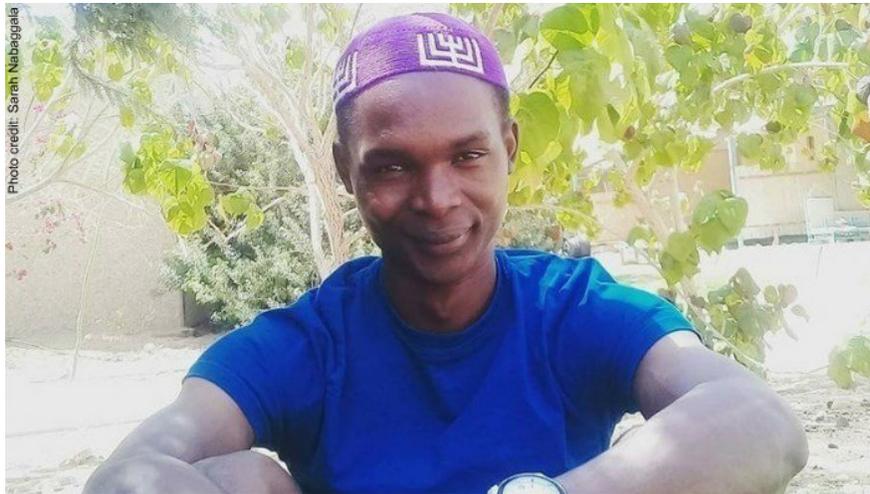




Masorti Olami



Yosef Kibita

## You're Invited!

Dear Chaverot and Chaverim,

Achvah: The Partnership for Abayudaya Rights together with Masorti Olami and the Masorti Movement of Israel invite you to the Fourth Conference for Supporters of the Abayudaya.

We are honored to have as our speaker Yosef Kibita, whose story is as fascinating as it is heroic.

We are also pleased that Rabbi Andy Sacks, the director of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel and the Religious Affairs Bureau, a long-time supporter of Yosef in and out of court, will moderate the discussion with him.

## **Important Dates and Times**

The Conference will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 12-1 pm EST (PST 9-10 am; CST 11 am-12 pm; Europe 6-7 pm; Uganda 8-9 pm, Israel 7-8 pm).

## **Yosef Kibita: Abayudaya Lover of Zion**

Yosef Kibita, a member of the Abayudaya community, fell in love with Israel as a result of a Masa Journey program sponsored by Marom, the young adult arm of Masorti Olami. Subsequently, he decided to make Aliyah.

He has been consistently denied the right to make Aliyah by various offices and authorities of the Israeli government. Each in turn has declared invalid his Conservative conversion performed in Uganda and a second conversion he underwent in Israel with the Masorti Rabbinical Court. According to these decisions, Yosef is “not Jewish” and therefore ineligible to become an Israeli citizen under the Law of Return.

Yosef’s Israeli Supreme Court appearance, which will determine whether he has the legal right to become an Israeli citizen, is scheduled for March 21.

He will tell us the story of his life as an Abayudaya Jew, his love affair with Israel, and his battle to become an Israeli.

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The Conference Conveners

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