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Photos from the World's Most Isolated Jewish Communities

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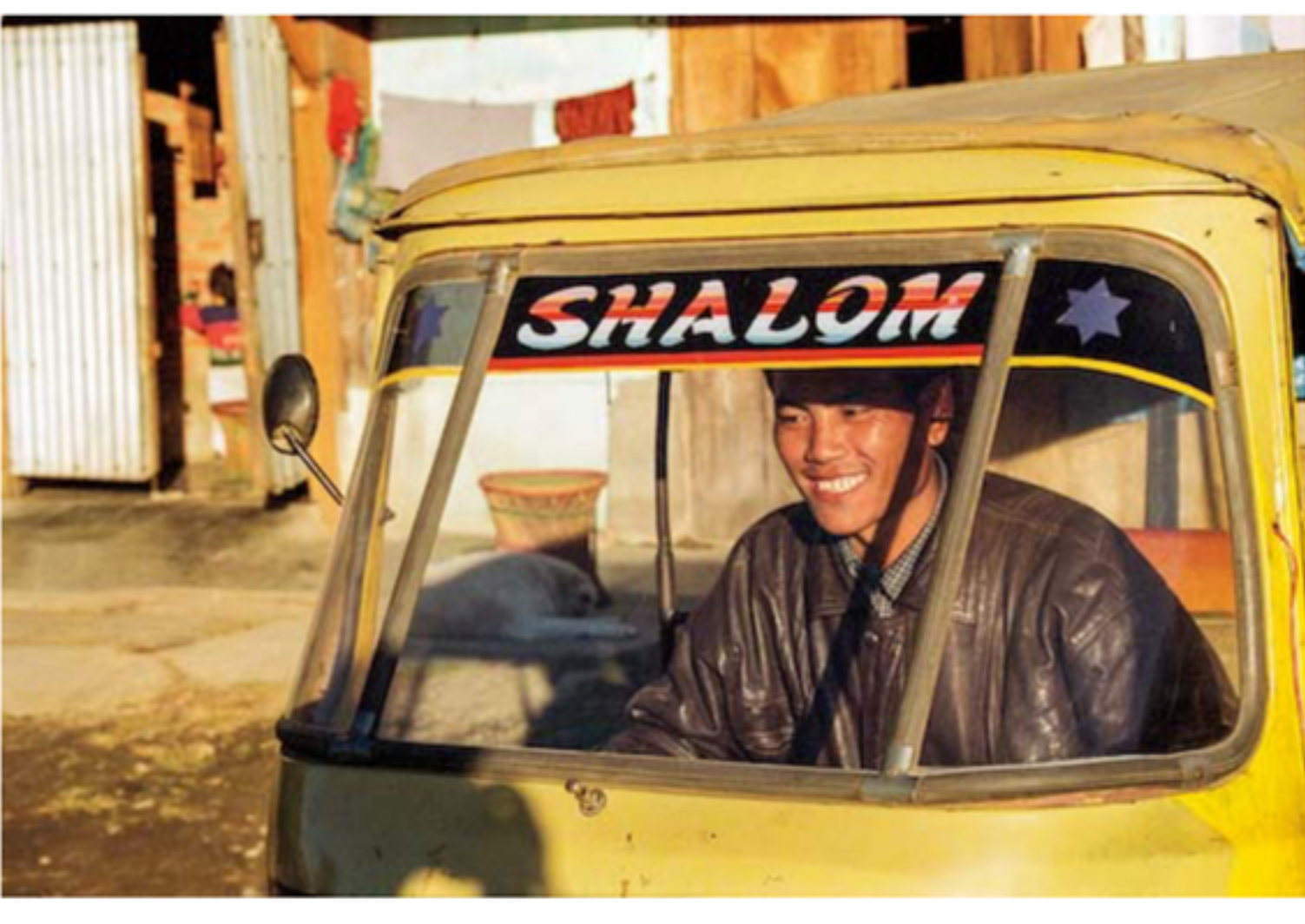
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The wandering Jew is more than a stereotype and a striped houseplant.

In their beautiful new book, *Scattered Among the Nations: Photographs and Stories of the World's Most Isolated Jewish Communities*, Bryan Schwartz, Jay Sand, and Sandy Carter explore what it feels like to practice Judaism in far-flung corners of the globe.



The photographs are both intimate and expansive: Tombstones inscribed in Hebrew 2000 years ago with a Brahmin cow (in India). Men lined up with chickens at the kosher butcher (in Azerbaijan). Women singing and lighting candles (in Ukraine) as one tells of surviving the Holocaust by living in a hole in the ground.



In an age when ethnic and religious clashes are all too common, a book like this offers a lot of hope. The people in these pictures are of all ages, shapes, skin colors and social status. Many have endured drought, famine, and persecution. But they aren't talking about their hardships. Instead, they are excited to share their candles, their ostrich feathers, their faith in any language.



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