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Personal data

born in New York, 1954

raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina

1979 - 1991 lived and worked in New York

since 1991 lives and works in Barcelona

Education

1978 Master in Architecture, School of Architecture and Town Planning
University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

2007 2 yrs. Master in Jewish Studies, Director Rabbi Ruben Sternschein
Hebrew University of Jerusalem in cooperations with Barcelona University
within the frame of International project Mikra

Professional affiliations

- AIA American Institute of Architects
AIA Continental Europe (European chapter of the AIA)
- Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (Catalan Architects Association)
- Association of Architects for the Defense and Protection of Architectural Heritage
- Society for Sefaradic Studies, HUJI

Current research

Ancient Jewish Cemeteries in Spain

Configuration of Jewish space in Middle Ages Spain, halachic sources

Professional activity

1975 - 1999 architecture work, complete project development of all building types
from inception through construction supervision

1996 - 2008 consultant to the COAC (Catalan Architects Association) organizing
professional continuing education programs, conferences and forums

since 1999 dedicated to the field of Jewish Culture and Heritage in Barcelona and Spain

- 1999 founder Urban Cultours *project* to strengthen Jewish identity by connecting with Jewish past in Barcelona and Catalonia
commented walks in Barcelona's ancient Jewish quarter and cemetery
- 2006 – 2008 Co-Founder Heritage Commission of the Jewish Communities of Catalonia
- petition Landmark designation of Middle Ages Jewish Cemetery in Barcelona, granted 2009
 - participation in a Guide for the Call published by the Ajuntament of Barcelona
 - intervention in the rehab of the “interpretation center” run by Ajuntament of Barcelona
 - participation in contents of “Shalom Tarragona”, book about Jewish quarters in this province
 - actions to save the Jewish cemetery in Tárrega (Lleida), transfer of 150 exhumed bodies to Barcelona for their immediate reburial
 - action to protect the Jewish cemeteries in Lucena (Córdoba, Andalucía) and Toledo
 - proposal to the Federation of Jewish Communities of Spain for legislation to protect cemeteries
- 2008 – 2012 Co-Founder / President Center of Studies ZAKHOR (www.zakhor.net)
- new model for the intervention on ancient cemeteries at the request of Fundació ATID
 - conceptual frame for a new project on the ancient Jewish cemetery in Barcelona
 - funerary tradition in Judaism; published 2012
 - articles for Revista Raíces, Spain
 - collaboration for European Day of Jewish culture 2008, in Barcelona and Castello d'Empuries
 - collaboration with Jewish Film Festival in Barcelona 2008
 - research project for the definition of the boundaries of Middle Ages Jewish Cemetery in Barcelona on Montjuic, IX c. to XIV c. Completed 2012

Consultations and collaborations

- 1999 - 2010 Jewish Film Festival in Barcelona
- 1999 - 2001 Girona Film Festival, Jewish section; President of the Jury
- 2001 Mosaic of Cultures, exhibit by Ethnology Museum, Barcelona
curator for Jewish section
- 2001 - 2005 European Day of Jewish Culture
- 2002 Karakia the food of cultures in Catalunya, collaboration w/Catalunya TV33
- 2004 Parliament of the World Religions in Barcelona, Unesco

Publications

La tradició funerària en el judaisme
co ed with Centre d'Estudis Zakhor (ed.)
Palma: Lleonard Muntaner, Editor. Col·lecció Mònjuïc/2, 2010, 100 p., català
ISBN: 978-84-92562-12-1
amb el suport de la Generalitat de Catalunya

Middle Ages Jewish Cemetery in Barcelona on Montjuïc, IX c. to XIV c.
Definition of its boundaries
Co director research project for Center of Studies Zakhor
published on line in English and Spanish www.urbancultours.com/montjuic

Articles

El cementerio judío de Montjuïc en Barcelona: una oportunidad y un desafío para
dignificar un pasado común
para Centro de Estudios ZAKHOR
published in Revista Raíces, N° 76, Otoño 2008. Spain

Antiguos cementerios judíos en España: la necesidad de un diálogo
para Centro de Estudios ZAKHOR
published in Revista Raíces, N° 78, 2009. Spain

Conferences, Seminars and Meetings

Invited speaker in:

Spain	UnescoCat; B'nai B'rit; Federació d'Ensenyants de Religió de Catalunya, Association for the protection of Architectural Heritage (Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya)
Canada	the Sephardi Center in Toronto
Germany	Orangienburgstrasse Synagogue in Berlin
Hungary	Association ÓVÁS!, Budapest for the protection of cultural and architectural values

2004 International Conference, The Future of Jewish Heritage in Europe (participant)
Prague, Czech Republic

2006 Meeting of experts on Jewish Heritage in Europe, London (invited participant)
organizer Hanadiv Charitable Foundation

2013 Managing Jewish immovable heritage in Europe, working seminar (participant)
Krakow, Poland