

A Year of Impact and Growth

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMBAT ANTISEMITISM MOVEMENT'S
EXPANDING EFFORTS ACROSS LATIN AMERICA IN 2024



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About Us

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) is a global coalition engaging 900 partner organizations and five million people from a diverse array of religious, political, and cultural backgrounds in the common mission of fighting the world's oldest hatred together. CAM acts collaboratively to build a better future, free of bigotry, for Jews and all humanity.

As a 21st-century advocacy trailblazer, CAM pioneers innovative initiatives to combat hatred, secure and nurture Jewish life, and address the broader societal impacts of antisemitism at the local, national, and international. Since its founding six years ago, CAM has rapidly established itself as a leading voice in the collective effort against antisemitism.

CAM's outreach and engagement in Latin America began in 2021. Since then, the CAM en Español team, led by Uruguay-based Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon, has worked diligently to forge meaningful partnerships and friendships with influential leaders, lawmakers, diplomats, community organizations, and civil society activists throughout the region.

During this time, CAM en Español has emerged as a key player in the battle against Jew-hatred in Latin America, with a growing network involved in impactful activities in countries including Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Mexico, Ecuador, and Bolivia, among others.

CAM en Español has organized annual regional summits hosted by Costa Rica in 2024 (where 18 countries were represented), Uruguay in 2023, Panama in 2022, and Guatemala in 2021.

The coalition of CAM partners across Latin America continues to expand quickly, and currently numbers more than 210 organizations.



CAM Advisory Board Chair Natan Sharansky

“The fight against antisemitism must transcend ideology and geography, and the solidarity and allyship long demonstrated by the many friends of the Jewish people and State of Israel across Latin America is vital and heartwarming. The rapid growth of CAM's activities in Latin America is a sign of hope that the wave of antisemitism currently sweeping over the world can be broken.”



CAM CEO Sacha Roytman

“Antisemitism is a global plague, yet it requires regional remedies to address its many manifestations. Our Latin America office enables us to counter the proliferation of antisemitism in the Spanish-speaking world by offering locally-tailored solutions, and we are proud of our work with partners across the region to tackle this scourge.”



CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon

“In just four years, CAM has made significant strides in Latin America, fostering collaboration between governments, civil society groups, and faith communities to combat antisemitism and promote social harmony. We're just getting started, with much work left ahead of us, but the progress we have achieved proves that a united front can drive real change and build a future free of hate.”

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Award for Pilar Rahola



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Latin American Forum Against Antisemitism in Costa Rica Renews Regional Commitment to Combating Hatred

Building on the success of last year's gathering in Uruguay, this year's forum, drawing participants from 19 countries, featured groundbreaking discussions on pressing challenges facing Jewish communities throughout Latin America, including the rise of global antisemitism following the October 7th attack on Israel and the growing threat of Iran and its terrorist proxies.



Stephan Brunner, Vice President of Costa Rica, participated in the opening gala of the forum.



Forum participants met at Costa Rica's Legislative Assembly with 15 Latin American lawmakers who presented initiatives they were promoting to combat antisemitism and hate speech.

Sacha Roytman

“The forum sent a resounding message of regional solidarity and allyship with the Jewish people and State of Israel during a time of unprecedented levels of antisemitism worldwide and rising threats from the Tehran regime and its terrorist proxies, including in Latin America, where Jewish communities have already been victimized by Iranian aggression in the past.”

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) concluded its fourth-annual Latin American Forum Against Antisemitism, marking a significant milestone in regional cooperation to counter antisemitism.

The four-day forum, held from November 11-14 in San José, Costa Rica, convened high-profile government officials, diplomats, and community leaders from across the Americas to establish a unified regional response to antisemitism through collaborative action and a comprehensive joint declaration.

“This forum represents a crucial step forward in uniting Latin American nations against rising antisemitism,” said Shay Salamon, Director of Hispanic Affairs of CAM. “The breadth of participation and depth of commitment demonstrated here shows that Latin America stands ready to act together against hatred and discrimination.”

The joint declaration, signed by participating nations and organizations, establishes concrete

commitments to combat antisemitism across Latin America. It calls for implementing zero-hate policies, adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, developing educational initiatives, and demanding accountability for terrorist activities in the region, including the 1994 AMIA Jewish community center bombing in Buenos Aires.

