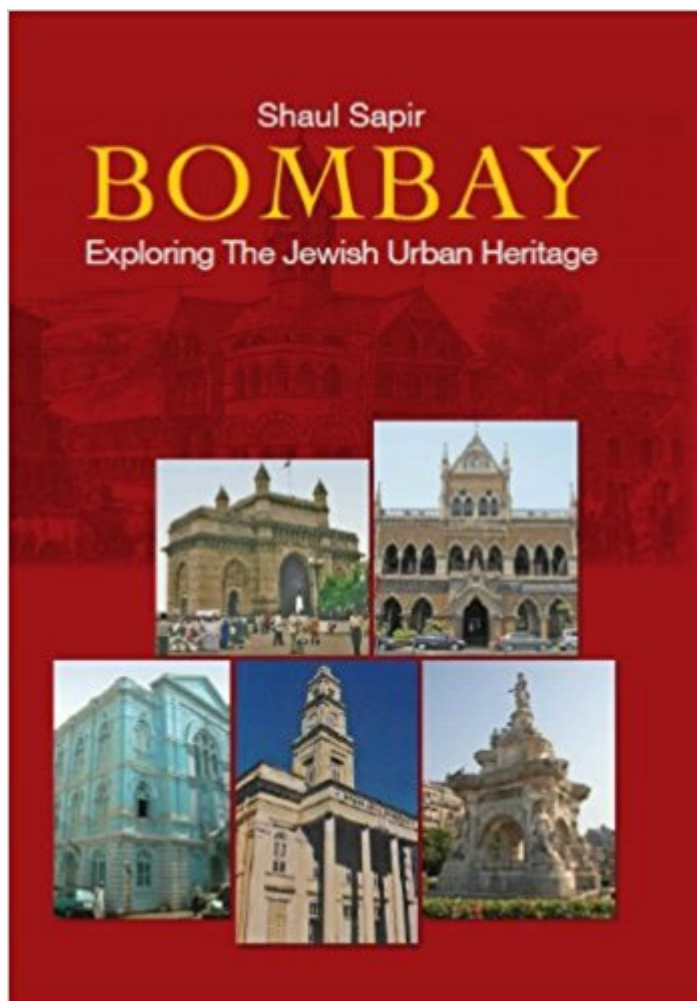


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# Bombay: Exploring The Jewish Urban Heritage



## Synopsis

Bombay possesses an intense history in which it grew and developed as a city containing a variety of populations, religions, cultures and architectural styles. In the present volume, Dr. Sapir draws upon extensive research, to tell the captivating story of the Baghdadi Jewish Community in Bombay and their unique contribution to the urban landscape of the city during the latter period of the British Raj. Dr. Sapir's lively text traces the scattered sites erected by the members of the Jewish community, explores their history and illuminates the evolution of their changes over the decades. Along with the famous Jewish sites, he pays tribute to the remarkable and vibrant history of Bombay, and gives a detailed account of many of the interesting and well-known sites and landmarks of the city, which is an architectural delight. Dr. Sapir takes advantage of Bombay being an open museum with its rich heritage, and skillfully uses this unique opportunity to reveal its hidden treasures. He provides fresh insights into its design, based on intensive research of archival sources, inclusive of field study and comprehensive surveys as well as countless interviews with as many community members as he could track. Readers are led from the very beginning to the very end of this scholarly and enlightening book into a rich experience of in-depth research, which will interest community members, past and present, Mumbai residents, as well as all curious readers.

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photographs, maps, and text, that illuminate the role played by the Baghdadi Jews in the rise of Bombay. A very valuable book to be included in the library of potential Jewish and non-Jewish visitors to India. --Ben G. Frank, The Jewish Press

Dr. Shaul Sapir has been teaching Historical Geography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since 1975 and at the David Yellin Teachers College, Jerusalem, where he headed the Department of Geography for several years. On his sabbaticals he lectured at the University College, London. He has published numerous articles on a wide range of subjects, mainly focusing on Jerusalem through the Ages and on the Land of Israel during the Modern Era (Nineteen and Twenty Centuries). Dr. Sapir has degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Geography, Archaeology, and Education. He has also attended advanced University studies in History and Arts, and Architecture in Haifa s Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.

Very well resourced & presented. Interesting to see how the city of Bombay developed. Living in Bombay for 20 years there were a lot of things my husband did not know & this brought to light how the city came together. My husband lived a couple of doors away from the author & remembers him very well. He used to play with him & his cousins on the streets as young boys would. I compliment him on the work. Also the Philanthropy and benevolence of the Sassoons towards the Jewish community and the city of Bombay. Sheila & Abe Benjamin.

Dr. Sapir's book is a journey through the rich heritage of Bombay focusing on the Jewish history of the Baghdadi community. Fascinating! I have the book on my coffee table and it is a treat to pick up and flip through for everyone. Wonderful visuals with an abundance of pictures and maps! Next best thing to a trip to Bombay.

This is an detailed work. As a person born in Bombay I learnt a lot of the Jewish Hertage. I congratulate the author on fine and excellent book.

This author has done an AMAZING job. The book has really good information, sources and pictures. I would recommend this book to any history lover, Jewish Indians or anyone who'd like to learn about Bombay!!! Well done!

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