

# Join Cantor Lisa Levine as she performs in concerts at congregations throughout the land in



## CUBA

February 12 - 19, 2017

\$3,999.00

Land and air/per person

*Limited space available...your deposit guarantees your participation*



**Cantor Lisa Levine** has been leading missions to Cuba since 2005, when she performed her first concert at the Sephardic Synagogue in Havana. Since then she has been an unofficial ambassador, raising awareness about the Jewish communities of Cuba. Her CD titled *"My Songs for the Jews of Cuba"* was gifted to every Jewish family on the island during her second visit and she has subsequently visited two more times singing concerts and bringing musical performances, educational materials and humanitarian aid to the Jewish Communities around the island. Today she still educates communities around the country about the island she loves with her concert/slideshow *"To Cuba With Love"* which recounts the adventures of her four missions and the relationships she has built over the years.

Join Lisa as she travels back to Cuba with Ayelet Tours for the **Fifth Humanitarian Mission and Music Tour** and share the joy of meeting the members of many of the Jewish Communities of Cuba, learn the history, hear the music, see the artwork & architecture, enjoy concerts, morning yoga classes and unique worship experiences at the synagogues in Havana. Deliver badly needed humanitarian aid and spend time one on one with the people who keep the Jewish spirit alive and well against all odds! Now is the time to experience Cuba and see all that this unusual destination and special community has to offer.

### TOUR INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Miami
- 3 nights at the Melia Cohiba Hotel in Havana
- 2 nights at Hotel Jagua in Cienfuegos
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- All touring and sightseeing per itinerary in a deluxe tour bus with an English speaking guide
- Breakfast daily
- 3 lunches
- 6 dinners including Shabbat dinner at the Sephardic Synagogue
- **Concerts at Synagogues throughout Cuba**
- Transfers included if arriving/departing with the main group
- Entrance fees and activities per itinerary
- Cuban Travel Visa
- Cuban emergency medical insurance
- Exit tax

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

A week of vibrant cultural discovery and a Jewish humanitarian effort with a special US State Department licensing for our mission to depart/return via Miami.

Experience Cuba with all your senses amidst a mixed, vibrant and vital culture locked in time. Step back to 1959 and see the cars, smell the unique foods, hear incredible music and sway to the sounds of Cuba!

Visit the communities of Havana, Trinidad, Cienfuegos, and more...Experience their unique joie de vivre.

Learn how people have managed to survive amidst Communism. Visit with Cubans and see their culture, art and Latin flare!

We'll share Shabbat with them, dine with their leaders and hear their rich stories going back 500 years to Columbus, strangely absent of anti-Semitism and with a commitment to their country.

**...AND SO MUCH MORE!**



### **Day 1 Sunday, February 12, 2017**

Depart Miami on our flight to Havana.

Arrive at the Jose Marti Airport

Meet your English speaking guide and driver

Panoramic overview of the city. Stop at Revolution Square. The square is dominated by the José Martí Memorial. This famous square is where Fidel Castro delivered the majority of his lengthy political addresses. Continue with visits to the Rosenberg Memorial, Lennon Park, Havana University

Continue to Patronato, where we meet with Adela Dworin, the President and other community leaders. Tour the center and the Sunday school, with time to deliver our gifts and aid. Visit the Pharmacy at Patronato

Check into our hotel with time to relax and freshen up

Welcome dinner at El Aljibe restaurant

### **Overnight in Havana**

### **Day 2 Monday, February 13, 2017**

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for a walking tour of Old Havana (Havana Vieja), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn about the history of Havana as we visit highlights of the city and the colonial plazas. Visit Jewish points of interest such as the Raquel Hotel, a Jewish-themed hotel. Visit Adat Israel, the Orthodox Synagogue and meet with Jacob Berezniak to deliver our gifts to the community.

Visit the hotel Conde de Villanueva. Learn about the history of tobacco and the tradition of cigar rolling in Cuba. Interact with roller and locals

Lunch at Café del Oriente

After lunch, stop at Almacenes de San Jose handicraft and artists' Market.

Continue with a visit to the Sephardic Center. Meet with Mayra Levy, president of the congregation, who discusses the role of Sephardic Jews in the resurgence of Jewish life in Cuba. In 2011, the Sephardic Center opened the first exhibit displayed in Cuba about the Holocaust. Deliver aid to the community

Return to our hotel

Dinner at a local restaurant

### **Overnight Havana**

### **Day 3 Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

Breakfast at the hotel

We begin the day with a visit to the Jewish cemeteries in Guanabacoa, including a special memorial service at the site of the Holocaust Memorial

Continue to Finca Vigia, the villa that Hemingway called home for 21 years. His home is now a museum with many of his personal belongings. Learn how Cuba influenced his writing

Lunch at Finca Yoandra / Il Divino. Take a glimpse into this organic urban farm and community project with a private restaurant in the outskirts of Havana

Visit the Cuban Art Collection at the Fine Arts Museum

Return to hotel

Dinner on your own

Concert with Cantor Lisa Levine at Sephardic Synagogue this evening

### **Overnight Havana**

### **Day 4 Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out

Depart to the beautiful colonial town of Trinidad, a charming city settled in 1514 which is a UNESCO heritage site since 1988.