“No region of the world is immune to the proliferation of antisemitism, and CAM’s regional strategy, with offices across North and South America, as well as Europe and the Middle East, enables us to identify and respond to manifestations of antisemitism wherever they appear and offer locally-tailored solutions,” said CAM CEO Sacha Roytman.

Distinguished speakers included Aaron Keyak, U.S. Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism; Michal Gur-Aryeh, Ambassador of Israel to Costa Rica; and renowned Catalan journalist and Chair of the CAM Advisory Board for

Latin America Pilar Rahola.

“Latin America has a crucial role to play in the global fight against antisemitism,” Keyak said. “The strong participation and concrete commitments made at this forum demonstrate that regional leaders understand the urgency of this moment and are ready to take meaningful action to protect their Jewish communities and combat hatred in all its forms.”

The gathering received robust support from Costa Rica’s national leadership, including Vice President Stephan Brunner, Minister of Foreign Trade Manuel Tovar, Minister of Culture Jorge Rodríguez, and Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Lydia Peralta, demonstrating strong host country commitment to CAM’s initiatives.

The forum also welcomed the attendance of key regional figures including Judge Nancy Hernández, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and Fernando Lottenberg, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism of the Organization of American States (OAS).

CAM Delegation Visits San Diego (California) in Inaugural Outreach Campaign to Hispanic Americans



At the gathering, Salamon led a discussion with Rahola in which she offered her insights on global antisemitism trends and outlined CAM's regional activities across the Americas.

The delegation included CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon and Catalan journalist and Chair of the CAM Advisory Board for Latin America Pilar Rahola, and came on the heels of a two-day Mexico tour and the fourth-annual Latin American Forum Against Antisemitism in Costa Rica.

While in San Diego, Salamon and Rahola participated in a series of activities organized by the Ken Jewish Community.

The main event was held in cooperation with the Beth Eliyahu synagogue and Am Israel Jai organization at the San Diego Jewish Academy, with more than 300 community members in attendance.

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The San Diego visit also included meetings with local non-Jewish female leaders, as well as sit-downs with other community figures and stakeholders.

"Since the beginning of CAM en Español, we have led numerous initiatives for the Hispanic American audience, but this is the first time we have visited and directly engaged with a local Latino community in the U.S.," the Uruguay-based Salamon said. "I was pleasantly surprised by the level of communal organization and the commitment to Israel, as well as with the vibrancy of Jewish life."

IN MEXICO

The delegation was invited by the Monte Sinai Synagogue in Mexico City to deliver a series of lectures. In her remarks, Rahola offered analysis of the current situation in the Middle East and its impact on Diaspora Jewish communities worldwide.

Her main lecture was attended by Israeli Ambassador to Mexico Einat Kranz Neiger and leaders of Mexico's Jewish community.

At the conclusion of the evening, CAM and Rahola were recognized for their contributions to the global fight against antisemitism.



Conference: 'The Dilemmas of Single Thought'

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), in partnership with the Organization of American States (OAS) Mission in Uruguay, organized an academic conference at the Mercosur building in Montevideo featuring the participation of Chair of the CAM Advisory Board for Latin America Pilar Rahola.

More than 50 university administrators, professors, and students attended the gathering, held under the banner of "The Dilemmas of Single Thought."

OAS Representative in Uruguay Claudia Barrientos delivered opening remarks, followed by a presentation by Rahola.

"I like to talk about the responsibility of citizenship, free citizens, those who have critical thinking," Rahola said.

Rahola also took questions and comments from the audience, including from many students who voiced concerns about their on-campus experiences.

CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon concluded the event with a call to action, saying similar meetings co-organized with the OAS would be held in other venues and countries as well.

