

"Like a great light, the holy city of Zion
Peace be upon you, city
In the pure light of the Holy City of Zion
Peace be upon you city"

Salam (peace be upon you, city) / poem in Ge'ez
language from Ethiopian tradition – Henrew
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סלם (שלום לך עיר) / פיוט בשפת הגעז ממסורת
אתיופיה - תרגום: אבג'ה מדהני / אלמוג בהר)

Sigd in a box community kit

Sigd is the most famous of all the customs of the Beta Israel community. The Sigd takes place on 29 of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan - seven weeks after Yom Kippur. It is a unique, ancient Jewish holiday celebrating the renewal of the covenant between God and the people of Israel. In Ethiopia, the community would go up with holy books to mountains overlooking Jerusalem for a special prayer. Sigd has become part of modern day Israel and celebrated nationally, including a main celebration event on Haas Promenade, overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem.

Sigd is a meaningful commemoration of longing for Jerusalem that held the ancient Jewish community in Ethiopia for generations. Many speak of the resilience provided by this dream and the journey they took to fulfil it.

For global Jewish people, including Israelis - the Sigd is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the dream, vision and value of Zion, to get to know the Beta Israel community, its history and tradition and its complex journey to the Land of Israel as well as the meeting between the encounter between the Zion dream and reality.

Therefore, the goals of the Sigd kit:

- To facilitate connection to a national Jewish holiday and Jewish communities around the world
- To celebrate and contemplate the Jewish people's special connection to Jerusalem through the ages and in our time
- To generate visibility and familiarity with the traditions, culture and heritage of the Beta Israel community

What's in the "box"?

- Short film "My Sigd" <https://youtu.be/Qvy0Wb5m2z8>,
- List of recommended speakers
- Conversation guide
- "Inspiring Heros" -short clips
- Program ideas for engaging the community