

WELCOME BACK.....

Charles Samo returning from Iran.
Phrydon and Conceicao Badal returning from Brazil.

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RECENT ARRIVALS & VISITORS.....

Welcome to San Francisco Bay Area:

- a) Shmouel & Eshu Warda from Sydney, Australia. (Brothers to David Warda).
- b) Sargon Yelda & Family from Teheran, Iran (Brother to Belles Yelda).
- c) Toma Isaac Toma from Baghdad, Iraq (Brother-in-law to Baba Adam).

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CONDOLENCES...

The Foundation expresses its deepest sympathy to Jo Anne Elias on the recent death of her Mother in Oregon and to Joe Elias on the recent death of his Uncle in Turlock.

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A NEW ARRIVAL--A BOY....

To Ingrid & Dale Drake (Sami & Lily Neesan's daughter) on January 31, 1977 named Curtis Ramses. Congratulations!

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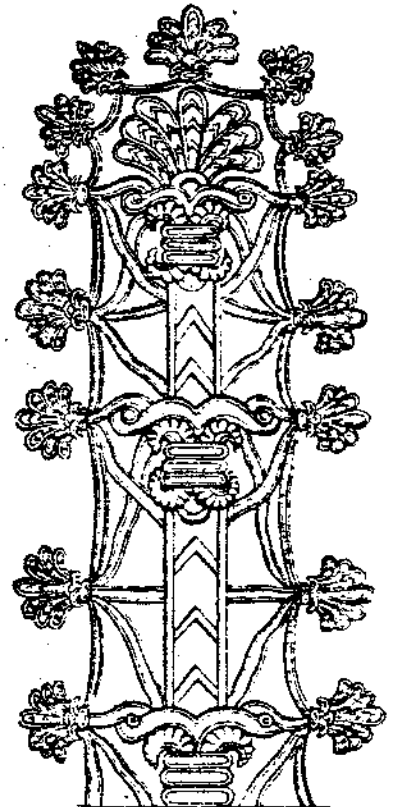
A religious symbol which undoubtedly comes by unbroken tradition from the ancient east is the Tree of Life. This is found in some of the earliest Sumerian art, and continues throughout Mesopotamian history, being very prominent in the Assyrian friezes of the first millennium B.C. The symbol is represented in oriental rugs, and occurs throughout Christian art from the earliest times, by transmission from ancient Mesopotamia, either through Parthian mediation or through the monks of the colleges of Edessa and Nisibin of the Church of the East.

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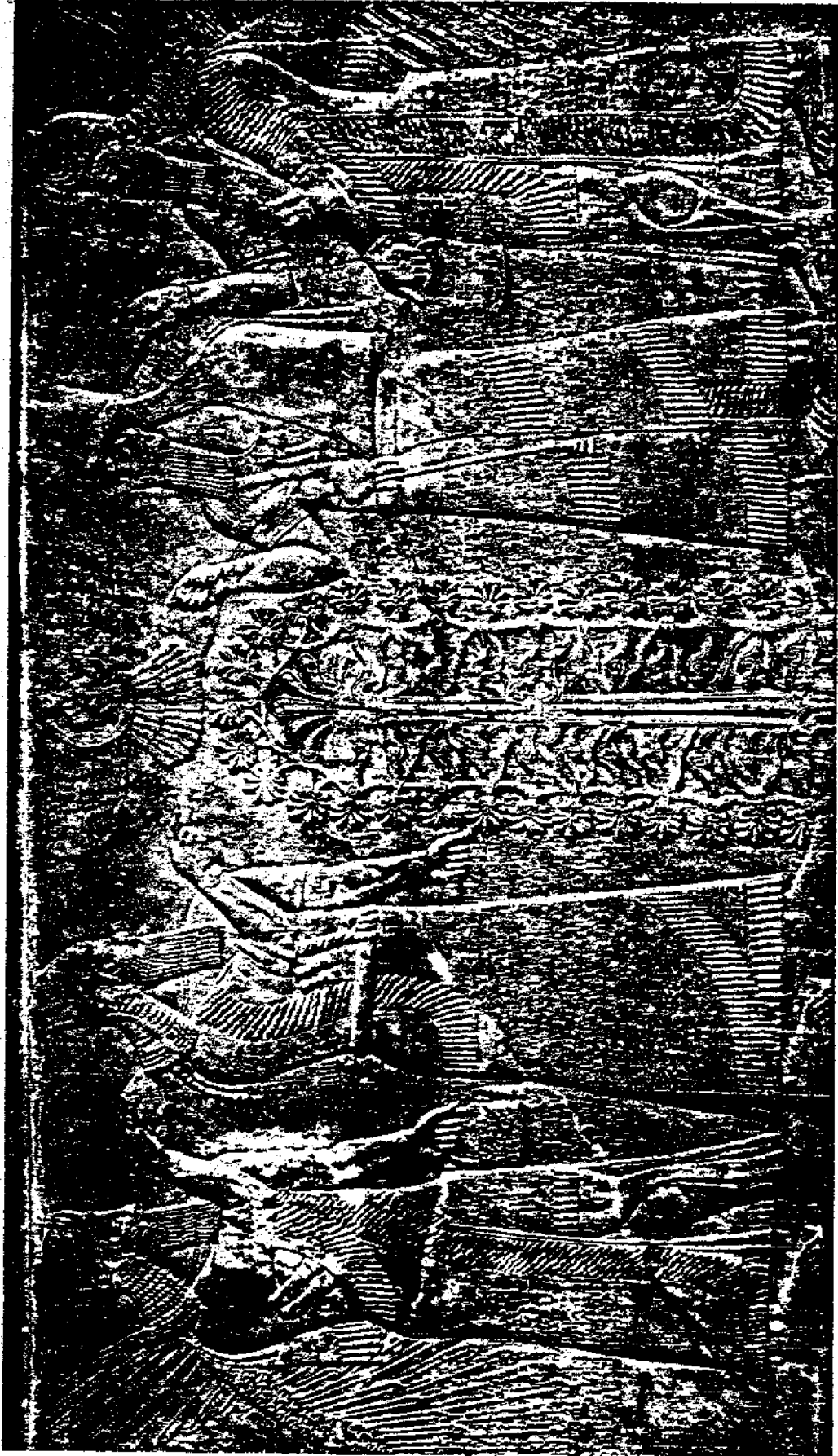
Many of you would feel that this could be the beginning of a Foundation Newsletter. Let's hope so, but let us remind you that it will require much more. Gathering of information, English and Assyrian sections, typing, printing mailing, organization. All this will require work, manpower, qualified personnel. These HIGHLIGHTS were compiled at the spur of the moment. It was a rush, rush project. We wanted to incorporate historical, literary, cultural matters, but did not have the time to do so. It began with attempting to send a memo to the members and eventually developed into much more than anticipated.

One of the Foundation future plans was to produce a Newsletter. Let's discuss this matter in our next General Members Meeting.

NOTE: Now that Youel Baaba is all settled in his new beautiful home, we hope that he will re-consider undertaking this project.



Assyrian sacred tree



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