

## JGS of Greater Miami

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In collaboration with

## **Temple Beth Am Library Sunday Salon**

Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

**Speaker - Sylvia Gurinsky** 

## A slice of Jewish Heritage - A timeline of the Cuban American Jewish Community

For hundreds of years, while Cuba was a Spanish territory, the Jewish people could not openly practice their religion there. That changed after the Spanish-American War. For almost 60 years, changing patterns of Jewish migration resulted in a community rich in spiritual and cultural traditions. The coming of Fidel Castro to power in 1959 caused yet another migration – in large part, to South Florida. Those who stayed behind maintained the community in a different fashion. This program will look at the history of the Jewish community of Cuba, the move to and adjustment of thousands in the Sunshine State, and how even time and political changes could not break established bonds.

## Instructor – Sylvia Gurinsky

Sylvia, a native Miamian, is a local history educator and guide for Context Travel, Flamingo Gardens, the Miami-Dade County Women's Park, and various local universities, including FIU. She co-hosts the television series "Roadside Florida," produced by the Lynn & Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives. A proud FIU graduate, she worked for WPLG-Channel 10, the Jewish Journal and HistoryMiami Museum. Her honors have included two Florida Associated Press Awards for Editorial Writing and a Peter Jennings Project Fellowship for Journalists and the Constitution at the National Constitution Center.

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