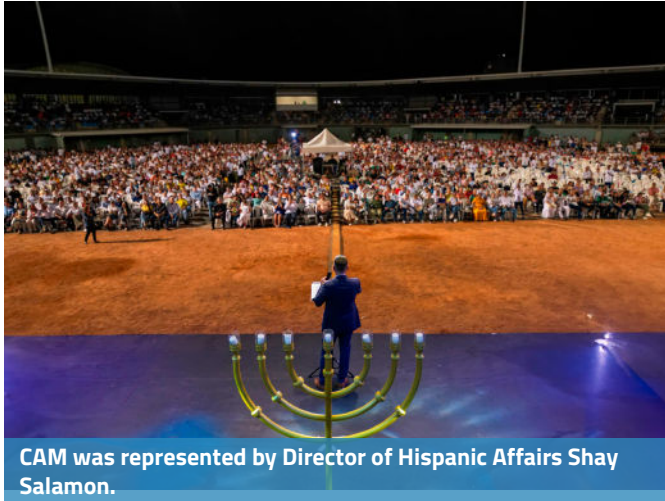


Shay Salamon

"We look forward to expanding this effort to other Latino communities throughout the U.S."

Christians From Across Colombia Gather in Santa Marta for Massive Pro-Israel Prayer and Unity Rally

A massive pro-Israel prayer and unity rally was held in the northern Colombian coastal city of Santa Marta. More than 10,000 people attended the gathering — held in a baseball stadium under the banner of “Santa Marta, Magdalena, and the Caribbean Bless Israel”.



CAM was represented by Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon.



The pro-Israel prayer and unity rally held in Santa Marta, Colombia, May 9, 2024.

More than 8,000 people attended the gathering — held in a baseball stadium under the banner of “Santa Marta, Magdalena, and the Caribbean Bless Israel” — and the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) was represented by Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon, who addressed the crowd.

Apostle Edwin Alvarez and Missionary Apostle Jose Satirio Dos Santos were also among the event’s participants. Co-organizers included the United Church of Santa Marta and Kehilat Yovel.

A day earlier, Salamon spoke at a

meeting in Santa Marta of more than 1,200 Christian leaders and pastors from across the region.

“Islamic extremism, and hatred in general, are not limited to the Jewish people, but represent a threat to all humanity,” Salamon said. “It is regrettable that we witness passivity, silence, and in many cases justification, of antisemitic acts by groups that present themselves as defenders of human rights. The condemnation of terrorism by these same groups is selective, depending on who the victim is.”

The atmosphere in Santa

Marta stood in stark contrast to Colombian President Gustavo Petro’s announcement that he would sever diplomatic ties with Israel over the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip that was triggered by the October 7th Hamas massacre.

Salamon condemned Petro at the time, commenting, “Is this a surprise? Not at all! Petro’s continued antisemitic rhetoric is a personal problem that he wants to pass along to an entire nation. At CAM, we call a spade a spade. This decision demonstrates antisemitism and Petro’s pro-terrorism stance.”

CAM Represented at ICEJ Regional Latin America Forum

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) was honored to participate in the annual Latin America regional forum held by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) at Shevet Ahim Synagogue in Panama City, Panama.

Opening remarks were delivered by Chief Rabbi of Panama David Peretz, followed by President of the Anti-Defamation Commission of B’nai B’rith Panama Daniel Shamah.

Speaking on behalf of CAM was Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon.

Salamon introduced Governor of Panama Carla Garcia: “I thank you for allowing me to be part of this space of encounter between the Jewish community and the evangelical community, where we witness our commitment to dialogue and peace,” Garcia said. “Recently, a group of governors and mayors from Latin

America were invited by CAM to Israel to experience the very impressive and very sad reality that our brothers and sisters, the people of Israel, live. We witnessed the consequences of what happened on October 7th, we heard the testimonies, saw the communities in ruins and the painful suffering, and also met those who volunteered to go out and defend their homes, such as in Ofakim. It is a very resilient country.”

30th Anniversary of AMIA Bombing in Buenos Aires

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) was honored to participate in the official commemorations in Buenos Aires, Argentina, marking the 30th anniversary of the AMIA Jewish community center bombing — an Iranian regime-organized terrorist attack that claimed the lives of 85 people.

Hundreds of government officials and lawmakers from across the globe — including U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt and her deputy Aaron Keyak — attended the events.

In addition to CAM, other Jewish organizations from abroad who were represented included the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry, Simon Wiesenthal Center, and World Jewish Congress.

The CAM en Español team, led by Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon, were special guests at a reception hosted at the residence of U.S. Ambassador to Argentina Marc Stanley.

