



Photographer Jono David.

Statia's Jewish heritage to be captured in photos

ST. EUSTATIUS--Photographer and writer Jono David arrived in St. Eustatius on Thursday for a three-day tour of the island. His first visit to the island is part of his global effort to make a contribution to the preservation of the Jewish communities of the world by documenting them photographically.

To date David has photographed Jewish communities in 60 nations and territories on six continents. Apart from Statia, his travels in the Caribbean will also take him to the Dominican Republic, St. Croix, St. Thomas, Nevis, Barbados, Trinidad, Suriname, Venezuela, Curaçao, Aruba and Jamaica.

It is his intention to bequeath his entire Jewish photo library to a reputable Jewish agency or organisation to archive and preserve the images indefinitely. "I would like to create the largest private Jewish photo library of its kind in the world. Actually, I may have

already achieved this," he said. Other Jewish photo libraries may be larger in terms of the number of images in stock, but they do not necessarily contain images from as wide a country/location selection as his. He hopes to include at least one community from as many distinct world locations as possible.

Moreover, most Jewish photo libraries are collections from numerous sources and contributors. His library, however, is a personally created and maintained project. David insists that he does not include nor accept images he has not personally taken. He believes this unique aspect distinguishes his Jewish photo library from others. In the near future, David hopes to publish a book, which not merely features favourite and best images, but which also tells the story of his experience as a photographer. He will be leaving for Nevis today, Saturday.