

Twinning Clubs Toronto, Ont. with Bombay and Jewish India

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The first contacts

◆ **Overview:**

Around August 30, 2010, we received emails from our own Stan Greenspan, FJMC V.P International and Raplhy Jhirad, Chairman FJMC India.

A prompt response was given as soon as Mike Rubin, Director Ritual of Beth David confirmed availability of Hertz Chumashim and Silverman Siddurim.

The need was for 6 Synagogues for the Chumashim and 3 Synagogues for the Silverman Siddurim.

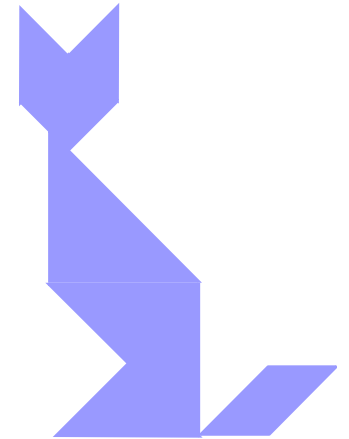
BACKGROUND:

Sol Samson Club 403 Treasurer and myself, Aaron Daniels, President are both Ben-Israel from Bombay India having emigrated in the early 1960's.

The connection with the request from Ralph Jhirad was obvious and forms the back grounder to this twinning of the Clubs.



The logistics of the ocean shipment



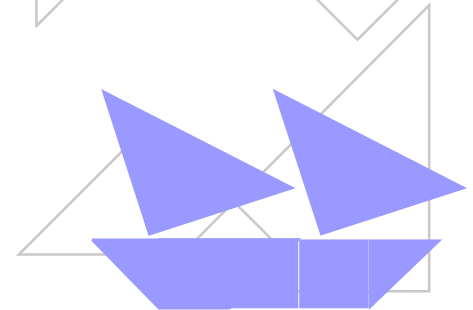
◆ OVERVIEW:

As President of Club 403, I have had more than 35 years experience in India's & Canada's maritime export/import trades. It started a thorough search for the most cost effective, expeditious, and efficient method of packing and transport. After several packaging trials the size of 16x12x12. 275 DW Box was selected. With the different sizes of Chumash & Siddurs 13 cartons were packed. Mike Rubin, after some thorough investigation. chose a freight forwarding agent to co-load and a freight contract agreed for CAD \$ 482.64 Toronto to Mumbai. With intervening Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur and Simchat Torah followed by months of checking and verification, the shipment was made on March 8, 2011

Club 403 Board motion

**Extract from the Minutes of Beth David B'nai Israel Brotherhood board
Meeting dated October 3, 2010.**

Masorti India: From a conversation that Stan had, he learnt that there are six Masorti congregations in Mumbai and that they would welcome donations of unused prayer books. There are several in the Shul that could be sent. Aaron has started to look into the cost of forwarding them. Motion proposed by Peter and seconded by Lew: that "We put aside an amount of up to \$ 700 for shipping Chumashim and Sidurim to India".
Passed