The American congressional delegation included House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), as well as Representatives Steve Cohen (D-TN), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), and Brad Schneider (D-IL).



'Fighting Against Hamas Is Fighting for Humanity': Pilar Rahola Embarks on CAM-Organized International Speaking Tour

Following her keynote remarks at the third annual Latin America-Israel Forum hosted by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) in Montevideo, Uruguay, well-known Spanish journalist and former politician Pilar Rahola embarked on an international speaking tour last week to share her insights on the Israel-Hamas war and the global fight against Jew-hatred.

Rahola's travels — which so far have included stops in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, and will bring her to Miami and Washington, D.C. — are being facilitated by CAM.

Rahola's stop in São Paulo was

co-organized with Beit Halochem Brazil and StandWithUs Brazil, and her itinerary in Rio de Janeiro was coordinated with the local Jewish community, as well as the municipal government, which recently became the first Brazilian city to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, with CAM support.

"Fighting against Hamas is fighting for humanity," Rahola said. "Fighting against Hamas is fighting for the Palestinians," said Rahola. "Antisemitism and anti-Zionism are two sides of the same coin," she emphasized.

CAM expands Latin America Outreach With First-Ever Official Mexico Visit

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) made its first-ever official visit to Mexico in mid-March, with Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon and Chair of CAM's Advisory Board for Latin America Pilar Rahola traveling to the capital, Mexico City, for three days of meetings and communal events. The trip was coordinated with WIZO Mexico.

While in Mexico City, Salamon and Rahola conducted an inaugural seminar on antisemitism with more than 100 students at Universidad Anáhuac, visited the Museum of



Memory and Tolerance, and took part in a number of media interviews.

They also presented CAM's mission and work in sit-downs with Mexican Jewish leaders and other community and organizational figures, as well as Israeli Ambassador to Mexico Einat Kranz Neiger.

CAM Brings Delegation of Latin American Mayors and Governors to Israel for Post-10/7 Solidarity Visit



The delegation visits the site of the Nova music festival massacre.

Sacha Roytman

“At a time of rising antisemitism globally, to have so many prominent local and regional leaders from Latin America serves as an antidote to hate.”

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) organized a special four-day solidarity mission to Israel by a group of six Latin American mayors and governors from Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, Uruguay, and Chile.

The leaders — Mayor of Colina, Chile Isabel Valenzuela, Mayor of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala Juan Fernando Lopez, Vice Mayor of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala Mario Leonel Cifunetes, Governor of Maldonado, Uruguay Enrique Antia, Governor of Ciudad de Panama, Panama Carla Garcia, and Mayor of La Paz, Honduras Jose Anibal Flores Ayala — were joined on their visit by CAM Advisory Board for Latin America Chair Pilar Rahola and CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon.

In southern Israel, the delegation traveled to the site of the Nova music festival massacre, as well as several of the communities attacked on October 7th, including Kibbutz Nir Oz and Sderot, as well as Ofakim, where they met with Mayor Yitzhak Danino.

During their trip, the Latin American officials met with family members of Israelis who perished the the October 7th Hamas massacre and visited at the Hostages and Missing Families Forum center in Tel Aviv. They also met with Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor Asaf Zamir.

In Jerusalem, the delegation held meetings at the Israeli Foreign Ministry and United Hatzalah headquarters, and toured the holy sites in the Old City.

CAM CEO Sacha Roytman stated, “We believe in the importance of harnessing local leadership to fight hatred of Israel. Mayors and governors have a unique ability to proactively confront antisemitism at the local level, knowing their communities most closely.”

“In addition, they have the authority to initiate various initiatives in the field of education, to initiate changes in policy, and to make a tangible change on the street level,” Roytman added. “The impact of a visit to Israel produces a deeper understanding of what the Jewish state is facing.”

Salamon commented, “The political transformations we see across Europe have not bypassed Latin America. Even in countries that have traditionally stood by Israel, we note with great concern a change in rhetoric on the part of their elected leaders. The visit of governors and mayors from countries like Chile and Honduras in such challenging days shows the desire for continued cooperation at the municipal level and the burning need to fight the rising antisemitism in Latin America.”



