   |
| 2008, June 6 and 16 | Interactions with Interfaith Couples, Saajhi Duniya  |

#### **Lectures:**

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| 2009, December 2 | Second Secretary – Political Affairs, Embassy of Israel, New Delhi, Ms. Sharon Rappaport's lecture on Indo-Israel Relations, Department of Ancient Indian History & Archaeology, University of Lucknow  |
| 2009, December 1 | Honorary Consul of India for Queensland, Australia and Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Australia, Professor Sarva-Daman Singh's lecture on "The Role of Religion in Society", Department of Ancient Indian History & Archaeology, University of Lucknow |

- 2009, July 28                      Sec Gen, Italian Muslim Assembly, Prof. S. A. H. Palazzi's lecture on "The Mistinterpretation of Islam by Non-Muslims as well as Muslims, Persian Dept., Lucknow University
- 2009, July 16                      University of Southern Maine's Prof. D. Marya's lecture on "26/11 Mumbai and the Radical Project of Secularism" in memory of Rabbi Holtzberg and Mrs. Holtzberg of Mumbai Chabad, Giri Institute of Development Studies
- 2009, March 30 & 31              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 Institute of Indian Studies and the Dept. of Ancient Indian History & Archaeology, University of Lucknow
- 2009, March 13 & 14              American Jewish Human Rights Activist Dr. Richard L. Benkin on – "The Fight Against Terrorism and Communalism" and "Human Rights in South Asia", Dept. of Ancient Indian History & Archaeology and the UGC Academic Staff College, Lucknow Univ.
- 2008, December 13              Urdu poet Prof. Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad's lecture on "The Misuse of Poetry Recitations for Rhetoric", Academy of Mass Communication
- 2008, November 22              Hony. Consul of India for Queensland, Australia, and Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Prof. Sarva-Daman Singh's lecture on "Religious Amity in India", Uttar Pradesh Press Club
- 2008, July 8                        Anthropologist Prof. Nadeem Hasnain's lecture on "Muslims-'Others' Interface", Uttar Pradesh Press Club

### Readings:

- 2010, February 3                  American Jewish writer Katherine Kressman Taylor's anti-Nazi story *Address Unknown* at a session on the growing racial, ethnic and nationalistic intolerance, Academy of Mass Communication
- 2010, January 23                  Excerpts from the Secular Humanist Urdu Poet Dr. Khalid Sohail's book *From Islam to Secular Humanism* and recitation of his poems
- 2009, December 7-12              A Week of Stories from Nazi Concentration Camps: Reading of Yogendra Krishna's Hindi translations of Tadeusz Borowski's Polish stories from his collection *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*

- 2009, November 1 Excerpts from the Indian Jewish writer Robin David's memoir of the 2002 Anti-Muslim Pogrom of Gujarat, *City of Fear* (Penguin 2007), Open Space – Lucknow Office
- 2009, June 14 Nissim Ezekiel (Indian Jewish Poet of the English Language), Session devoted to the Rural-Urban Divide in India, Open Space Lucknow office
- 2009, March 30 & 31 Sadia Shepard's reading of excerpts from her memoir *The Girl From Foreign* (Penguin 2008), which is an account of her childhood spent with an American White Christian father, Pakistani Muslim mother and Indian Jewish maternal grandfather, and of her quest for her Indian Jewish roots, American Institute of Indian Studies and the Department of Ancient Indian History & Archaeology, Lucknow University
- 2008, October 23 Applicant's Urdu translation of the Israeli writer Etgar Keret's short-story, "Breaking the Pig", Academy of Mass Communication
- 2008, September 27 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*, Academy of Mass Communication
- 2008, July 28 Excerpts from the Indian Jewish writer Esther David's *The Walled City*, 1997, Academy of Mass Communication
- 2008, July 26 Excerpts from the Hindu Urdu writer Ramlal's travelogue of Pakistan, *Zard Patton ki Bahar* and the Indian Jewish writer Meera Mahadevan, nee Miriam Jacob Mendrekhar's Hindi novel *Apna Ghar*, Academy of Mass Communication

