



The Goldene Medina : Celebrating 175 Years of Jewish Life in South Africa

Kol Nidre night, September 2016, marked the 175th anniversary of Jewish religious and cultural life in South Africa. To mark this special occasion, the South African Jewish Museum in Cape Town developed an exhibition reflecting of the social history of the SA Jewish community entitled The Goldene Medina. The South African Jewish museum, in association with The SA Zionist Federation (Israel) – Telfed and Beth Protea are proud to announce the opening of this unique exhibition in Israel.

This exhibition is a celebration of the birth and evolution of a community. It tells the story of the South African Jewish community from 1841 to 2016; of how early Anglo/German Jewish settlers, poverty-stricken Litvaks, and the Sephardim of Rhodes Island came together and shaped a shared identity – the South African Jew.

The exhibition is focused on the lives of ordinary South African Jews. Told via short, anonymous anecdotes, curated from family photographs, first person accounts, unpublished diaries and responses to a social media campaign, a story unfolds of a community that began as refugees but soon grew to become an integral part of the multi-cultural landscape of South Africa. The exhibition is likely to trigger memory and elicit nostalgia in all South Africans.

This exhibition has toured South Africa to wide acclaim. Israel will be the first venue where it is presented outside of South Africa.

The exhibition consists of 43 panels of anecdotes and images and 2 specially produced short films on differing aspects of SA Jewish life.

Please note – the exhibition opens on 23rd Dec 2019 at 18:00 and runs until 3rd January 2019 at the Bloomfield Library Hebrew University, Mount Scopus.

Entrance is gratis



Also celebrating Telfed's 70th Anniversary