‘Colombia Bless Israel’

More than 1,000 people, including leading political figures, gathered in the Colombian capital of Bogotá for the “Colombia Bless Israel” event hosted by Kehilat Yovel, the main partner of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) in Colombia.

Co-organizers included CAM, March of Life, and Keren Kayemet LelIsrael (KKL) – Colombia.

The speakers lineup featured Pastor Raul Rubio, Rabbi Yosef Garmon (who flew in from Guatemala), YouTuber Sergio Bacari (who flew in from Israel), and CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon.

“The ties that exist are strong and transcend any political and thought differences,” Salamon said. “The friendship and brotherhood that unite both peoples are fundamental pillars to continue moving toward a more peaceful, prosperous, and hate-free future.”

“Let us unite in this effort to build a future where love and understanding are the pillars of our society,” he added. “Let us remember that together we can build a future where peace and justice shine for all.”

Representatives of the Jewish community spoke as well, voicing their gratitude for the event and expressing concerns about rising antisemitism in their country nine months after the October 7th massacre in Israel.

Diplomats Call for Inter-American Cooperation Against Rising Antisemitism at OAS Forum

Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism at the U.S. Department of State Aaron Keyak emphasized, “Targeting Jewish communities with hate and violence is not protecting the rights of Palestinians, it’s antisemitism,” Keyak continued. “There is no context where calling for the genocide of Jews is not antisemitic.”



Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism at the U.S. Department of State Aaron Keyak speaks at the CAM forum at the OAS headquarters.

Dozens of ambassadors and diplomatic officials from across North and South America gathered at the Organization of American States (OAS) headquarters in Washington, D.C., for a special forum — “Human Rights in Crisis: The Inter-American Role in Combating the Global Rise of Antisemitism” — organized by CAM.

Referring to the global surge of antisemitic incidents triggered by the October 7th Hamas massacre in Israel, Hector Shamis — Advisor to OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro — said, “Many of us started to feel what our grandparents used to tell us about Europe in the 1930s. We’ve started to live it all of a sudden since October 7th

in places like Israel and here as well.”

“We have denounced terrorism in all its forms,” Shamis added, noting that the OAS has designated Hamas as a terrorist organization in 2021.

“We need to remember that dignity united humanity after the Holocaust. Dignity that belongs to everyone. It cannot be conditioned,” he said.

Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism at the U.S. Department of State Aaron Keyak emphasized, “Antisemitism comes from across the political spectrum. Unless you are calling out the antisemitism right next to you, ultimately you are weaponizing antisemitism for politics, which undermines the fight

against antisemitism.” “No region is immune from antisemitism,” he said. “Antisemitism is fundamentally a threat to democracy and order.”

Spanish journalist and former politician Pilar Rahola implored the audience, “Each member of the OAS has an obligation to fight antisemitism in each of your countries.”

“Antisemitism right now is the head problem in the world,” she posited. “Nothing else is equal to its dimension and its danger. Antisemitism is not about Jews, it’s about non-Jews. Non-Jews have the responsibility to fight against it.”

“After the Second World War, we thought antisemitism would go down,” Rahola went on to say. “It killed millions of Jews, but it didn’t kill antisemitism. When antisemitism has increased through history, it leads to destroying societies.”

Other speakers included H.E. Ambassador Washington Abdala, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the OAS, and Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé, Rabbi and Cantor of the Temple Moses – Sephardic Congregation of Florida in Miami.

Héctor Shamis

“It is crucial to develop initiatives to fight against antisemitism throughout the region. The OAS has been at the forefront of these efforts.”

Tel Aviv Forum Looks at ‘Antisemitism in Digital Media,’ With Latin America Focus

The “Antisemitism in Digital Media” forum was held in Tel Aviv, hosted and organized by the Instituto Cervantes, together with VEO Israel, Israel Leche y Miel, and CAM.

Instituto Cervantes de Tel Aviv, led by General Coordinator Francisco Javier López Tapia, is committed to promoting dialogue and eradicating all forms of discrimination.

The forum’s keynote speaker was Pilar Rahola, chair of CAM’s new Advisory Board for Latin America. Rahola voiced her concern about the exponential rise of antisemitism in Latin America, offering a thorough analysis of the factors contributing to disturbing trend.

