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## Reunion at Wildacres – August 17, 2014

At the end of these unforgettable reunions, all the attendees embraced while singing "Shalom

Our arms trembled with emotion by the living experiences and the hopes that we all expressed for a happy new year and the wishes

This whole atmosphere was maintained during the journeys by the realization of a very high level program. This was due to the generous efforts of the directors of the Yiddish Institute that made these activities possible and very re-

We were born with the Yiddish language and we want to maintain the continuity of our old culture. We have found it in the music, in the words, in the verses, and the prayers that we enjoy in this place that is so close to heaven and in which we feel the spirit of brotherhood that the Yiddish language

The poems that our dear friend Abraham Luski recited and the his stories narrated in our language

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brought many a tear to those that were there. They also brought laughter and a remembrance of our ancestors that today are treasures that we want to conserve with all their worth.



brought on by the enthusiasm of the songs and the stories of the "shtetl" by Anita and Roberto Wajner. They brought a breeze of the past that we will continue to pass on to those that follow us.

The musical group of Gene and Ali Kavadlo with their clarinet and violin and Dr. Pesach Nitsche on the piano, three "virtuosos" that maintain our music with their interpretations of Klezmer and shtetl at an unbeatable level. It was a delight for our hearts to be able to witness the enormous depth of these artists. This was something very difficult to find in other events.

Also of importance was the contribution made by the Strauss/Warschauer Duo. It recreated the ancient values of our people with their songs. They were able to inspire the participation of the audience in the activity that they portrayed. Those of us telling this account come from Uruguay, a South American country that is ten hours by airplane from Charlotte. Yet, we make this effort with great satisfaction because we find the Jewish spirit of unity is indestructible. Those of us who are scattered in all the corners of the world are united by our traditions and by our commandments. Through the passage of time, they have maintained us as a people with our prayers, our languages of Yiddish, Hebrew, and Ladino, keeping the "Shabbat" with all its meaning and all its respect to our biblical precepts. The "Chazan," the readers of the Torah and the Haftorah of the weekly parscha made us feel the spiritual elevation of keeping the 'Shabbat."

Married couples that came from the states, Cuba, and Uruguay made this festival better with their presence. This shows how our parents who emigrated from distant shores formed communities that conserve our ancestral values. It is also important to say that several of those that were absent were greatly missed. These included: Baila Pransky, Pearl and Ralph Kier, Gisela and Alberto Luski, and Benjy and Hilda Peljovich, and others that we wait for their reintegration with health and blessings.

It is difficult to explain with words the gathering in the canteen at nights. With the freedom of the informal, each one demonstrated their friendship and tried to demonstrate with their statements and songs the love and happiness felt by all. This only happens when the happiness is authentic and when we would like this moment to last forever.

All this remained engraved on our souls as we voiced the words of parting at the end of this journey to Wildacres, organized by the Charlotte Yiddish Institute. They will remain eternally engraved because of our existing spirit that returns to our homes so enriched. ₽

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