



Supporting Isolated, Emerging & Returning
Jewish Communities around the Globe

Kulanu Information Sheet

- Kulanu supports isolated, emerging, and returning Jewish communities around the globe. These communities embrace Judaism by living a Jewish lifestyle. They observe Shabbat, celebrate Jewish holidays, and follow Jewish life cycle events.
- Kulanu communities are found in 33 countries, on five continents, North and South America, Asia, Africa, and Europe. There are often multiple communities in a given country.
- Some claim Lost Tribe origins, some Crypto-Jewish origins, and some claim no Jewish origin at all.
- Kulanu serves as a Jewish information and referral source for Kulanu communities.
- Kulanu provides Jewish resources to groups such as prayer books, mezuzot, and Torah scrolls. It has helped with the construction of synagogues and mikvaot (ritual baths) and has taught kosher slaughtering when possible.
- Kulanu serves as a teaching resource, connecting rabbis, cantors, and Jewish educators of all denominations with Kulanu communities. Kulanu helps with online learning and supports technology so communities can access Jewish learning online.
- Most communities want to affiliate with Orthodox Judaism, using the Artscroll prayer books and separate seating during services. Some communities refer to themselves as Conservative or Reform.
- Kulanu under certain circumstances supports economic development, education, nutrition, women's empowerment, and other projects that lead to self-sufficiency.
- We at Kulanu embrace this new worldwide phenomenon as part of rebuilding the Jewish people and forging the future of Judaism. We celebrate and support these developments and encourage other individuals and organizations to join us.

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