

Volume III Issue 13  
*Acharei Mot-Kedoshim*

READ IT  
 UP 



THE LEARN IT UP NEWSLETTER

Read it Up

## A Timeline of Our History

### *Dedicated to Commemorating Mashadi History*

Iranian Jews are considered to be the descendants of the Assyrian (722 BCE) and Babylonian exiles (586 BCE). Within this diaspora, a smaller tribe of Jews evolved, due to their geographic setting in the city of Mashad, and their robust community ties.

**1650** – The *Safavid* dynasty ruling in Iran calls to convert or kill all Iranian Jews

**1739** – Nadir Shah of the *Afsharid* dynasty invades India.

**1740** – Nadir Shah brings spoils back from his Indian invasion, in the form of treasures and jewels.

**1746** – Nadir Shah, due to his admiration of the Jews' integrity, orders the relocation of forty Jewish families from Qazvin to the Khorasan province, for the purpose of guarding his war spoils.

**1747** – Nadir Shah is assassinated. Persecution of Iranian Jews resumes. Seventeen of the original forty original families move to the Eydgah ghetto of Mashad.

**1750** – Seven of the original forty families proceed from Sabzavar and settle in Mashad.

**1755** – Sixteen of the original forty families proceed from Kalat and settle in Mashad.

**1839** – The Allahdad - the forced conversion of Mashadi Jews to Islam occurs on March 27, 1839 (12 Nissan 5599/11 Muharram 1255).

Mashadi (*anusim*) live dual lives as crypto-Jews, through 1925

**1890** – Muslim Mashadi attempts to expose secret Jewish burial proceedings of crypto-Jews. A potential pogrom is averted.

**1925** – Reza Shah permits freedom of religious practice in Iran. Mashadis begin to practice their Jewish faith openly.

**1946** – Second notable blood libel in Mashad forces the now openly Jewish Mashadi community to begin a decade long migration to Tehran and Israel.

**2010** – Over twenty-thousand Mashadi Jews now reside in Israel, New York, Milan, Germany, and London.

The Mashadi community has survived persecution and a long period of forced conversion. They continue to proudly celebrate their Jewish faith and honor their sense of community to this day.

*Adapted from [www.mashadi.info](http://www.mashadi.info)*