



Charleston UNESCO World Heritage Symposium

August 19, 2015

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Synagogue, 90 Hasell Street, Charleston

9:00am to 5:00pm

Free and open to the public, the Charleston UNESCO World Heritage Symposium will cover a range of topics relating to Charleston's rich history and the city's forthcoming bid to be designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Heritage Site. The event will feature speakers from the international and local community discussing various aspects of Charleston history, as well as topics relating to the UNESCO mission and process for World Heritage designation. There will be a panel of local preservation groups and sponsors, as well as a Question and Answer Session with members of the Charleston World Heritage Coalition Advisory Council included as part of the Symposium. Speakers throughout the day include Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Gustavo Araoz, president of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and World Heritage expert Bernd Paulowitz.

August 19th is the first day of a three-day event designed to evaluate Charleston's global significance and draft bid for World Heritage designation. The following two days are closed sessions, and will include site visits, roundtable discussions and formal nomination recommendations by international academics and historians, leading UNESCO experts and historic preservation scholars from over six countries.

The mission of Charleston World Heritage Coalition is to have Charleston's historic significance recognized internationally through its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the greatest historic designation in the world.

Schedule

9:00am: Welcome, Rabbi Alexander, KKBE

9:15am: Mayoral Address, Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

9:30am: Introduction of Symposium and Charleston's Global Significance, Brittany Lavelle Tulla, Acting Executive Director, Charleston World Heritage Coalition

9:45am: Introduction to UNESCO World Heritage, Alexandra Kruse, insitu World Heritage Consulting

10:15 am: Refreshment Break

10:45am: Introduction to World Heritage in the United States, Gustavo Araoz, President, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

11:00am: Charleston: A Leader, Robert N. Rosen, lawyer and published Charleston historian (including *A Short History of Charleston, Confederate Charleston* and *Jewish Confederates*)

11:45am: A Comparison: The Value of Charleston as Compared to other Cities and Current World Heritage Sites, Bernd Paulowitz, insitu World Heritage Consulting

12:30pm: Break

1:30pm: Vernacular, Picturesque, and Reminiscent, The Cultural Significance of the Architecture of Charleston and the Lowcountry, Jonathan Poston, former member of US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees and Sr. Director of Properties and Hay House Director, The Georgia Trust

2:15pm: The Importance of the Lowcountry Rice Culture, Jane M. Aldrich, Executive Director, Lowcountry Rice Culture Project

3:00pm: Break

3:15pm: Panel Discussion with Local Affiliates and Sponsors, featuring Historic Charleston Foundation, College of Charleston, Daniel Ravenel Sotheby's International Realty and Jonathan Green

4:15pm: Panel Discussion and Q&A with International World Heritage Experts

5:00pm: Closing Remarks, Brittany Lavelle Tulla, Acting Executive Director, Charleston World Heritage Coalition