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Media invited to preview reception on Oct. 1; register to me by 3 p.m. same day

‘Southern Exposure: The Jews of Argentina’ exhibit set to open at Jewish Museum Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin— Explore Argentina’s Jewish community from the perspectives of Milwaukee and the world at a new exhibit opening Oct. 4 at Jewish Museum Milwaukee, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, 1360 N. Prospect Ave.

A preview reception on Oct. 1, 7 p.m. will feature the history of Tango, presented by Pacia Sallomi, a professor of studio art at Carroll University and an accomplished painter whose work has been displayed worldwide. A Tango demonstration by local performers Luz Sosa and Jaime Bernabe will follow. Cost for non-members is \$12.

The public opening on Oct. 4 will include tours of the exhibit and family activities such as scavenger hunts and art projects, and local native Argentinean, Jose Sectzer, will lead a Tango karaoke sing-a-long with dance accompaniment by Sosa. All activities are included with the cost of admission.

Argentina’s Jewish community is recognized as the sixth largest in the world and the biggest in Latin America. The exhibit, which runs through Jan. 17, features historical context for immigration, societal development and underlying anti-Semitic sentiments. Attendees will have the opportunity to examine Argentina’s neutrality during World War II and how this impacted both Jewish and Nazi immigration, and will leave the exhibit with a sense of Argentine Jewish life and an awareness of broad communal ties, cultural contributions and ongoing challenges.

Museum hours are: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Saturday, closed; Sunday, 12 - 4 p.m. Admission: adults, \$6; seniors, \$5; students, \$3; families, \$15; children under 6, free.

Several exhibit-themed programs are planned. On Oct. 15, 7 p.m., a lecture with Dr. Victor Mirelman will address the past and present of the Jews of Argentina and will explore the establishment, growth and challenges the community continues to face. Mirelman is a leading expert on the history of the Jews in Latin America and author of a definitive history of the Jews of Argentina. He has taught at Chicago's Spertus Institute for the past 25 years.

For a complete listing of exhibit programs, visit JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org or call (414) 390-5730.

About the Jewish Museum Milwaukee

The Jewish Museum Milwaukee is dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of the Jewish people in southeastern Wisconsin and celebrating the continuum of Jewish heritage and culture. The history of American Jews is rooted in thousands of years of searching for freedom and equality. We are committed to sharing this story and the life lessons it brings with it, so that we may enhance the public’s awareness and appreciation of Jewish life and culture.

About the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

For more than 100 years, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has been dedicated to building a strong Jewish community. We distributed \$20 million last year to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations locally and around the world, and manage philanthropy through our \$150 million Jewish Community Foundation.

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