

RABBI SERGIO BERGMAN

Born in Buenos Aires in 1962

Married with four children

EDUCATION

Graduate in Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Buenos Aires

MAED, *Summa Cum Laude*, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

MAHL, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), Jerusalem

MAJS, Jewish Studies, Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), Jerusalem

Graduate of the Jerusalem Fellows Program

Rabbinical Ordination,

- 1992, from the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary Marshall Meyer of Buenos Aires
- 1993, Israeli Rabbinic Program, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) Jerusalem

EXPERIENCE

One of the founders of “Memoria Activa”, becoming known as a social activist in the claim of justice.

In 1994, began educational, social and religious work in Argentina as a rabbi through the Fundación Judaica, with the creation of the Arlene Fern Community School, social solidarity projects, community development projects, that characterized him as a builder and active protagonist of interreligious dialogue.

Since 2001, assumed position of Rabbi of *Congregación Israelita de la República Argentina*, the emblematic Temple of Libertad Street, the first synagogue of the Argentine Republic.

Between 2011 and 2013, served as Legislator of the City of Buenos Aires for PRO party.

Since December of 2013, served at the National Congress as National Deputy for the City of Buenos Aires, becoming the first Rabbi of the country elected to a representative office.

In 2015, with the assumption of Mauricio Macri as President, appointed to Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Nation.

Between 2015 and 2019, served as Minister of the Environment, responsible for the creation of six new National Parks and the first Marine Protected Areas in Argentina.

In 2017, one of the founders of the Reform Rabbinical Seminary in Buenos Aires, the Iberoamerican Institute for Reform Rabbinical Education (IIFRR).

In 2019, named by Apolitical as one of the 100 most prominent people in the fight against climate change.

June 2020, appointed President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

PUBLICATIONS

Author of seven books:

The Civic Manifesto

Argentina Citizen with Biblical Texts and a foreword by the Pope Francis

Celebrate the Difference

Being Human

Kabbalah, a GPS to the Soul

A Gospel According to Francis, Pope Francis as teacher, leader and statesman.

Crowned with Glory

AWARDS

Honored with numerous awards by national and international organizations in recognition of academic performance and continuous social activism:

Konex Platinum Award to community leaders

Laurel de Plata from the Rotary Club

Academic Vocation from the Book Foundation

Charitable Entrepreneur from the Interfaith forum

Defense of Freedom from Atlas Foundation

The Micha Award from the World Union for Progressive Judaism

Ordine Della Stella D'Italia from the President of Italy