MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY

It is not common to walk through the world every day knowing that YOU make a difference. It is rare that the results of your engagement are tangible and immediate. Working with the resurgent Jewish community of Cuba is such an experience.

The Cuban Jewish community has been nothing short of heroic in their struggle to rebuild a community that nearly vanished. Founded in 1901, the Jewish community of Cuba was estimated immediately after World War Two to have 25,000 members but now has approximately 1,500 after its nadir of less than 700 in 1985. In addition to three synagogues in Havana, there are half a dozen active small communities across the island, each with a unique character of its own.

Today the communities have rebuilt their houses of worship and religious schools, restored many Jewish cemeteries, and have created new programs and facilities for young and old to learn their precious heritage. The Cuban Jewish community provides for its members religious and educational opportunities as well as medical, nutritional, and social support. The Cuban Jewish community maintains a chapter of B’nai Brith and Hadassah and her young adults participate in international Birthright Israel and March of the Living Programs.

All of this is made possible through the generosity and support of organizations like the Cuba America Jewish Mission. Cuba’s Jews have the energy and ideas to create a vibrant community once again. They cannot do it alone.

In the coming months, with the assistance of the Cuba America Jewish Mission, a new synagogue will open in Santa Clara, the first modern senior day care center will open at the Sinagoga Centro Hebrea de Sefaradi, and efforts will begin to restore the Sephardic cemetery outside of Havana.

And you can be a part of it.

Membership in the Cuba America Jewish Mission allows US citizens to legally visit Cuba. You will have the opportunity to sing, dance, visit, and pray with the Jews of Cuba. You will sit down to meals and create friendships that can last a lifetime. You can witness directly the fruits of your donation.

You can make a difference.

Join with us today.

Muchas benediciones (many blessings),

Rabbi Elhanan ‘Sunny’ Schnitzer - President