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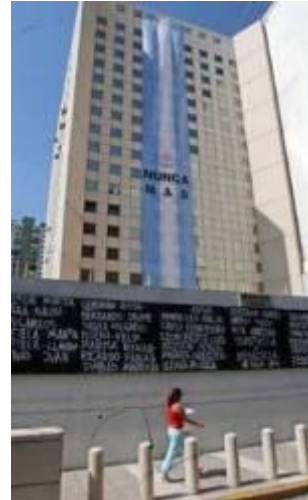




# Jewish Buenos Aires

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# “The New Face of Judaism in Latin America”

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**August 6 to 8**

**Pre-Conference Tour (optional):**

Buenos Aires & Jewish  
Colonies of Entre Ríos

**August 8 and 9**

**Rabbinic Kallah:**

Study meeting for rabbis  
and religious leaders

**August 9 to 12**

**Conference:**

Intensive program, with the presence of international  
speakers and progressive Jewish communities in the region



# Pre Conference tour

## Jewish Colonies of Entre Rios

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- In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Entre Rios province was a privileged stage for a fascinating and moving story: the arrival of tens of thousands of Jews who left behind persecution by the Czarist regime in Europe to find hope in a land promising freedom and work.
- Under the sponsorship of the Jewish Colonization Association (JCA) – the welfare organization founded in 1892 by Baron Mauricio De Hirsch in London– Jewish agricultural colonization got on its way in Argentina to accommodate those impoverished immigrants.
- Through hard work, they were able to learn the basics of farming while maintaining their culture and beliefs, and their descendants eventually became the famed “Jewish gauchos”.
- The joint efforts of the JCA and the immigrants led to the foundation of numerous towns and villages, and were the source of many social and cultural accomplishments such as the creation of schools, hospitals, temples, libraries and agricultural cooperative societies, many of which are still active.
- This tour is a touching journey to the roots of Judaism in Argentina, that will let you learn this fascinating story from its inside.



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### Highlights:

- Visits to synagogues, cemeteries, museums and other historical places in small Jewish communities reminiscent of the efforts initiated by the JCA in Entre Rios in the late 19th century: Villaguay, Villa Clara, Villa Dominguez, Basavilbaso
- As a bonus, visit to Colonia Avigdor, founded by the JCA in 1936 for the Jews of German origin, escaping from the Nazis
- Led by David Igdaloff, president of AIP, Asociacion Israelita de las Pampas, and Abel Evelson, member of Lamroth Hakol Community Center, Buenos Aires, coordinator of activities with the Jewish communities of Entre Rios
- To learn more about the sites to be visited, please click on the following web pages:
  - [www.colonizacionjudia.com.ar](http://www.colonizacionjudia.com.ar) – description of the Historical Circuit of the Jewish Colonies in the Center of Entre Rios
  - [www.museodelascolonias.com.ar](http://www.museodelascolonias.com.ar) – description of the Regional Museum and Archive of the Colonies, Villa Dominguez

# The Conference Program

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## Important Attendants Confirmed!

- More than 40 renowned speakers from various countries



**Rabbi Stephen  
Lewis Fuchs**

President of the  
World Union for  
Progressive Judaism



**Dr. David  
Breakstone**

Vice Chairman of the  
WZO - World Zionist  
Organization Executive



**Rabbi Michael  
Marmor**

Vice President for  
Academic Affairs at the  
Hebrew Union College -  
Jewish Institute of  
Religion, Jerusalem



**Professor  
Paul Liptz**

Director of Education -  
Anita Saltz International  
Education Center /  
WUPJ, Jerusalem

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## Plenary Sessions:

- The Evolving Role of the Rabbi in Jewish Tradition
- Pursuing the Prophetic Vision in Israel
- Assimilation, Intermarriage, Changes in the Jewish Family – what congregations can do to ensure Jewish continuity?
- God in search of man – the wisdom of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



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## Workshops sessions:

- Connecting youth and adults to the State of Israel
- Combating anti-Israel bias
- Jews by choice – intermarried couples and their connection to Israel and Zionism. What can congregations do to help?
- Challenges facing the Jewish community in Latin America
- Conversions and Anusim
- Populism and Anti-Semitism in Latin America
- What is the balance between tradition and modernity?
- Challenges facing the synagogue and the family
- Innovations in Synagogue Music
- Transforming the Synagogue environment
- Nurturing volunteer leadership to create a welcoming environment
- Challenges facing our faith and religious practice
- How do we incorporate halacha into our lives as Progressive Jews?
- Unity within diversity – varieties of Progressive minhagim around the world
- Directions in Congregational Programming
- Women of Reform Judaism presentation

# Room nights and transfers

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## Room nights:

- **Marriott Plaza – breakfast included:  
USD 216 (taxes included) - DBL or SGL.**
- El Conquistador – breakfast included:  
USD 110 (taxes included) - DBL or SGL.
- Howard Johnson Florida Street – breakfast included:  
USD 130 (taxes included) - DBL or SGL.
- Gran Buenos Aires – breakfast included:  
USD 98 (taxes included) - DBL or SGL.

## \*Transfer Htl Bue / Domestic Airport/Htl Bue based on group of:

- **30 PEOPLE: USD 19 / 35 PEOPLE: USD 17 / 40 PEOPLE: USD 15**

## \*Transfer Eze / Htl Bue (ow) based on group of:

- **30 PEOPLE: USD 12 / 35 PEOPLE: USD 10 / 40 PEOPLE: USD 9**

# Pre Conference and Conference Rates

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## Conference registration fee per person (no hotel included):

### *To May 31st:*

- USD 450 Adult
- USD 225 Young adult (to 30 years old)

### *From June 1st to July 31st:*

- USD 500 Adult
- USD 250 Young adult (to 30 years old)

## Pre Conference fee per person:

- **Limited Vacancies!**
- Estimated fare based  
in a group of 30 people:

DBL Room - USD **559** per person

SGL Room - USD **621** per person

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Thank You

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Buenos Aires!!!

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