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Our synagogue, Congregação Israelita Paulista – CIP, is one of the largest in South America with over 1000 families. Like communities everywhere, the Covid-19 pandemic has rapidly undermined the financial stability of our institution. In our 84-year history no other crisis had the negative impact on our community to the extent that this one has. We represent over 4000 individuals or about 5% of the total Jewish community in São Paulo (Brazil is an officially Catholic country with more than 220 million people). We are affiliated with both the reformed and conservative movements and our main goal is to provide a coherent Jewish experience for the entire community while presenting what it means to be Jewish to those outside our community.

A BIT OF CIP'S HISTORY

In 1936 a group of young people gathered around the high holiday to hear a speech by Rabbi Fritz Pinkuss z'l who had recently arrived from Heidelberg, Germany. Perhaps anticipating the Shoah and its impact, the goal was to build a community that would support the cultural and social values of the Jewish people. On our first anniversary, CIP opened Lar das Crianças (Home of the Children), which would become the largest



social project of the congregation. At the time, Lar das Crianças was a type of day-care center meant to help Jewish parents who did not have anyone to look after their children while they were at work.

Today Lar das Crianças sponsors about 400 children who live in vulnerable situations, starting from the age of 4 until their late teens when they are prepared for work and to start a career. Among the many services provided along with cognitive and emotional support are pedagogical work as well as ongoing health care assistance.

Over the years, as a liberal congregation, CIP developed many other projects, such as:

- Voluntary Group - members who cater to other member's needs.
- Kabalat Shabat online
- Hebrew School for kids and adults
- Bar/Bat Mitzva program
- Yeladim Babait
- Kids and Youth Program
- Grandma Club - 65+ Program
- Conversion Program
- Lectures and debates
- Online courses



MISSION

CIP has become an important cultural reference in Brazil, organising and promoting several events within the Jewish community.

Our mission is to accompany families throughout their life cycles, impart knowledge of our rich Jewish inheritance to congregants of all ages and to ensure the continuity of Judaism from one generation to another with our unifying and uplifting religious services.

VISION

To be a respected positive reference of what it means to be Jewish throughout Brazil.

Kehilá kedoshá based on Jewish values and the idea of Tikum Olam.



PRINCIPLES

Judaism belongs to us because we study, live, practice, and feel it.

We believe in an active and pluralistic Judaism beyond the walls of our congregation.

We are individual thinkers and we do not believe or subject ourselves to rigid dogmas.

Education is our primary tool to our spiritual development, transformation, and support of our congregation.

We encourage volunteer services, a sense of belonging and collective responsibility.

We practice Tikum Olam to improve our greater society.

We are in-tune with the broader values of a democratic society and ready to defend them.

We are Zionists. We believe in the unquestionable right of the Jewish people to have their home in the land of Israel and we feel intrinsically linked to our Jewish democratic state, regardless of the government elected by its citizens.

We practice socioeconomic gender and disability inclusion. Our success as a community is associated with our ability to welcome with equality even the most vulnerable ones.



Our commitment to human rights goes beyond borders or the particularities of faith, nationality or creed.

Our congregation is strengthened and fortified by the dedication of our presidents, directors, counsellors, employees, volunteers as well as members that believe that CIP can make a difference in people's lives.

IN TIMES OF QUARANTINE AND THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC, CIP IS STRIVING TO MAINTAIN ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS ONLINE.

DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, WE COME TO YOU TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.



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