



Kulanu Canada

Who Are We?

Kulanu Canada is a not-for-profit organization committed to supporting isolated and emerging Jewish communities around the world that wish to learn more about Judaism and (re)connect with the wider Jewish community.

What Are Our Objectives?

Our objectives include providing Jewish communities with guidance and assistance in Jewish practices, assisting them in their capacity to access mainstream Judaic resources, and educating Canadians about diverse Jewish communities world-wide by sponsoring speakers, films and workshops.

When Did We Begin Our Work?

Kulanu Canada has been registered as a charitable organization since 2014. Our sister organization based in New York City, Kulanu Inc., has been in operation for over 30 years and has provided support to over 20 communities throughout the world.

What Have We Done So Far?

Please see the next page for a list of the communities we have supported to date and the speakers and films we have sponsored. We continue to explore other needs and opportunities.

How Can You Get Involved?

Volunteer: Would you like to become a member of our Board of Directors or a “friend” who supports our work? Please speak to any of our Kulanu representatives.

Donate: We welcome donations, whether made in support of a specific community or to be used wherever the need is greatest. Charitable receipts are provided.



KULANU CANADA ACTIVITIES IN 2015, 2016 AND 2017

We Support Communities through Fundraising:

Ghana – We sell beautiful Challah covers made by the small African Jewish community in Sefwi Wiawso. Proceeds support the updating of guest accommodations, which house visitors for Shabbat and other occasions.

Guatemala – We raised funds that were used to support a community Passover Seder in Guatemala City.

Italy – We are raising funds to support publication of a multi-lingual siddur for Southern Italian congregations of returning Jews (Anousim).

Jamaica – We contributed funds to support the Jewish Cemetery Project.

Suriname – We supported the erection of a Holocaust Memorial built in memory of Surinamese Jews who were living in the Netherlands for study or work and perished in the Holocaust.

We Provide Opportunities to Learn about Isolated and Emerging Jewish Communities:

Kulanu Canada has sponsored speakers and films, often in partnership with other organizations in the Toronto community. Recent events include:

Film: *Mekonen: The Journey of an African Jew* (Ethiopia/Israel)

Film: *The Mystery of the Jews of San Nicandro* (Italy)

Speaker: Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, *Guatemala's Newest Jewish Community*

Speaker: Rabbi Stephen Leon, *The Crypto Jewish History and Current Story: Reconnecting with World Jewry*

Speaker: Wilfred Lindo, *Growing Up Jewish in Jamaica*

Speaker: Antonia Julia Martinez, March 2016, *My Hidden Jewish Past, A Journey of Discovery*

Speaker: Daneel Schaechter, *Emerging Jewish Communities in Brazil and Elsewhere in Latin America*

Speaker: Jacob Steinberg, *The Oldest Existing Jewish Community in the Americas* (Suriname)