Arrive in Trinidad. Lunch at El Dorado paladar

Enjoy a walking tour of historic Trinidad which is a 500 year old city with Spanish colonial architecture. Only a few square blocks in size, historic Trinidad is famous for its lovely cobblestone streets, pastel houses with wrought iron grills, as well as beautiful palaces and plazas. You'll learn about the efforts to preserve the city's heritage

Meet with the famous family Santander, well-known local potters. Visit their workshop and gallery. These artists have been making handmade pottery for over 100 years

Continue to the beautiful port city of Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South"

Check into Jagua hotel

Dinner at Villa Lagarto

### **Overnight in Cienfuegos**

## **Day 5 Thursday, February 16, 2017**

Breakfast at the hotel

Tour of Cienfuegos including Parque Marti and the Thomas Terry Theater. Learn about this UNESCO World Heritage Site, founded by French immigrants in 1819

Enjoy a performance by Cantores de Cienfuegos at Museo Provincial de Cienfuegos

Meet with Rebecca Langus and learn about the local Jewish community with time to deliver gifts

Lunch at Finca del Mar

Continue to Santa Clara, an important city founded in the 1600's, where Che Guevara won a significant battle which led to the triumph of the revolution in 1959

Stop at Che Guevara Memorial with a photo opportunity at the Square

Meet with David Tacher, a leading representative of the Santa Clara Jewish Community, where we will learn about the local community and deliver our gifts.

Stay and enjoy a dinner at Santa Rosalia Paladar in Santa Clara

Return to hotel

## **Overnight in Cienfuegos**

## **Day 6 Friday, February 17, 2017**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out

Depart for Havana city.

Lunch on the way (on our own)

Arrive in Havana

Stop at the impressive Fuster house/studio to see this unique mosaic masterpiece. Learn about the artist's project to beautify and help the community he lives in

Check into your hotel and get ready for Shabbat

Shabbat services and dinner at the Sephardic Synagogue with community members

## **Overnight in Havana**

## **Day 7 Saturday, February 18, 2017**

Breakfast at the hotel

Shabbat services at Patranato

Afternoon at leisure

Classical car ride from our hotel to the restaurant

Farewell Dinner at La California paladar

## **Overnight Havana**

## **Day 8 Sunday, February 19, 2017**

Breakfast and check out of hotel

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to Miami

Departure back to Miami from Havana

**The Memories Last Forever!**

*\*Itinerary subject to change*



Trinidad Architecture



Revolution Square

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

**Programs to Cuba are subject to the following cancellation charges if you cancel for any reason:**

\$250 per person charged if cancelled 60 or more days before departure.

50% penalty will apply if cancelled 59 -31 days before departure.

100% penalty will apply if cancelled 30 days or less before departure.

Above charges do not include cancellation charges imposed by the airlines for any connecting flights to/from your point of departure to Cuba.

Please note, tour pricing and operation is based on a minimum group size.

Cancellation or a small group supplement may be applicable if we do not reach the minimum requirement.

**Please note:** Single supplement is \$699.00 per person. **Price does not include:** Domestic airfare to Miami, tips to guide, driver and dining room waiters (\$15.00 per person, per day), or items of a personal nature. Trip cancellation and baggage insurance (strongly recommended) is available and must be purchased separately. A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon registration, the remainder is due no later than three months prior to departure.

**VISA INFORMATION:** All travelers must have a valid passport and a Cuban visa. You are responsible for having proper documentation on your person to enter Cuba as well as to re-enter the United States. The Cuban Government retains the right to grant or deny visas.

**\*Very Important:** persons born in Cuba, no matter what your current citizenship, will require additional documentation. Please contact our office for further information.

Our travel provider for Cuba is Pedro Sanfiel at Cuba Travel Services. Our license number is CFR515.560(b) (People-to-people visa)

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***Yes!* I want to join Cantor Lisa Levine on this amazing Humanitarian Mission to Cuba in February 12 - 19, 2017!**

**I am sending this form with a \$500 per person deposit, payable to Ayelet Tours**

*\*Please include a copy of the front page of each person's passport.\**

*Passport must be valid for 6 months past travel dates.*

☐ Single room

☐ I will need airfare to Miami

☐ Double room sharing with \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions? Call Ayelet at 800-237-1517**

**On-line registration: [www.ayelet.com/LevineCuba2017.aspx](http://www.ayelet.com/LevineCuba2017.aspx)**