

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Dear Readers,
I would like to dedicate a few lines to the memory of the late Rabbi Isaac Shebar, Blessed be his Soul, the late Chief Rabbi of the Argentine, who died on Friday night, Parashat Reeh.

Rabbi Shebar was an Aleppian leader, one of Aleppian Talmud Tora founders and one of its Directors. He devoted his life to his community and his pupils, part of them became leaders of Jewish Communities in Mexico City and Sao Paulo.

He founded, in Buenos Aires, a chain of educational institutions, included an advanced Sports Center, and a factory for a kosher food which the Community of Argentine is proud of.

No wonder the leaders of Jerusalem have decided to grant him the Jerusalem Award 1983 for his activities in the Jewish Diaspora Education.

Blessed be his Soul and may his spirit protect us all, Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Moshe (Moise) Cohen.
Editor and Secretary General of the Centre.



Front cover: An interesting photo, dated around 1940, and taken in a Jewish aleppian courtyard: Hosh El-Ard at Daraj El-Saha. This is the Sadka Hammam Family near their gramophone (El-Sammaah). The photo has been taken, in origin, black-and-white. Avraham Shemi painted it.

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