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From the Editors

Our fifteenth issue includes, for the first time, a special section of papers presented in an academic panel. We are very pleased that Boaz Huss (Israel), Navras Jaat Aafreedi (India), and Heinz Werner Wessler (Sweden) convened the panel at the 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies at Zürich, Switzerland, in 2014, and then edited them and submitted them to JIJS. We believe our journal is an ideal forum for such exploratory essays from scholars who are new to our journal. The Guest Editors introduce the panel and the papers below.

We are also pleased to welcome back Dr. Jael Silliman to our journal. She had a fine article on Kolkata's Baghdadi women in our very first issue. This time, she explores relations between Kolkata's Jews and their neighbors.

Prof. Joan G. Roland, another longtime friend of this journal, then provides an extensive review of Nina and Alysha Haeems' work on Bene Israel women. This is followed by reviews of three books on food and hospitality, and a review of Rabbi Marvin Tokayer's new book of Jewish tales of the East in tribute to the "Zayde" of our fascination with Jewish life in Asia.

In addition, there are news items, and an obituary for Lt Gen. J.F.R. Jacob, Indian war hero and Jewish leader, by one of his esteemed military colleagues.