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## ISAS International Conference

### Reconnecting 2016: Reinvigorating Shared Latino-Jewish Roots and Heritage

**Date: September 7-8, 2016**

Sunny Isles Beach, (Miami) FL, USA

(The originally scheduled date was May 23-24)

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This high profile conference is dedicated to both enhancing Jewish-Latino relations as well as raising awareness regarding the forced converts (Anousim) from the Iberian Peninsula and their descendants. It will feature leading scholars, public figures of both communities, spiritual leaders, heads of Jewish and Latino organizations, artists and authors. The city of Miami, with its high concentrations of both Latinos and Jews, will provide a dynamic backdrop to a dynamic conference.

**Background:** Medieval Iberia witnessed generations of *convivencia* between the Jews and Christians in Spain and Portugal. Recently, we have witnessed an amazing phenomenon: descendants of Jews from Spain and Portugal who were obliged to convert to Christianity over 500 years ago are awakening and showing genuine interest in their ancestors' heritage. The co-existence of the Latino and Jewish communities, as well as the call for Jews of Iberian origin to reclaim their right to Spanish and Portuguese citizenship, signify new processes with far-reaching ramifications which need to be addressed for the benefit of all.

A complete invitation and registration information will be issued in April 2016.

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