

If you are looking for an extraordinary experience, something remarkable, yet at the same time doing a "mitzvah," then this is for you. We look forward to having you join us on an upcoming mission.



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Chai Missions is a Los Angeles based Jewish 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

CHAI Missions is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping Jews in need worldwide, with immediate focus on Cuba.

Living with meager provisions under difficult circumstances, the small Cuban Jewish community needs our support. We partake in private meetings with Jewish leaders on our missions, explore this colorful and exciting island country with our proficient Cuban guides, appreciate the art and music so intrinsic to Cuba, forge new friendships, all while bringing urgently needed supplies to our Jewish brothers and sisters.

Our hands-on, personalized service assures you a phenomenal experience. We introduce you to Cuba and the Jewish community like no other!

On each visit, we make a point to speak directly to the people, finding out what they truly need. Havana's two main synagogues each house a pharmacy open to the community at large, regardless of religion. Asthmatic, diabetic, heart and antibiotic medications are always in short supply. Items that are common for us are often luxury for them.

About us:

Randi Simenhoff



Helping communities in need has always been a passion of mine, from running a Big Brother/Big Sister program to instituting and managing a prominent synagogue's Social Action Program. Mobilizing groups to help others is second nature to me. After my first trip to Cuba, I quickly grasped the importance of helping this passionate Jewish community. Arranging and leading Jewish missions to Cuba was an exciting progression. Having traveled extensively, I understand the needs of the traveler, from general comfort to enjoying experiences outside the box. I am excited to bring Cuba to you!

Rhonda Slater



Most of my adult life has been involved in the non-profit world. I have served on several Boards of Directors as well as worked at large Jewish Institutions. I continue to follow my passion in assisting those less fortunate. For years I had been fascinated by Cuba, a country with warm and inviting people, rich in the arts yet poor in basic necessities. I continue to be excited each and every time I have the good fortune of seeing it again. It's so moving to share a Shabbat Service with the Jewish Community and watch the young adults take so much pride in leading the services. I look forward to experiencing this with our fellow mission travelers.

Our goals:

- Help restock the pharmacies' empty shelves with medications and supplies
- Bring scarcities: toiletries, clothing, school supplies, eyeglasses, books in Spanish
- Bring Judaica: Spanish prayer books, tallit, menorah, holiday items
- Let the Cuban Jewish Community know they are not forgotten

Some achievements...we:

- Brought hundreds of pounds of urgently needed items
- Donated thousands of dollars of tzedakah
- Replaced an air-conditioning unit for the Sephardic Synagogue in Havana
- Installed new air-conditioning in home/hall for the Jewish Community of Cienfuegos
- Spent quality time with individuals forging new friendships, a rewarding experience

Testimonials

Chai Missions presents a compelling and amazing insight in to the soul of the Cuban Jewish Community. Founders and hands-on facilitators Randi and Rhonda have translated their passion for this island and its Jewish population in to a well planned and superbly executed array of meaningful experiences and intimate insights. All aspects of the journey are managed with professional quality and creativity and the tour includes a plethora of unique and memorable sites and experiences. For myself and members of my synagogue's delegation, Chai Missions surpassed all of our expectations.

Rabbi Mark Hyman - Congregation Tikvat
Jacob Beth Torah, Manhattan Beach, CA

The leaders were so thoughtful in recognizing our previous visit to Cuba in 1949 (honeymoon) with a beautiful celebration at...the Hotel Nacional.

Myra and Wally S. Woodland Hills, CA

Really enjoyed the Jewish Community...would definitely give high recommendations of this trip.

Heidi R. Boston, MA

...outstanding...window to the Jewish Culture along with the general culture of all people in Cuba...very meaningful for my wife to travel her family roots... gave us insight into her family's history. Randi and Rhonda did a fabulous job of coordination and really helped make the entire group gel incredibly well.

Dale S., Tarzana, CA

Each day was special and surprising.

Lori and Ralph M, Tarzana, CA

This trip exceeded all of my expectations...will savor forever. Cuba is a unique and wonderful place and I see why people fall in love with it.

Brad G., San Francisco, CA

...have traveled with different groups but I never experienced so much care from others ...Rhonda and Randi made it possible to see a lot of places and took us to the finest restaurants.

Ann S., Los Angeles, CA (Holocaust Survivor)

This was an amazing experience I'll never forget.

Shoshanah T., New York, NY

We know we will 100% do this trip again. We enjoy how passionate you are about helping the Jewish Community in Cuba. We can't say enough how much fun we had meeting all these amazing Jews and seeing Cuba with you!

Aliza N. and Neda N., Brentwood, CA

Trip was extraordinary!...CHAI Missions allowed me to see Cuba through the eyes of a tourist and what a wonderful experience that was!

Maria G. (Cuban born), Culver City, CA

This was an amazing experience we will never forget...your efforts made this trip relaxing and effortless.

Debbie and Gary G., Beverly Hills

Rhonda & Randi were great. Info during trip was clear and they always seemed in synch.

Janine T., San Diego, CA