

World Confederation President's Delegation to Argentina
March 1-6, 2007

**Under the auspices of the WCJCC
(World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers) and
CLAM (Latin American Maccabi Confederation)**

Organized and hosted by FACCMA
(Argentinean Federation of Jewish Community Centers)

**In partnership with
JDC
(the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) and
JAFI
(the department of Jewish Zionist Education of the Jewish Agency for
Israel)**

Objectives:

An insider's visit to community centers/clubs in Argentina

Understand recent achievements and challenges

Discuss possibilities for cooperation and collaboration with WCJCC and JCCs around the world

Meet and interact with lay and professional leadership

During the visit three community centers, out of the twenty in Buenos Aires, will be visited. Participants will view programs, meet with staff, members, volunteers and lay leaders. The participants will see how the values of the community centers are implemented through a variety of programs: education, Judaism, Israel, sports, cultural programs, social program and pluralism.

Wednesday, February 28

Andrea Solow arrives

Thursday, March 1 Welcome to Buenos Aires

Taanit Esther (Esther's fast)

Arrival in Buenos Aires at different times
Check into hotel

- 6:00 p.m. Transfer from hotel to FACCMA
- 7:00 p.m. Reception. Program presentation.
- 8:30 p.m. Opening dinner with FACCMA Steering Committee

Friday, March 2

Understanding the Realities of Jewish Life in Argentina

- 9:30 a.m. Opening lecture and discussion with local journalist: **Sergio Kienman** who will address several topics: The relationship between the Jewish community and the government, the impact of Middle East conflict on the region, the relationship between Jews and Christians and the impact of the economic situation.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Sociedad Hebraica Argentina
- 1:30 p.m. Sightseeing in Buenos Aires: Recoleta Neighborhood and Palermo Parks
- 5:00 p.m. Return to hotel
- 7:00 p.m. Transfer to Lamrot Hakol
- 7:40 p.m. Shabbat services at Lamrot Hakol JCC/Synagogue, a partner in the WCJCC Tri Center Project
- 9:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner hosted by Lamrot Hakol at the home of Rabbi Fabian Skornik

Shabbat, March 3

Shabbat- Happy Purim!
Parashat Tezave / Shabbat Zachor

- 10:00 a.m. Depart for a visit to the Sociedad Hebraica Argentina club/community center suburbia branch. View activities and meet with leadership and staff to discuss their mission and ways of confronting recent trends.
- Lunch at Hebraica
- 3:00 p.m. Return to hotel
- 7:00 Depart to Lamrot Hakol
- 7:40 p.m. Megilah reading and Purim celebration at Lamrot Hakol
(Please come in costume)
Dinner (free time)

Sunday, March 4

JCCs Addressing Changing Realities

10:00 a.m. Depart for a visit to the Brit Achim club/community center. Meet with leadership and staff to discuss how the JCC addresses the special needs of the community. This JCC specifically addresses the needs of the poor and homeless.

Lunch with the leadership of Brit Achim

3:00 p.m. Visit to the neighborhoods of San Telemo and La Boca
Return to hotel

7:30 p.m. Depart for an Evening of Tango and dinner:
"La Esquina de Carlos Gardel"

Monday, March 5 Coming Closer to JCCs Worldwide

8:30 a.m. Meet with CLAM and Partners: JDC and JAFI to discuss how CLAM addresses Jewish needs across the continent and plans for the future. How can we better collaborate with community centers worldwide?

10:00 a.m. Visit to JDC and the Ariel Job Center

12:00 p.m. Visit to JAFI at BAMA and lunch

2:30 p.m. Townhouse meeting with executive directors of FACCMA affiliate organization to get an understanding of the challenges facing community centers confronting the recent realities of life in Argentina. Presenting worldwide JCCs to the hosts.

6:00 p.m. Wrap up session and evaluation

8:30 p.m. Farewell dinner.

Tuesday, March 6

Group members depart at various times