

NAVIGATING THE WEBSITE MANUAL AND USER GUIDE

This page is intended as a guide on how to surf Les Fleurs de l'Orient website and search for genealogical data.

[Les Fleurs de l'Orient](#) is the name of our web site, which includes

- Genealogy
- Personal [documents & publications](#) submitted by various authors,
- [Bibliography](#) and references
- [Links](#) to other genealogy sites
- A list of [Franco-Egyptian](#) words & expressions spoken and written by many French speaking residents of Arab lands in the Middle East
- A [Forum](#)
- Photos and memorabilia of named families

But above all, the site is about the [genealogy of many families](#) from the former Ottoman Empire and beyond, with

- 20 separate trees
- Over 110,000 families
- 250,000 names

Les Fleurs de l'Orient began as the genealogical homepage of the Farhi families. Its origin was four handwritten pages created by the writer's grandfather in the 1930s; but it has since then has expanded to include many linked families from Europe, the Middle East and Asia - each with its own ancestors and descendants in its country of adoption. The majority of these families are Sephardim; but Ashkenazim and Karaites are also included, together with some Christians and Muslims.

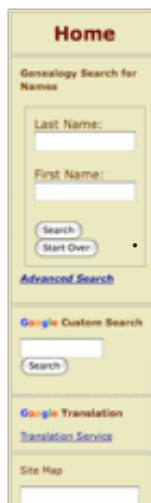
No attempt has been made to publish the genealogy of every family in a particular country - but only those who can establish a link with a person or family already present on the website. Consequently attempts to find a direct relationship between two distant people on the website may not be successful as such relationships may be by marriage and not by blood lineage.

Home Page

When opening the Les Fleurs de l'Orient website, you will first be presented with its Home Page. This has seven 'Tabs' – Home, Genealogy, Farhi, etc. - displayed in a horizontal line across the top. The site is best viewed with a Firefox browser.

Layout and Navigation

Click on a Tab at the top of the page to change the center screen. The left column will then change too, giving subsidiary choices and selections. The remainder of the page is divided into three columns (or 'frames' as they are known in the language of websites). The left frame contains the menus and links for pages displayed in the center frame.



The right frame contains messages displayed on all pages. It contains recent announcements and various counters

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Genealogy	
Data	The Site contains genealogy databases of the Major Families from the Ottoman Empire and beyond. New branches are added as long as these new families could be linked to someone already on the tree. Therefore all families shown are LINKED to each other but not necessarily BLOOD related to all the others.
DNA	Click on the DNA button to check the website of a Sephardic Heritage DNA project managed by Les Fleurs de l'Orient and sponsored by the International Institute of Jewish Genealogy . An report focusing on Common Ancestry and Country of Origin has been published in Avotaynu, the Magazine of Jewish genealogy, in its summer issue. A copy is available on this web site. Click on Sephardic Heritage DNA Report
List	Statistics for each tree with 1) the numbers of individuals and 2) the names of the genealogists who supplied the information.

You will see button-links to

- The webpage of the DNA study conducted in 2004 into the common ancestry of several members of Les Fleurs.
- The list of the [trees](#) (18 separate trees) included on the website.

At the bottom of the frame you will find what is called a Site Map. This provides direct links to most of the relevant pages. Use this and a new page will open in the maximum size allowed by the browser

How to Expand the Center Frame

To expand and zoom into the center column, position the mouse over its middle and right-click on the mouse. From the pop menu, select "Frame", then either "View in New Window or Tab" or "Show Only This Frame". The frame will open in a new page in the maximum size allowed by the browser.



Certain browsers may display slightly different submenus. Internet Explorer does not have that option.

How to Search for Family Members

The easiest way to find Surnames or locate a particular individual is to use one of the Search Engines listed under 'Home' in the left Frame.



Genealogy Tab

When selecting the Genealogy Tab, a new menu will appear in the left frame facilitating access to additional resources.



[Surnames List](#). By clicking on this Button, you will be presented with a list of names for all persons contained in the main Fleurs tree only. Pick first a family name and then a first name. If the first name does not appear on the page, click on Next and you will be presented with another page and so on. Once you find his/her first name and click on it, you will be transported to a family group page containing the person selected. Click on a person name to see his or her personal data (living persons excluded).

As an example see below the card for Naim Dangoor.

Eliahou Dangoor (1883 - 1976)	Moshe Dangoor (1888 - 1962)
Khatoun Khazma (1896 - 1994)	Sybil Luna Moses (1900 - ?)
Naim, "The Exilarch" Dangoor OBE (Living) ^{S4}	Renée Dangoor ^{S4,22}
b. d. occ. edu.	 b. Dec 1925, Shanghai, China ^{S4} d. 9 Jul 2008, London, England, age: 82 occ. edu. 
Children <div> David Dangoor (Living) Michael A J Dangoor (Living) Robert Dangoor (Living) Elie Dangoor (Living) </div>	

Navigate up and down the tree by clicking on any underlined names.

