In partnership with the Abayudaya community, Be’chol Lashon is offering a trip to Uganda to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the Abayudaya Jewish community! Join a weeklong adventure in Uganda on June 23-July 2, 2019 beginning in the vibrant capital city of Kampala and culminating in a community-wide celebration in Nabagoye, where thousands will celebrate the Centennial together. Get your passports ready for a truly unique experience as guests of Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, the Abayudaya community, and Be’chol Lashon.

Who are the Abayudaya?
The Abayudaya, whose tribal name means "People of Judah," began their journey to Judaism under the leadership of Semei Kakungulu, who favored the Hebrew Bible and in 1919 the community began practicing Judaism. Today, over 2,000 Ugandan Jews live among their Christian and Muslim neighbors in scattered villages in the green hills of Eastern Uganda. The current spiritual leader, Rabbi Gershom Sizomu attended the five-year Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles (2003-2008) with the support of a Be’chol Lashon Fellowship. Having suffered under the reign of Idi Amin, Rabbi Sizomu, a member of the Ugandan Parliament, is a tireless advocate for freedom of religion, democracy, and a better life for all.

BE’CHOL LASHON CENTENNIAL TRIP ITINERARY

Day 1/Sunday June 23
Begin your introduction to Uganda, the Pearl of Africa, by flying into the famed Entebbe airport and staying in the nation’s capital, Kampala, ranked East Africa’s best capital city. Settle into your hotel room and then head out meet your fellow travellers and discuss the upcoming week over your first dinner in Uganda.
Day 2/Monday June 24
On your first full day, get your footing by exploring one of the fastest growing cities in Africa. Kampala, home to over 1.5 million, is the epicenter of the country’s diversity. Spend the day visiting Kampala’s cultural highlights, taking in the views overlooking the city. Taste the local cuisine and try a rolex (a rolled up chapati snack, not the watch) or order a Luwumbo, a local meat stew made with, surprise!, banana leaves.

Day 3/Tuesday June 25
Tour the Ugandan Parliament as Parliament member and Abayudaya Rabbinic leader Gershom Sizomu’s personal guests. At night, enjoy the African and international cuisine of Kampala and get a taste for the nightlife of this rapidly developing city.

Day 4/Wednesday June 26
Depart Kampala in the morning and head east to Mbale, close to the border with Kenya. En route, stop for lunch in Jinja on the banks of Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile River, and begin acclimating yourself to Ugandan life outside of Kampala. Board the bus again and arrive in Mbale to check into your well appointed hotel and head out to dinner in Mbale.

Day 5/Thursday June 27
Wake up in Mbale, the hub for the Abayudaya villages and home to the Abayudaya’s Tobin Health Center that has been so critical in improving health care in the community. Learn about the region, the history of the Abayudaya and current community development efforts. Take a challenging hike through the lush jungle to Sipi Falls and shop in Mbale’s bustling market as the community prepares for the Centennial festivities.
**Day 6/Friday June 28**
Spend the morning in Nabagoye. Walk to the community founder, Semei Kakungulu’s home. Have lunch in Mbale and take a seat at a kafunda, a roadside bar/eatery, to sip a local beer while tasting the local cuisine, almost all of which includes the ubiquitous Maatoke, or green banana. In the evening observe Shabbat with the community at the new Stern synagogue and join the rabbi and his family for Shabbat dinner.

**DAY 7/Saturday June 29**
On Saturday, experience the uniqueness of a Ugandan Shabbat, made particularly special as Garshom’s daughter, Navaah, becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Celebrate with the Abayudaya community into the evening with dinner, music and dancing.

**Day 8/Sunday June 30**
On Centennial Sunday, wake up to a community buzzing with activity in preparation for the festivities. Meet community members from across the Abayudaya villages, dignitaries visiting to show their support and others who have travelled from far and wide to join the Abayudaya on this special day. Eat a communal lunch with thousands of other attendees, be entertained by dance troupes and experience the African penchant for grandiose speeches.

**Day 9/Monday July 1**
On Monday, depart to the shores of Lake Victoria outside Kampala for one last night at a beautiful resort conveniently located on the way to Entebbe airport. Reflect and relax before heading home, or to the next stop on your travels.

**Day 10/Tuesday July 2**
Say farewell to your fellow travellers before being shuttled to Entebbe or heading out for your next stop in Uganda!
# Be’chol Lashon Centennial Trip Costs

**Be’chol Lashon Centennial Trip**  
June 23 - July 2, 2019

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| Leader | $10,000 | - All in-country costs  
- Centennial VIP  
- Donor Tree  
- Student scholarship |
| Supporter | $6,000 | - All in-country costs  
- Centennial Guest  
- Donor Tree |
| Friend | $3,600 | - Students & Young Adults  
- All in-country costs  
- Centennial Celebration  
- Donor Tree |

☑ **Sponsor a Student** to go to Uganda.  
$3,600

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## Options:

- Considering arriving early or extending your stay in Uganda? Let us know and we will be happy to help!

- Do you want to join the trip but unsure if you can afford it? Inquire about scholarships.

## Speakers Bureau:

**Rabbi Sizomu Spring Tour 2019**  
Rabbi Sizomu will be in the US and is available to speak to your community before Passover.

## Info/Sign-up


## Questions

Contact:  
[Info@globaljews.org](mailto:Info@globaljews.org) or call 415.386.2604

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**Want to participate but unable to travel to Uganda?**

1. Add your name to the **Abayudaya Centennial Tree** in the new Stern Synagogue in Nabagoye.  
☐ $180  
☐ $360  
☐ $720  
☐ $1,800

2. Contribute to **Life-Saving Community Projects** for the Abayudaya and their neighbors. Disease prevention and food security reduce mortality and morbidity, while promoting goodwill and combatting antisemitism.  
☐ $3,600  
☐ $5,400  
☐ $10,800

3. **Sponsor a Student** to go to Uganda. Your name will be acknowledged on the Centennial Tree.  
☐ $3,600

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