The "Israel at heart" program invites you to celebrate

The Sigd holiday

"The longing for Zion" holiday, of the Ethiopian Jewish Community.
Traditional food stalls, Ethiopian coffee, ethnic crafts for sale, art work and more...

On Sunday, 27 November 2011, at 11:30
Radzyner Square,
IDC Herzliya campus

When do we celebrate Sigd?
Ethiopian Jews commemorate the Holiday of Sigd on the 29th day of Heshvan, seven weeks after Yom Kippur. This year the holiday falls on 26/11/11.
On September 7th, 2008, the Sigd Holiday was established in the law. The law states that the 29th day of Heshvan is the national Holiday of Sigd.

Source:
The celebration commemorates the redemptive contribution of Ezra and Nehemia in renewing the contract between G-d and the nation of Israel at a time of national struggle.
Each time Sigd is celebrated the contract is renewed again. The name Sigd comes from the Hebrew word for ‘adoration’.

What is Sigd?
Sigd is an Ethiopian Jewish holiday. Traditionally, it is a day of fasting, redemption, mitzvot, community, Zionism and holiness. The community celebrates their love and desire to return to Jerusalem (Zion).
After aliyah (immigration/ascension), the Beta-Israel (Ethiopian Israeli) community continues to preserve this sacred tradition by ascending to Jerusalem in masse for prayer and celebration.