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search button under the Home tab will allow you to search the databases in a more precise way. Once the name and particular are entered in the form, a short list Index will be displayed. Select a person to access his/her personal card.

See below a sample card for Naim Dangoor.



Dangoor Naim, "The Exilarch", OBE

Find Media Info

Home Search Print Login Add Bookmark

Individual Ancestors Document Relationship Timeline GEDCOM Suggest

Personal Information Media Notes AF PDF

Gender: Male

Person ID: I16995 [Les Fleurs de l'Orient](#)

Last Modified: 14 Dec 2008

Father: [Dangoor Eliahou](#) b. 1883, Baghdad, Iraq P, d. 1976, London P

Mother: [Khama Khatoun](#) b. 1896, Baghdad, Iraq P, d. 1994, London, England P

Married: 1913

Family ID: F10790 [Group Sheet](#)

Family: [Dangoor Renée](#) b. Dec 1925, Shanghai, China P, d. 9 Jul 2008, London, England P

Children:

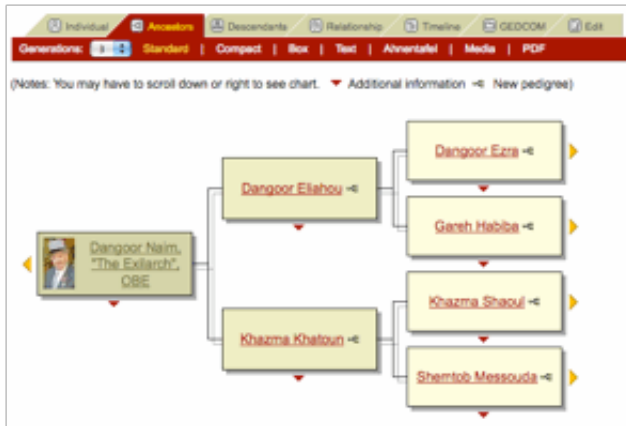
- >1. [Dangoor David](#)
- >2. [Dangoor Michael A J](#)
- >3. [Dangoor Robert](#)
- >4. [Dangoor Elie](#)

Family ID: F10628 [Group Sheet](#)

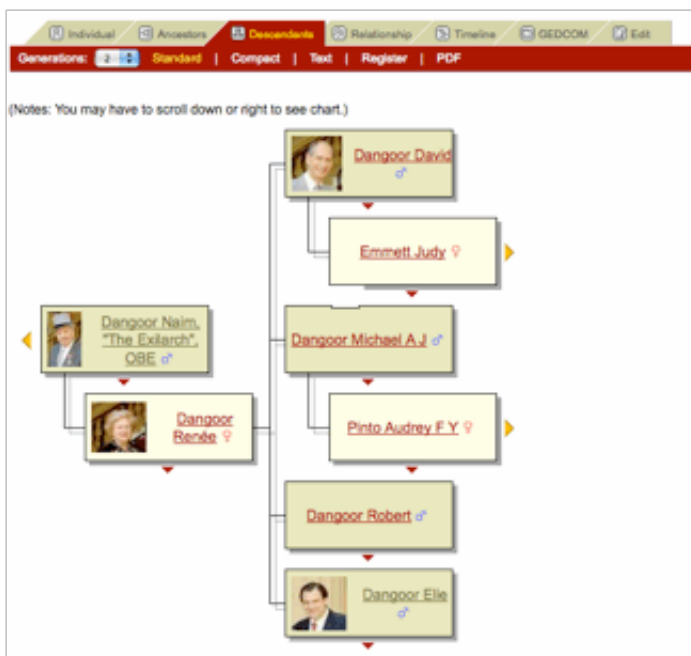
Photos:  [naim_dangoor.jpg](#)

By clicking on the small tabs, the central display can be modified to show the individual's information in different formats.

Ancestry: By Clicking on Ancestors, select the number of generations and you will see a chart like that one



Descendants: By Clicking on Descendants, , select the umber of generations you will see a chart like that one



Relationship: By Clicking on Relationship, you will find out the relationship between two individuals. You will see the following screen. Find the ID number by clicking on the buttons FIND, then click on Calculate.

Find Relationship

To display the relationship between two people, use the 'Find' buttons below to locate the individuals (or keep the people displayed), then click 'Calculate'.

Max generations to check: (Sometimes checking over a different number of generations yields a different result.)

