Documenting the Jews of Latin America
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Professors Adriana M. Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland) and Laura A. Leibman (Reed College) will speak on “Documenting the Jews of Latin America,” derived from their recently published book of collected essays titled Jews Across the Americas: A Source Book, 1492-Present (New York University Press, 2023). This presentation builds on past Taubman Symposia that dealt with Jews in Latin America (Ilan Stavans, Ruth Behar, Graciela Machkofsky, Marjorie Agosin).

With historical focus on Latin American Jewry, the speakers begin by orienting us to their topic, showing how the inclusion of Latin American Jewish experiences enhances our understanding of the experiences of North American Jews. Unfolding their subject chronologically, they highlight some of the book’s sources, which illustrate various aspects of Latin American Jewish life. They conclude by suggesting how the inclusion of Jewish Latin America and the Caribbean changes what we know about Jewish American History.

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