She also shared her insights on “fake news” about the Israeli-Palestinian



conflict that circulates on social media, particularly in the aftermath of the October 7th attack.

More than 60 people attended the forum, including diplomats, journalists, social media influencers and advocates, Israelis of Latin American origin, and residents of the Gaza border area.



The “No Discriminarás” traveling art exhibit is seen on display at the Adela Reta National Auditorium, in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Shay Salamon

“At CAM, we seek to continue denouncing antisemitism, and educating and inspiring more people to build bridges in the midst of differences.”

‘No Discriminarás’ Traveling Art Exhibit Brings Message Against Hate and Intolerance to Uruguay

The Combat Antisemitism Movement’s “No Discriminarás” (“Thou Shall Not Discriminate”) traveling art exhibit was displayed at a Yom HaShoah (Israel’s national Holocaust remembrance day) commemoration event at the Adela Reta National Auditorium in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The gathering, organized by Kehila — Israelite Community of Uruguay with the support of CAM, drew 2,000 attendees, including Acting President of Uruguay Beatriz Argimón, as well as numerous government officials, lawmakers, diplomats (with Israeli Ambassador to Uruguay Michal Hershkovitz among

them), community leaders, journalists, and activists of all ages.

The exhibit — created by Argentine artist Adrián Franco, known as “Pati,” and sponsored by CAM — features a set of sketched vignettes portraying different manifestations of contemporary Jew-hatred, ranging from negative stereotyping of Jews to Holocaust denial, based on the the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism’s 11 examples.

It was previously put on public display last year in Quito, Ecuador, and Panama City, Panama.

‘This Is a Moment to Raise One’s Voice’: Pilar Rahola

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), in partnership with Kehila, hosted a special event in Montevideo, Uruguay, where Spanish journalist and former politician Pilar Rahola spoke about the history of antisemitism and the current situation in the Middle East.

More than 300 guests attended the gathering, which took place two days after International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and another 500 watched the live broadcast online.

In addition to Rahola, other speakers included CAM Director of Hispanic Outreach Shay Salamon and Kehila President Dr. Susana Grimberg.

Referring the ongoing global surge of antisemitism triggered by the October 7th Hamas attack in Israel, Rahola said, “This is a moment to raise one’s voice. It is not a moment to hide. We all need each other.”



Hundreds Gather in Uruguay for Poignant International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration

More than 800 people attended a poignant gathering in Uruguay to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day, with keynote remarks delivered by Spanish journalist and former politician Pilar Rahola.

The event, held at the Solanas Convention Center in Punta Ballena, was co-organized by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), Comunidad Israelita de Punta del Este (CIPEMU), Nueva Congregación Israelita de Montevideo (NCI), and

Latin American Jewish Congress (CJL).

The evening began with a moving havdalah ceremony performed by Rabbi Daniel Dolinski. Janine Brunstein, a Holocaust survivor, and Tomas Kogan offered prayers for the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis, as well as the hostages still held captive by Hamas in the Gaza Strip following the October 7th attack in Israel.

This was followed by an interview of Rahola conducted on stage by CAM Director of Hispanic Outreach Shay Salamon, and the event concluded



with an emotional rendition of Hatikvah, the Israeli national anthem.

Prominent guests included Gabriel Gurméndez Armand-Ugon, presidential candidate, and Councilor Liliana Bernárdez de Antia, wife of the mayor of the nearby city of Maldonado.



Social media influencer Montana Tucker speaks at the Influencers United Against Antisemitism Summit.



Sacha Roytman, CEO of CAM, during his speech at the opening of the summit.

Global Summit Brings Together Over 300 Social Media Influencers Against Antisemitism

This summit provided a platform for these voices to unite, share experiences, and strategize on effectively using their platforms to counter antisemitism.

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) concluded the largest-ever global influencer summit against antisemitism on July 1 at The Glasshouse in New York City.

The two-day event, a joint vision with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, brought together more than 300 social media influencers, celebrities, and thought leaders, including New York City Mayor Eric Adams, Bravo Host and Producer Andy Cohen, U.S. Representative Ritchie Torres, among others, to address rising antisemitism and combat misinformation about Israel.

