



**PRESIDENTIAL  
MEETING IN URUGUAY**



**PANEL IN BUENOS  
AIRES**



**NIGHT OF  
CELEBRATION FOR  
ISRAEL IN URUGUAY**



**CAM JOINED THE  
AMIA-DAIA  
COMMEMORATION**

## CAM IN SPANISH

# 5782 - MEMORABLE MOMENTS

THE YEAR 5782 IS OVER AND WE WANT TO REMEMBER SOME OF CAM EN ESPAÑOL'S BEST MOMENTS IN OUR WAY TO FIGHT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM.



## Central American leaders express solidarity and support for Israel and to combat Antisemitism

*September, Panama*

Senior ministers, members of parliament, mayors, religious leaders and heads of influential NGOs from across Central America expressed their solidarity and support for Israel and called to combat anti-Semitism.

The declaration was the culmination of the first-ever in-person Central America-Israel Forum, which celebrates the State of Israel's deep and longstanding ties with Central America.

The II Central America and Israel Forum was spearheaded by Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), with the support of the Center for Jewish Impact, the Panama-Israel Friendship League, and the Mariano Rivera Foundation.



*Fidel Reyes Lee, Honorary President of the Second Annual Central America-Israel Forum, and President of the Guatemala-Israel Interparliamentary Friendship League; Elan S. Carr, Member of the CAM Advisory Board, and former U.S. Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Antisemitism; Mario Bucaro, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala; Sacha Roytman-Dratwa, CEO of the Combat Antisemitism Movement -CAM-; and Shay Salamon, Director of Hispanic Outreach of the Combat Antisemitism Movement -CAM-.*

## Ceremony to Recognize Mr. Mario Bucaro

*September, Panama*

Guatemalan Foreign Minister Mario Bucaro, who participated in this II Central America and Israel Forum, was honored for his solid and lasting relations with the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

In this regard, the Director of Hispanic Outreach of CAM stressed that Foreign Minister Mario Bucaro is a person who has consistently demonstrated his support for the Jewish people and the State of Israel: “He was the first ambassador in Jerusalem after Guatemala decided to return its embassy to the capital of Israel, and in that role, he did a very important job of strengthening ties between Guatemala and the State of Israel”.

More than 300 participants and officials from 15 nations met at Parlatino—The Latin American Parliament in Panama City, Panama, including Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama Erika Mouynes and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala Mario Bucaro.

Israel’s Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Oded Forer and Diaspora Affairs Minister Nachman Shai also participated in the confab, which was hosted by the Combat Antisemitism Movement -CAM-, the Center for Jewish Impact, and the Panama-Israel Friendship League.

Forer acknowledged the historic nature of the “deep and enduring” ties, going back to the support of several Central American nations for the 1947 UN Partition Plan, which called for the creation of a Jewish state.

Shay Salamon, Director of Hispanic Outreach of the Combat Antisemitism Movement -CAM-, noted that “this event brought together representatives from 15 countries to discuss issues related to integration, peace, and tolerance, it is of utmost importance, the challenges, both for Panama and for the entire continent, are broader than just fighting anti-Semitism. We must pay attention and begin to fight the rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism, promoting tolerance, peace dialogue, and integration.”

Sacha Roytman-Dratwa, CEO of Combat Antisemitism Movement -CAM-, said that relations between the Central American States and the State of Israel have been strong and integrated for many years and will continue to strengthen in the future.

“Israel and the Jewish People face many challenges in the years ahead, and it is clear from the hundreds of participants at this forum that the leaders of this region are not ‘fair weather friends’ but have a genuine affection and support for the Jewish State.”

The attending members of the Panamanian government expressed their commitment to the fight against intolerance, ignorance, and hatred through spaces that foster understanding of other religious groups and dialogue.

**- WATCH HERE: II CENTRAL AMERICA-ISRAEL FORUM VIDEO -**





## Historic Central America Forum Hanukkah Celebration

*November, United States*

The Embassy of the Republic of Guatemala in the United States — in partnership with the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) — hosted the Central America Forum Hanukkah Celebration, attended by a distinguished group of ambassadors and other guests.

