

## **"The African Jazz Idiom in Sickness and in Health" July 29 at Adas Yoshuron: Please Join Us!**

Adas Yoshuron Synagogue in Rockland and the Camden Conference are hosting a community lecture featuring Matthew Dacso on Wednesday, July 29 at 7 p.m. The lecture will take place at the synagogue, 50 Willow Street, Rockland.

Dr. Dacso will speak about The African Jazz Idiom in Sickness and Health as a prologue to Camden Conference on The New Africa, scheduled for February 19-21, 2016. In his talk, Dr. Dacso will discuss the intimate relationship between music and medicine. He will demonstrate African jazz idioms and note how these inform communication about culture, health, and disease.

Matthew Dacso, MD, MSc is Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of Global Health at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. In addition to his medical degree from University of Texas he is a graduate of McGill University music school with concentration in jazz saxophone and University of London School of Oriental and African Studies. Following his medical residency at Brown University, he and his wife Premal Patel, MD lived in Botswana for two years where she cared for adults with HIV and he worked with rural clinics in establishing standards for the treatment of chronic diseases.

Dacso has been enamored with the African idiom for many years beginning with an early appreciation of Abdullah Ibrahim, a noted South African composer, musician, and freedom fighter in the struggle against apartheid. While in Botswana, Dacso engaged the music community, performed, and ultimately formed the Trans-Kalahari Quintet (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Trans-Kalahari-Quintet/180009978720008>). TKQ has released two CDs and has toured Africa. Dacso has toured Sweden, Germany, and southern Africa with Botswana musicians and is an integral part of that countrys music scene. He is the son of AY members Cliff and Sheryl Dacso.

All are welcome to this free event, which will be followed by refreshments and a chance to meet the lecturer.

The mission of the Camden Conference is to foster informed discourse on world issues through year-round community events, public and student engagement, and an annual weekend conference. For more information, visit [www.camdenconference.org](http://www.camdenconference.org), email [info@camdenconference.org](mailto:info@camdenconference.org), or call 207-236-1034. To reach Adas Yoshuron Synagogue, call 594-4523 or email [info@adasyoshuron.org](mailto:info@adasyoshuron.org).

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