Jewish Calcutta

Photographs in the upper BEKI Gallery by

Sanjeet Chowdhury

Discussion of the Jewish Community of Kolkata by

Jael Silliman

January 15 to March 7 Exhibition

Although only about twenty Jews currently reside in Kolkata (as it is now known), the city retains the traces of Jewish culture. Sanjeet Chowdhury's photographs illustrate the diversity, poignancy and history of this Jewish culture. An independent photographer, filmmaker, and curator, he is based in Kolkata. His photographic works have been exhibited in London, New York, Basel, and other cities worldwide.



Shabbat Shmooze February 22 12:45 pm/after kiddush

Jael Silliman was born in Calcutta, into a Jewish Baghdadi family. The author of several texts on gender issues, she also has written on Jewish Calcutta, including Jewish Portraits, Indian Frames: Women's Narratives from a Diaspora of Hope (2001), about four generations of her family. Silliman recently developed the digital archive Recalling Jewish Calcutta. She lives in Kolkata.