"This is our chance to make a difference. To stand up for Jewish people and our values and the protection of minorities.

To stand by is not an option anymore. Bring back activism and community leadership as a way of life," said Sacha Roytman, CEO of CAM.

The summit opened with powerful remarks from Mayor Adams and Cohen, emphasizing the importance of combating antisemitism at all levels of society and Jewish pride. This set the tone for engaging discussions and presentations.

"You are now on the precipice to decide which direction we go in. You only have to pick up your device to change the course of history," said Mayor Adams. "This is your moment to use your platforms to change the course of what we're experiencing across the globe. There's no room for

hate in our city or on our globe. We can turn this around."

"Be proud of being Jewish and don't shy away from showing it publicly. And sometimes the simplest displays or gestures are the strongest and most effective," said Cohen.

"We live in a world in which lies become truth, truth becomes a lie, victims become aggressors and aggressors become victims," said Israeli Consul General in New York Ofir Akunis.

Pilar Rahola Honored at Global Influencers Summit

Catalan journalist and former politician Pilar Rahola was honored with the CAM Global Advocate Award at the first-ever "Voices for Truth: Influencers United Against Antisemitism" summit in New York City in July.

Ambassador David Saranga, Director of the Digital Diplomacy Office of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Shay Salamon, CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs at CAM, presented the recognition.

In her acceptance remarks, Rahola strongly denounced the silence and complicity of some parts of society in the face of rising antisemitism, especially feminists, who she accused of having "died" for their lack of empathy and solidarity with the victims of the October 7th massacre.



Pilar Rahola

"10/7 ripped the mask off feminism: what was underneath was monstrous."



OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro Honored at DC Symposium

More than 100 diplomats, organizational officials, and community leaders gathered at the OAS headquarters. “Antisemitism is the main source of destruction of democratic values,” Pilar Rahola underscored.

Organization of American States (OAS) Secretary-General Luis Almagro was honored for his work countering antisemitism over the past decade at a symposium in Washington, D.C., organized by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) and B’nai B’rith International.

“Antisemitism is the oldest, most coordinated form of racism,” Almagro said in his remarks after being presented with the CAM Global Leadership Award by CAM Board of Governors Member Robert Singer. “Fighting antisemitism means fighting for democracy and human rights.”

Almagro highlighted the adoption by the OAS of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism and its designations of Hamas and Hezbollah

as terrorist organizations as important steps it has taken to address Jew-hatred in the Western Hemisphere, and he also warned of the global threat posed by Iran.

“Antisemitism is present in the Americas, and we have suffered from its attacks,” Almagro said, listing past terrorist incidents targeting Jews in the region. “Autocratic regimes here have close ties with Iran and its proxies.”

CAM’s Global Leadership Award was granted to Almagro in recognition of his “commitment to combating antisemitism, extremism, and hatred across the Americas.”

Singer said, “We the Jewish people need leaders of Almagro’s caliber. He is in a special category of our friends, and deserves 100% credit for his clear and strong stance against antisemitism.”

At the opening of the program, U.S. Congresswoman Maria Salazar — who represents Florida’s 27th district and chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee’s Western Hemisphere Subcommittee — hailed Secretary-General Almagro’s leadership in the fight against antisemitism.

“We will confront the scourge of hate against the Jewish people that we unfortunately are currently experiencing now in our hemisphere,” Congresswoman Salazar said. “After the horrific attacks on Israel on October 7th, there has been an explosion of antisemitism in Latin America — specifically in three countries, Colombia, Honduras, and Chile, who have recalled their ambassadors from Israel after Israel began defending itself.”

Aaron Keyak

“Malicious actors including Iran and its proxies continue to weaponize antisemitism to advance their aims. This is something we must collectively, utterly reject.”

CAM Delegation Visits San José, Costa Rica

A Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) delegation traveled to Costa Rica for a preparatory visit ahead of upcoming fourth-annual Latin America-Israel Forum which was held in the country's capital, San José, on November 11-14.

The delegation, led by CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon, held a round of meetings with government officials (including Costa Rican Minister of Foreign Affairs Arnoldo André Tinoco), representatives of international institutions (including the United Nations, UNESCO, and Organization of American States), Jewish community leaders, and interfaith partners (including the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem).

