



Declaração de Recife

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We, the Jews participating in the First Brazilian Encounter of Crypto-Jewish Studies, declare:

1 - It is an indisputable truth that an enormous number of Jews were forced to conversion forced by the authorities of the Spanish and Portuguese inquisition, from the fifteenth century;

2 - It is an undeniable truth that a large number of families forced to convert to Christianity, continued practicing in secret, Judaism;

3 - It is an undeniable fact that those young Christians who were denounced or caught in judaizing were arrested, tried, sentenced to very severe penalties, to very heavy punishment, tortured and murdered in fires in public squares.

4 - It is an undeniable truth that an enormous amount of new Christians arrived in Brazil and in this country established roots.

5. It is an undeniable truth that many of the Jewish habits practiced by these people in the dead of night and in the intimacy of the basements of the houses in which they lived for centuries have continued and continue to be practiced to this day;

6 - It is an undeniable truth that in Brazil today there are some millions of citizens who descend from these families;

7. It is an undeniable truth that today, in the first decades of the twenty-first century, thousands of descendants of these families in Brazil are returning definitively to Judaism;

8- It is an undeniable truth that there are many barriers to be broken, but it is also true that none of the existing obstacles, however insurmountable, will prevent us from

continuing our struggle to return to the bosom of our people, in fact, as we are already coming back ;

9- It is an indisputable truth that to participate in regular Jewish life in Brazil, after the sequence of the procedures necessary for the recognition of our formal existence is the path we will follow. For this, we need the support and understanding of the Jewish umbrella organizations in our country, which are the Israeli State Federations and CONIB that can not and should not be omitted at this odd time. It is also urgent that a significant awareness of the issue of the Bnei Anussim, as we are called in Hebrew, the sons of the forced ones, take place within the state of Israel so that, the Israeli parliament, the rabbinical center and the government of the Jewish state understand that there is a need for a process of local conversion to Judaism that is recognized worldwide, without challenge;

10- It is an undeniable truth that we, the Jewish children of the forced ones and we the Jews that we are recognized like Jews without challenge, in support to our brothers in the return of all of them to our environment, from here inside the Portuguese office of reading in the city of Recife, participants of the First Encounter of Crypto-Jewish Studies, declared today, on November 30, 2018 that all those who decide who is and who is not Jewish, know: we will not faint! We will die for our Jewish ideals: wake up! Moses said at the command of the Lord of hosts, to Pharaoh:

"Let my people go!"
We humbly cry out,
- Let our people in!

[Signature of the present participants in the First Brazilian Encounter of Crypto-Jewish Studies]