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5. Jewish Refugees in India: Holocaust Haven in Hodu

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7. The Bene Israel

8. Indian Jews from Islamic Countries

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1. Jewish Refugee Doctors In India (Co-author: Margit Franz)

2. Maharaja Ganga Singh of Bikaner and his Principal Medical Officer Dr. Richard Jizchak Weingarten (Co-author: Margit Franz)

3. Dr Robert Heilig (1897-1989): Legendary Physician of Jaipur and "World Citizen" (Co-author: Margit Franz)

4. East is West, West is East, and the twain should meet: The Story of Elisabeth Dank/Hilda Wernher

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6. Hersch Cynowitz

7. Jews at the Camp for Polish Refugee Children at Balachadi, Nawanagar

8. The love match of Khwaja Abdul Hamied and Luba Derczanska (Co-author: John McLeod)

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9. Jews in Indian Islamic paintings

10. Shah Madar: The founder of the Madariya Sufi order

11. The Sultans of Mysore and the Jews

12. The Bene Israel of Karachi

13. Ashkenazi Jews of Karachi

14. The architect Moses Somake

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17. R.J. Minney

18. The Military History of the Bene Israel

19. Joseph David Penkar

20. Bene Israel of Janjira (Co-author: John McLeod)

21. Jacob Bapuji Israel and the Wargharkar-Israel family (Co-author: John McLeod)


23. Timeline of Jews in India.

24. Stories of "Israelite Kings" and Hegemony over the Local Jewish Community: Spanish-Portuguese Jews on the South Malabar Coast under the Cochin Rajas.

25. Cairo Geniza Documents Relating to Early Involvement of Spanish Jews in the India Trade.


29. Jews and New Christians in Portuguese Service in India.


32. The Roles of Sir William Rothenstein (1872-1945), Stella Kramrisch (1896-1993), and Gladstone Solomon (1880-1965) in the Development of "Indian National Art".

33. The Transformation of Leopold Weiss into Muhammad Asad (1900-1992).


American Council for Southern Asian Art: Three sets of 100 slides with commentary [1998]

The Robbins Collection of the Indian Princely States: Paintings, Drawings, Photographs, and Objects (Set 150)

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Exhibitions curated by Kenneth Robbins

2. Gandhi Memorial Center in association with the Embassy of India [1991]
5. Temple University Library [1994]
9. Chatham College [March 2000]
10. American Sephardi Federation [2006]
11. Library of Congress Asian Reading Room [2007]
13. Special tours of the collection have been made by the Asia Society of Washington, the Columbia University Club of Washington, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, the India Club of the World Bank, the Smithsonian Institution's Freer & Sackler Gallery docents, the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program and U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Institute.

Other research interests include:

1. The Indian Princes
2. Medicine in the Indian Princely States
3. Opium and the Princely States
4. Stamp money and cash coupons of the Indian Princely States
5. Picture Postcards of the Indian Princely States

6. Amb State

7. Maharaja Ganga Singh of Bikaner

8. Jaipur and its Thikanas

9. Korea, a Chhattisgarh state

10. Late paintings for Mewar and Nathdwara

11. Rampur

12. Sambhar Shamlat, joint property of Jaipur & Jodhpur, & the British salt monopoly

13. Popular images of the Indian Freedom Struggle

14. Oedipal Themes In Hindu Art, Mythology And Society

15. Elephants, the Elephant God, and Maharajas

16. Correspondence of the Ahmadi missionary Mufti Muhammed Sadiq with a society of "freethinkers"

Presentations Dealing With India

1. Orientalism

2. British India: The Psychology of The Raj

3. The Indian Princely States/The Robbins Collection of the Indian Princely States

4. Maharajas, Nawabs And Other Princes

5. Begum Samru

6. Maharaja Ganga Singh

7. Sadiq Muhammad Khan V Abbasi alone in his "God given kingdom" of Bahawalpur

8. Numismatic & Philatelic Studies of the Princely States

9. Barriers to the Appreciation of Indian Art

10. The Rajas of Cochin and the Jews

11. The Jews of Kerala

12. The Jews of India
13. African Muslim elites in India

14. Medical Pluralism in the Indian Princely States

15. Medicine, Women, and Maharajas

16. Self-Immolating Widows and Degenerate Maharajas: Reality And Myth

17. Women from South Asia in the Arts

18. Psychiatric Aspects of the Bhopal Tragedy

19. Oedipal Themes in Hindu Mythology, Art and Society

20. Mysticism

21. Trance and Possession States

22. Sikh Valor

Presentation Sites/Audiences

Agra Mental Hospital, India

Alexandria Hospital

Amba Vilas Palace, Mysore

American Sephardi Federation

American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians

Asia Society of Washington

Association for Asian Studies

Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum

Center for Public Policy, B’Nai Brith International

Chatham College

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Columbia University Club of Washington

Columbia University

Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State
Freer Gallery, Smithsonian Institution

Gandhi Memorial Center, Washington

George Washington University

Indian Embassy, Washington

Jewish Museum, New York

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies

Kalikotta Palace of the Cochin Royal Family, Tripunithera, India

Khuda Baksh Library, Patna

Kota Open University, India

Library of Congress

Montgomery College

National Library of Medicine, NIH

National Postal Museum-Smithsonian Institution

Rajput Association of North America/International Rajput Conference

Rambagh Palace Hotel, Jaipur

Smithsonian Resident Associates Program

Studies in Art, London

Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York

The African Diaspora in Asia [TADIA] conference, Goa

Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Washington School For Psychiatry

World Bank

Conferences organized

Medicine in the Indian Princely States [National Library of Medicine 1995]
Shakti: The creative active female principle: Women from South Asia in the arts [School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University 2006]


Rajput Maharajas [Library of Congress 2008]

The Sikhs [Library of Congress 2009]

Piety, Poetry, and Politics: Muslim Sufis in South Asia [Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies/Freer Gallery/Library of Congress 2011]

Associations With India

1. Sackler Gallery [Smithsonian Institution]: Visiting Committee 1994-9 and Alumni Circle

2. Contributing Editor, Highlights: Notes, News and Views on Arts, History and Letters of India [This journal is no longer active]


The Robbins Collection

1. Indian miniature paintings with examples from many Pahari, Rajput, and Deccani schools as well as Nepalese, Company, and folk paintings

2. Indian fine and decorative arts

3. Photographs and photographic albums, maps, government reports and books from & about the princely states

4. Commemorative medals, military decorations & flags of the Indian Princely States

5. Fiscal documents, fiscal stamps, hundis, stock certificates, coins, cash coupons, picture postcards, postal history, and postage stamps of the Indian States

6. Shadow figures from India and Southeast Asia

7. Princely States as well as ancient, medieval and Sultanate period Indian coins

8. Books and artifacts of the Indian Jews


10. Commemorative medals and picture postcards of British India