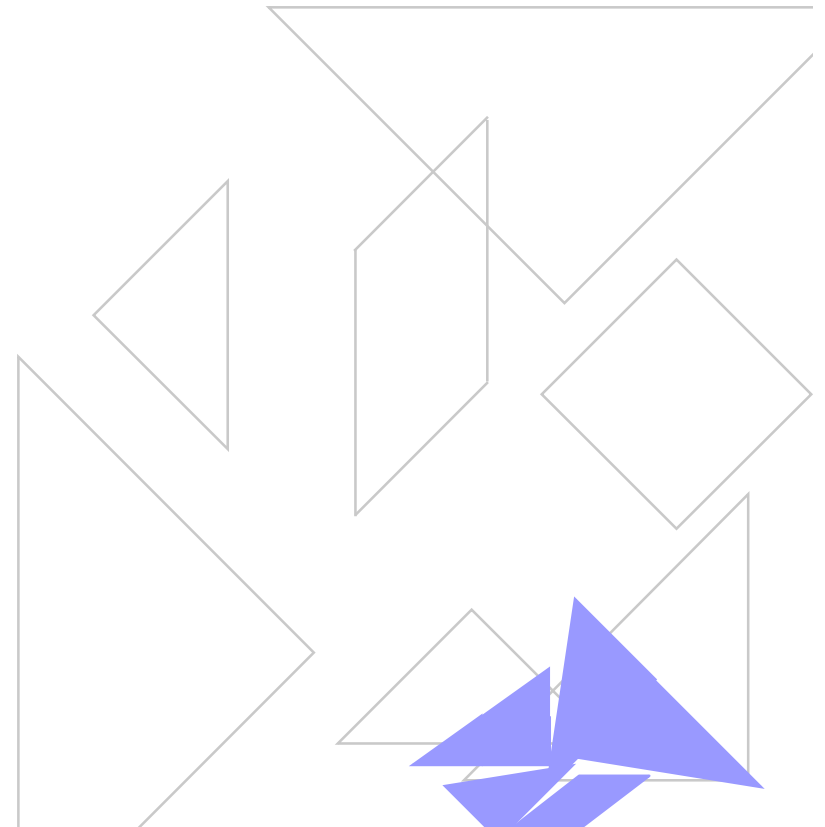


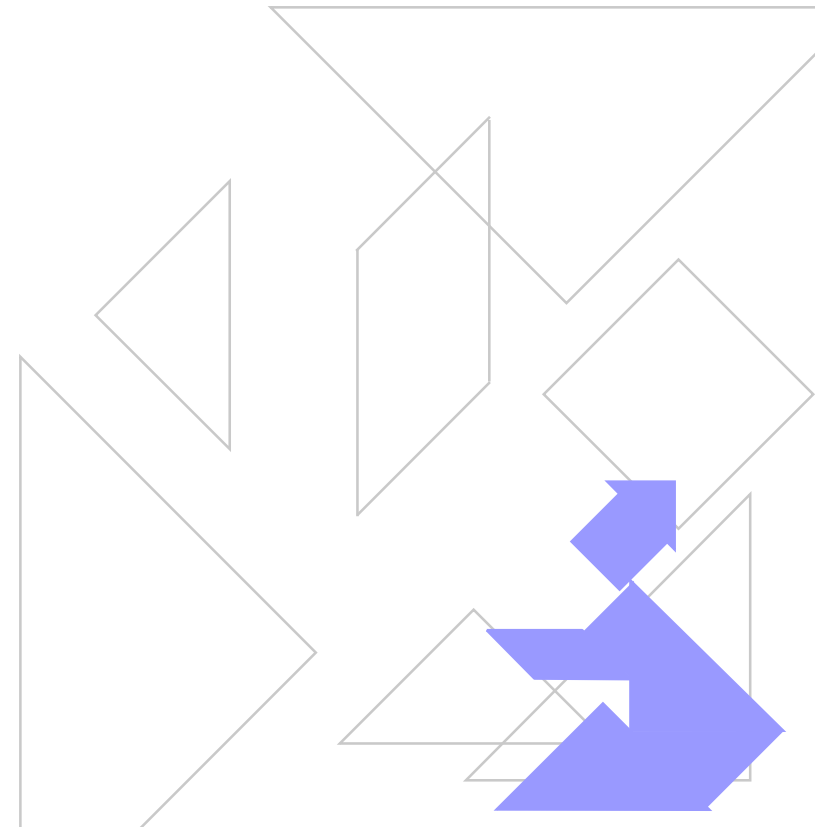
Media & Publicity

Given the transit of 45 days from date of shipment ex New York on March 8, 2011, the shipment is ETA Mumbai April 23, 2011.

Ralph Jhorad has confirmed he will arrange a suitable dedication ceremony for the books on arrival at Jacob Sassoon Synagogue Bombay or other suitable Synagogue venue with Israel Consul and India's Jewish personalities present. Photographs taken will be used for publicity in Toronto and at the FJMC Convention in California July 2011

Photographs





Next Steps

To develop exchanges between one particular FJMC synagogue in Bombay or other major city in India. To try to meet the halachic needs that may exist wherever they be.

To develop and to foster connections with the Beni-Israel Foundation and genealogy of Jews in India with Ralphy Jhirad and Nissim Moses associated with Beth Hatafutsoth in Tel Aviv University where such historical records are kept in Israel