The historic event — the first-ever Hanukkah party held by a Latin American embassy in the U.S. — took place at the Washington, D.C. residence of Guatemalan Ambassador to the U.S. H.E. Alfonso Quiñónez.

“Antisemitism is alive, and we need to work together to fight it”, Ambassador Quiñónez said in his remarks.

In addition to Guatemala, countries represented at the festive gathering included Argentina, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Israel.

The event featured a hanukiah-lighting ceremony led by Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, a CAM Advisory Board member.

“This is a room of tolerance and acceptance”, Rabbi Weinblatt noted.

“Let’s not be indifferent, we have responsibilities as representatives of our countries, of our organizations, but above all as human beings,” CAM Director of Hispanic Outreach Shay Salamon said at Monday’s event. “Let us illuminate the world with the colors of hope, tolerance, and fraternity”.



## Opening Gala Dinner

*September 6, in the Diamond Room at the Waldorf Astoria Panama*

Exclusive gala for special guests from Latin America, the United States of America, and Israel, among which are local and international authorities, ambassadors of the region, regional legislators, entrepreneurs, religious leaders, as well as partner organizations of CAM at a global level.



## Panama City Community Day

*September 8, Panama*

visit with the Jewish community of Panama, engage in dialogue, and participate in a service project. Breakfast with the Jewish Community of Panama, visit and meet with their membership. And visit an important community service project with the Mariano Rivera Foundation.



## AMIA community commemoration ceremony

*July, Argentina*

We joined the commemoration of the 28th anniversary of the AMIA-DAIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, with a video telling the story of the attack that was published on our social media pages.

[- Watch the video here -](#)



## Meeting with Uruguayan pastors

*July, Uruguay*

The VP of Uruguay, Beatriz Argimón, received the group of pastors from different churches across Uruguay to spoke about the fight against antisemitism. They knew the latest worrying statistics on antisemitic attacks and the rising number of incidents globally and were invited to join CAM in the collective effort against this age-old scourge.

# The Latin American Forum for Combating Antisemitism in Buenos Aires, Argentina

*July, Argentina*

Together with the Latin American Jewish Congress, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the World Jewish Congress, CAM co-organized the Latin American Forum for Combating Antisemitism, which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 17 and 18. The event was attended by legislators, Jewish community members, and representatives of different organizations from across almost all of Latin America.



## Panel in Buenos Aires

*July, Argentina*

CAM led a panel titled “Local Responsibility in Generating Safe and Tolerant Cities,” with the participation of five Latin American figures: former President of the Republic of Guatemala Jimmy Morales; Proyecto Shoá Executive Director Kalanit Leffler; AKIM-Fundación Judaica Director General Susana Piotrowsky; Philos Latino Director Jesse Rojo; and B’nai B’rith Anti-Defamation Commission of Panama President Daniel Shamah.

The panel discussion was broadcast live on CAM in Spanish’s social media pages and reached nearly 300,000 viewers.



[- A full recording of the panel discussion can be viewed here -](#)



## The ‘Night of Celebration for Israel’, a historic event in Uruguay

*July, Uruguay*

CAM organized the ‘Night of Celebration for Israel’ with the Latino Coalition for Israel (LCI). It was a historic event in Uruguay, aimed at strengthening interfaith ties between Christians and Jews. It was attended by around 300 people, including 35 members of the Uruguayan Jewish community, representatives of 15 Israeli institutions, pastors from 19 departments in Uruguay, and a vice president of the World Jewish Congress.

Speakers included former President of the Republic of Guatemala Jimmy Morales; Undersecretary of the Ministry of Environment of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay Gerardo Amarilla; Apostle and President of LCI Mario Bramnick; CAM Director of Hispanic Outreach Shay Salamon; and former U.S. Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism Ellie Cohanin.



## Presidential meeting in Uruguay

*July, Uruguay*

Shay Salamon, CAM Director of Hispanic Outreach, had an important meeting with President of Uruguay Luis Lacalle Pou and Vice President Beatriz Argimón at the Presidential Residence and Legislative Palace. The CAM and LCI delegation spoke with the highest authorities in Uruguay about different issues related to the Jewish people and social peace.

From the vice president, the delegation learned about a recent visit by Uruguayan lawmakers to the parliaments of Ukraine and Russia in an attempt to open a channel of dialogue amidst the current crisis.

