



AFRICAN JEWISH LIVES: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Over the past few weeks, as part of our Black Jewish Lives series, we have enjoyed a short introduction to some of the many different communities in Africa who claim Hebrew heritage and live Jewish lives. If you missed any or would like to watch again, you can access all the videos here: jewishrenaissance.org.uk/events/jewish-black-lives-matter

Should you wish to explore more about the communities, volunteer, donate, get involved in their campaigns for recognition, or simply keep in touch, we have listed some options below.

THE ETHIOPIAN JEWS LEFT BEHIND

The Ethiopian community that converted to Christianity and has now returned to Judaism.

Read: Longing for Zion by Menachem Waldman

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Volunteer & Support: Contact Rabbi Sybil Sheridan via info@meketa.org.uk

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BAL EJ – THE SECRET JEWS OF ETHIOPIA

The Beta Israel community of Kechen and Semien Showa have lived hidden for centuries.

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THE LEMBA IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Read: Of Sacred Times, Rituals and Customs of the Lemba Jews of Zimbabwe by Rabson Wuriga

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THE HEBREW IGBO OF NIGERIA

Read: Hebrew Igbo Republics: Culture Religion and DNA by Remy Ilona

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