Person 1: Dangoor Naim, "The Exilarch", OBE (b.) - 116995
 Change to (enter the ID):

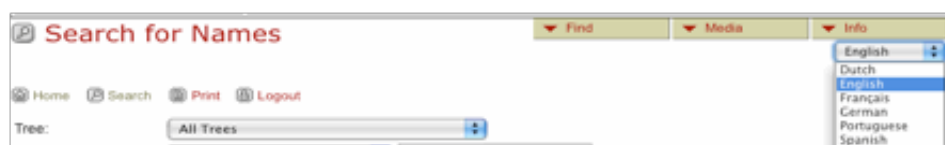
Person 2: Dangoor Elie (b.) - 115908
 Change to (enter the ID):

In our example, we choose to find the relationship between Naim and Elie Dangoor. Their relationship is shown as follows



Language

You can view these Databases in French, Greek, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and German. Select the Language of your choice by using the drop menu on the right.



What's New

Look for what has been added recently. Click on the link of the monthly [updates](#).

View Log

You can see a [listing](#) of the cards that have been accessed recently. Unfortunately the list also includes the name of the robots and crawlers that index the site for the major search engine companies (Google, Yahoo, etc).

Sources and References

On an individual's card, you may see superscripted numbers. These are links to the submitter or

originator of the data. The list of all these entries can be found at the page - [sources](#).

How to update the Data

You do not have a facility to make changes to your genealogy data on-line. To submit corrections and additions, you can either

1. Go to the person whose data needs to be corrected and click on 'Suggest' and fill in the data in the screen that will open.

The screenshot shows a web interface for suggesting changes to a genealogy record. At the top, the record for 'Dangoor Naim, "The Exilarch", OBE (I16995)' is displayed with a small portrait icon. Below this, there are tabs for 'Find', 'Media', and 'Info'. A navigation bar includes links for 'Home', 'Search', 'Print', 'Login', 'Individual', 'Ancestors', 'Descendants', 'Relationship', 'Timeline', 'GEDCOM', and a highlighted 'Suggest' button. The main form is titled 'Suggest a change: Dangoor Naim, "The Exilarch", OBE (I16995)'. It contains three input fields: 'Your Name:', 'Your E-mail:', and 'Description of proposed changes:'. A checkbox labeled 'Send a copy to this address' is next to the email field. A 'Submit Suggestion' button is located at the bottom of the form.

2. Send the changes to be recorded in an [email](#) to the Webmaster of Les Fleurs.
3. Download a [data form](#), fill it in and send it back by email to the Webmaster. Forms supplied are in French, English and Spanish.

Photos

If you wish to add photos to the web cards of the persons in your family, please send small portraits in jpeg format to the Webmaster. Pictures of women should be labeled with their maiden names.

The trees are updated at the end of each month, so changes submitted prior to the cut off date will not appear until the following month.

Farhi Tab

When the Farhi tab is selected, a new list of Buttons on the left will allow the visitor to view several pages such as



- News about the site and the selected persons.
- History of a few Farhis.
- Events: This lists reunions & photos of Farhi dinners held in Paris.
- Contents: Clicking on this button will generate a new list of documents and links to pages about the Farhi.
- Slide Show: This page shows a series of pictures of the writer's immediate family as well as those of a few of the genealogists who helped to create the site.
- Other: This page will display calligraphy created by using the name Farhi in Arabic and Hebrew. A Farhi tughra (Ceremonial signature of the Ottoman Sultans) is also shown.

Documents Tab

Clicking on the Document Tab will display a new series of buttons on the left



- Personal Articles. A list of document written by people mentioned on the site or relevant to their origins.
- Dictionary. A collection of idioms, stories and words spoken by French-educated inhabitants of the Middle East.
- Links. This page contains a list of the websites dealing with the genealogy, persons and families mentioned in Les Fleurs de l'Orient as well as many others.
- Bibliography. A list of books, articles or references used in Les Fleurs de l'Orient.
- Legal Notice. This outlines the rules used for creating the website and includes the obligation to remove references to those persons who ask for their removal.
- References. A list of sources and submitters of the data shown on the trees.

Forum Tab

Once this Tab is selected, access to the Forum and Message Board will be offered by selecting a button on the left side.



Posting on the Message board does not require any log in procedure. Click on Post Entry to compose a message. Click on View to read what has already been written.

To participate in the Forum, you are required to register and will have access once your registration has been approved. Log-in is required to prevent spam postings.

Clicking on the Blog button will display the Webmaster blog for possible interactive participation.

Contact Tab

Clicking on the Contact Tab in the central frame will display different methods of contacting the Webmaster. The best way is by email to <webmaster@farhi.org>.

Help Tab

Clicking on the Help Tab will display two buttons to assist a visitor to surf the site. It will also display answers to a few of the more frequently questions asked about its operation.