“We had a conversation about social peace, relations between the Church and the Jewish people, and the important role of fostering dialogue in conflict resolution,” Salamon said.

CAM would like to thank Undersecretary of the Ministry of Environment of Uruguay Gerardo Amarilla for coordinating this meeting.



## In Latin America Outreach Push, CAM Attends Annual ‘Conferência Global’ in Brazil

*October, Brazil*

Representatives of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) were among the more than 3,000 people — including top government officials, spiritual leaders, and opinionmakers from across Latin America and the United States — who took part in “Conferência Global 2021” in Brasília, Brazil.

The event, which has been held annually for a decade now, was hosted the Latino Coalition for Israel (LCI), Comunidade Das Nações, and Bishop JB Carvalho.

CAM Senior Advisor Ellie Cohanin and CAM Director of Hispanic Outreach Shay Salamon traveled to Brazil for the gathering, at the invitation of LCI.

The conference’s keynote speaker was Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, who expressed deep and unwavering support for the State of Israel.

At the conference and on its sidelines, Cohanin and Salamon met with, among others, President Bolsonaro, Minister Ribeiro, Uruguayan Deputy Environment Minister Gerardo Amarilla, Israeli Ambassador to Brazil Daniel Zohar-Zonshine and Deputy Ambassador David Atar, as well as representatives of the Confederação Israelita do Brasil, or CONIB, which is the Brazilian Jewish community’s umbrella organization.

Agenda items included educational programs to combat antisemitism; the need for legislation on hate crimes and the use of Nazi symbols; and CAM’s plan, through its new Hispanic Outreach Department, to strengthen ties throughout Latin America and build coalition to address these and other issues.

CAM gratefully thanks LCI President Pastor Mario Bramnick for the conference invitation. LCI is an important partner organization with which CAM hopes to work closely as it expands its activities in Latin America.



## ‘Red de Gobierno con Valores’ International Forum in Nashville

*June, United States*

The Combat Antisemitism Movement participated in the first international forum of the “Red de Gobierno con Valores” organization, held in Nashville, Tennessee.

The forum was attended by 77 prominent figures from 16 countries — Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Peru, Puerto Rico, United States, and Uruguay.

CAM was represented at by Director of Hispanic Outreach Shay Salamon, who addressed the issues of antisemitism and religious freedom.

Other speakers at the forum included Dr. Manuel Valdez of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Gerardo Bogantes of Costa Rica, Dr. Xavier Abad of Ecuador, Dr. Gerardo A. Amarilla of Uruguay, and Dr. Gabriel Flores Ciani of Argentina.

A keynote presentation was delivered by bestselling U.S. author Johnny Enlow.

The next “Red de Gobierno con Valores” forum is scheduled to take place in Brazil in October.

## Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) from Mexico

*April, Mexico*

This unique event was an online conversation with the last generation of Holocaust survivors, bringing them into the “living rooms” around the world, while also featuring dedicated messages from decision makers and opinion-shapers from around the world.

During a ten-hour broadcast the viewers got a chance to ask questions to survivors from five different countries about their experiences during and after the Holocaust. Mexico was one of them with the participation of the survivor Luis Opatowski.

The importance of Holocaust education and passing down the historical lessons from the Nazi genocide is only gaining urgency as the numbers of survivors dwindle with each passing year.



## Bogotá Conference Galvanizes Fight Against Antisemitism Across Latin America

*January, Colombia*

A three-day international conference on the fight against antisemitism — organized by Pastor Eduardo Gomez, Director of Latino America Nueva — was held in the Colombian capital of Bogotá, bringing together leading officials and organization representatives from across the Americas and the world.

The event — coinciding with International Holocaust Remembrance Day — was co-hosted by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), Latino Coalition for Israel (LCI), Confederation of Jewish Communities of Colombia (CCJC), Zionist Federation of Colombia, and Limmud Bogotá.

CAM Director of Hispanic Outreach Shay Salamon took part with Morales in the conference’s opening panel, and he spoke about steps Latin American governments can take to combat Jew-hatred, including the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, and he also made a presentation on the history of Jerusalem and the Zionist movement.