### **Film Screenings:**

- 2010, February 21 Feature Film *In Custody* at a session on the Marginalisation of Mother Tongues and Linguistic Apartheid in India, on the occasion of International Mother Language Day
- 2010, February 18 Documentary Film *Praying in Her Own Voice* at a Session on Discrimination Against Women in the Religious Sphere, Saajhi Duniya Office
- 2010, January 30 Feature Film *Gandhi* on his martyrdom day to promote non-violence
- 2009, December 18 Documentary *Being Osama* on six Montreal men, all with the first name Osama, in the wake of 9/11, on the occasion

	of International Migrant's Day, Open Space – Lucknow Office
2009, December 10	Documentary <i>The Romany Trail</i> Part – I on the occasion of International Human Rights Day, Open Space – Lucknow Office
209, December 6	Documentary <i>Dharmayudha</i> (The Holy War) on the communal campaigns unleashed by Hindu and Muslim leaders before the demolition of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya, Open Space – Lucknow Office
2009, November 9 and 11	Retrospective of the Israeli filmmaker Professor Yael Katzir's documentaries and her workshops on filmmaking, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University and the University of Lucknow
2009, November 2	Documentary <i>Delhi Diary 2001</i> on the 1984 Anti-Sikh Pogrom of Delhi, Open Space – Lucknow Office
2009, November 1	Documentary on the 2002 Anti-Muslim Pogrom of Gujarat, <i>Passengers</i> , Open Space – Lucknow Office
2009, October 22-27	Third Phase of THE FIRST EVER HOLOCAUST FILMS RETROSPECTIVE IN SOUTH ASIA, Offices of the NGOs, Saajhi Duniya and Open Space
2009, October 12 -15	Second Phase of THE FIRST EVER HOLOCAUST FILMS RETROSPECTIVE IN SOUTH ASIA, University of Lucknow
2009, October 2	Holocaust documentary film <i>Night and Fog</i> on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, observed as the International Day of Non Violence, World Convention Centre, City Montessori School
2009, September 14 - 18	First Phase of THE FIRST EVER HOLOCAUST FILMS RETROSPECTIVE IN SOUTH ASIA, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (A Central University)
2009, August 23	Documentary <i>Final Solution</i> on the 2002 Anti-Muslim Pogrom of Gujarat, Open Space – Lucknow Office
2009, July 10	Documentary <i>Impressions from Luton</i> in the presence of its maker, Mekhela Deva, Heritage Institute of Languages
2009, June 27	Feature-film <i>A Mighty Heart</i> , based on Daniel Pearl's widow Mariane's memoir, An Evening Dedicated to Jewish-Muslim Relations, Academy of Mass Communication



- 2009, June 22                      Preview of *New Muslim Cool* a day before its world premiere on the American channel PBS, UGC Academic Staff College, Lucknow University
- 2009, April 19                      Documentary *In Dark Times*, Open Space – Lucknow Office
- 2009, March 30 & 31              Documentary *In Search of the Bene Israel* (In the presence of its maker Sadia Shepard), American Institute of Indian Studies and the Dept. of Ancient Indian History & Archaeology, Lucknow Univ.
- 2009, January 24                      Documentary *Father, Son and Holy War*, Open Space – Lucknow Office
- 2008, September 23                      Documentary *Unlimited Girls*, Saajhi Duniya Office
- 2008, August 14                      Documentary *Usi Shahjahanpur Mein*, Saajhi Duniya Office

### **Workshop**

- 2008, September, 20      on Dalit Issues conducted by Parul Jaitly, ICHR Fellow, Parul Jaitly, Nari Shiksha Niketan Post Graduate College

### **Urdu Short-Story Reading**

- 2008, June 5      by three leading women writers on the theme of “Woman”, Hotel Mezbaan

### **Poetry Recitations**

- 2010, March 6                      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
- 2009, April 17                      By Muslim Urdu Poet Soz Malihabadi dedicated to Communal Harmony and narration by him of his Search for his Jewish Mother, Academy of Mass Communication
- 2009, February 28                      By Dalit as well as non-Dalit poets of both Hindi and Urdu on the theme of “the Dalit Movement”, Academy of Mass Communication
- 2008, June 21                      by Lucknow’s foremost Hindi & Urdu Women Poets on the theme of “Woman”, Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar Foundation

### **Musical Evening**

2009, October 10      An Evening of Jewish Music dedicated to World Peace in memory of Daniel Pearl on the occasion of his 45<sup>th</sup> birthday as part of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days, Sarvajanik Shikshonayan Sansthan Office

### **AIDS/HIV**

#### **3-Day Film Festival**

2009, November 27      Maharaja Bijli Pasi Govt. Degree College

2009, November 26      Eram Girls' Degree College

2009, November 25      Social Work Dept, Lucknow Univ.

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

#### **Workshops:**

2009, January 30      Eram Girls' Degree College

2009, January 29      Academy of Mass Communication

2008, December 16      Nari Shiksha Niketan Post-Graduate College

### **RIGHT TO INFORMATION**

2009, April 29      RTI Activist, Izhar Ahmad's lecture on the Right to Information, Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University