Minister of Foreign Affairs Tinoco was officially invited by CAM to take part in November's forum.

Salamon explained that one of the reasons Costa Rica was chosen to host this year's forum was UN data showing a 19% rise in hate speech in the country this year. Costa Rica is also the second-leading country in Latin America for quantity of antisemitic expressions on social media.

A presentation was also made to Minister of Foreign Affairs Tinoco and his deputies on the importance of adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.



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NIR OZ RESIDENT ILANA GRITZEWSKY

WHO WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE ON OCTOBER 7TH

Global Hybrid Event at Israeli President's Residence Raises Awareness of Hamas' October 7th Crimes Against Women

A delegation of ten Spanish and Portuguese-speaking media influencers visited the Israeli President's Residence in Jerusalem, where they met with First Lady Michal Herzog and took part in an event titled "Femicide October 7th — A Story You Have Not Been Told."

The unique hybrid gathering — co-organized by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), Israel Leche y Miel, and the Office of the Israeli President — was joined online by more than 2,000 registered participants from across the globe and focused on the grotesque sexual violence perpetrated by Hamas terrorists against Israeli women during the October 7th massacre.

Speakers included First Lady Herzog, Chair of the CAM Advisory Board for Latin America Pilar Rahola, CAM Director of Hispanic Affairs Shay Salamon, and Mexico-born Nir Oz resident Ilana Gritzewsky, who was taken hostage on October 7th and held in the Gaza Strip for 55 days before being released.

The event also featured a special screening of the "Screams Before Silence" documentary.

First Lady Herzog tweeted afterward, "I thanked all the participants in this poignant meeting for all they are doing to help raise awareness about the terrible, premeditated crimes committed against women on — and

since — that dark day nearly 11 months ago. It is our mission to speak for the victims whose voices were taken away, to speak out for the sake of all women across the globe, to prevent such horrors being repeated in conflicts wherever they may occur in the world. We remain committed to working to bring our hostages home. And we continue to stand up for the rights of women everywhere."

Salamon — who is based in Uruguay — said, "It's been almost a year since the horrors of October 7th and the images and stories still tear our hearts. No less does the indifference and silence of individuals, entities, and global movements, not to mention the hypocrisy of decision-makers and leaders on our continent. This is our reality. And therefore, we all have the duty to raise our voices for the victims and in support of the survivors and their families."



Our Team

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Shay is an entrepreneur and international liaison with extensive expertise in disaster and emergency management. He represented the National Institutions of the State of Israel in Latin America, serving as the Emissary of the Jewish Agency and later of Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael-Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF).

He devoted nearly 20 years of his life to the world of emergency medicine, both in clinical and educational roles in Israel, as well as participated in relief missions around the world.

Prior to joining CAM, Shay led humanitarian aid projects in Central America and was consequently honored as Peace Ambassador of Guatemala.

His leadership experience also includes serving as the CEO and Vice President of international medical startups. Shay completed three years of military service with honors and served in the reserves as a paramedic for more than ten years.

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Pilar Rahola **Chair of CAM Advisory Board for Latin America**

Pilar is a world-famous Catalan writer, journalist, political analyst, and former public official. Known as a passionate human rights defender and erudite advocate against antisemitism, she has served as Chair of the CAM Advisory Board for Latin America since February 2024.

During this time, Pilar has participated in a series of CAM-organized events in Uruguay, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and the United States, sharing her insights on the global surge of Jew-hatred triggered by the October 7th Hamas massacre in Israel.



Érika Martínez **Communications and Social Media Coordinator**

Érika is a media expert with nearly two decades of work experience. For nine years, she was employed by the Vanguardia Liberal newspaper in Bucaramanga, Colombia), and she received four journalism awards.

In recent years, Érika has worked as an external communications freelancer. She joined the CAM en Español team in 2022.

Jorge Durán **Social Media Manager and Content Creator**

Jorge is a digital marketing and social media expert. He also has experience as an audiovisual and field producer, participating in the making of documentaries about Israel and Jewish life in Latin America.

Jorge has worked as Social Media Manager and Content Creator for CAM en Español since 2022. He is currently studying Sound Creation at the University of Palermo in Buenos Aires, Argentina.





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