# BIBLIOGRAPHY ABOUT INDIAN JEWRY PART II: PUBLICATIONS FROM 1998

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#### **About This Bibliographical Column**

This bibliographical column constitutes part two of what we hope will be an ongoing effort to keep readers of this journal informed of some of the writings—both academic and popular works—that have appeared in recent years about the Jews and Jewish communities of India. It supplements the "Bibliography about Indian Jews, Part I: Publications from 1993 to 1997," compiled and edited by Nathan Katz and Frank Joseph Shulman, that appeared in volume 2 (April, 1998) of the *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, and the article by Nathan Katz entitled "An Annotated Bibliography About Indian Jewry (Revised)" that was published in early 1994 by Congregation Bina of New York City on behalf of an audience of both scholars and general readers.

The entries within the column are organized by community. First are general works on Indian Jewry, followed by sections on the Cochin Jews, the Bene Israel, the little-known Mughal Jews, the Baghdadi communities of Indian port cities, the Ashkenazim (many of whom—but not all—were refugees to India from Nazidominated Europe), and finally the mysterious tribal Jews. Excluded from this bibliography are items pertaining to Indo-Israeli diplomacy, except insofar as they bear on the religious and cultural life of Indian Jews.

While copies of some of the items in this bibliography are difficult to obtain, and newspaper articles may at times be even harder to locate, scholarly studies are generally accessible. As this column should always be regarded as a work in progress, readers are invited to communicate additional items, as well as corrections, to the compiler-editors.

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