

The Story of a Zionist Hero

The late Ferede Yazezew Aklum's heroic leadership is a shining example of the courage of the Beta Israel

This booklet is dedicated to the blessed memory of Ferede Yazezew Aklum and aspires to shed light on his heroic experiences as a pioneering Zionist leader and proclaimer of redemption for the Beta Israel.

This booklet also presents a brief historical survey of Ethiopia and a detailed description of the Beta Israel in order to show the soil which gave rise to the initiative to blaze a path to Jerusalem via Sudan.

The story of Ferede's leadership actually reflects the heroic story of the Beta Israel. This incredible story from the not-too-distant past is not only the heritage of the Beta Israel community, but of the entire Jewish people.

It is a story with the power to inspire and breathe new Jewish pride into younger generations, both within the Beta Israel community and throughout the broader Jewish community, by introducing them to and helping them connect with the community's origins, heroes, and historic narrative.

We have no doubt that this powerful story can enrich the ranks of heroes in the Zionist pantheon and contribute to weaving the story of the Beta Israel into the Israeli story. We believe these steps have the power to enrich and refresh the central ethos of Zionism, contributing to the realization of the vision of, "One People, Many Variations."



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