ŽIDOVI U SPLITU
JEWBS IN SPLIT

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**TKO SU ŽIDOVI?**

Židovi su potomci vrlo starog naroda, podrijetlom s Bliskog istoka. Prema Starom zavjetu židovi potječu od plemena Habiru koje Abraham dovodi iz Ura Kaldejskog (južni Sumer) u zemlju koja se u raznim razdobljima nazivala Kanaan, Judeja i Samaria, Palestina i Izrael.

Začetnici židovskog naroda su praočevi Abraham, Izak i Jakov te pramajke Sara, Rebeka, Rahela i Lea, ali se židovi formiraju kao narod tek tijekom boravka u Egiptu, odakle izlaze pod Mojsijevim vodstvom. Nakon toga ključni događaj za stvaranje židovskog identiteta je osnova židovske vjere bilo je primanje deset zapovijedi na Sinaju.

Židovi su u Obećanoj zemlji osnovali svoju državu, ali je najveći dio njihove povijesti obilježen životom u progonstvu. Nakon rušenja Drugog jeruzalemskog hrama 70. godine naše ere židovi su u velikom broju raseljavajući po cijelom Rimskom carstvu pa tako stižu i u Dalmaciju i Split.

Danas se židovi i židovske zajednice mogu pronaći po čitavom svijetu. Njihov broj, raširenost i raznolikost tradicija i običaja koje ih čine židovima stalno se mijenjaju. Osim etničke pripadnosti i vjere, židovstvo definira i zajednička baština nastala kroz gotovo 4000 godina sjedanja na dobre i loše povijesne događaje. U Hrvatskoj židovi imaju status i nacionalne manjine i vjerske zajednice.

**WHO ARE THE JEWS?**

Dating far back to antiquity, the Jews originated in the Near East. According to the Old Testament, the Jews derived from a tribe called Habiru, whom Abraham led from Ur of the Chaldees (in southern Sumeria) to the land that was called, in different times, Canaan, Judea and Samaria, Palestine and Israel. The Jewish people are descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and their foremothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah. However, the Jews were formed into a people only during their residence in Egypt, from which they were led out by Moses. After that the crucial event for the creation of a Jewish identity and the foundation of the Jewish faith was the reception of the Ten Commandments on Sinai.

In the Promised Land, the Jews founded their state, but the greatest part of their history has been marked by a life lived in exile. After the destruction of the Second Temple of Jerusalem in the year 70 CE, a great number of Jews were scattered all over the Roman Empire and accordingly also arrived in Dalmatia and Split.

Today Jewish people and communities can be found all over the world. Their numbers, the dissemination and diversity of traditions and customs that define them as Jews are constantly changing. In addition to ethnic affiliation and faith, Judaism is defined by a common heritage of almost 4,000 years of memories of catalytic events in history.

In Croatia, the Jews have the status of ethnic minority and religious community.
ŠTO JE JUDAIZAM?

Religija nastaje zbog potrebe čovjeka za višim bićima koja bi ga štitila i pomagala mu. Vrlo dugo sve religije su bile politeističke (mnogobožanske). Judaizam nastaje kao prva monoteistička religija (vjerovanje u jednog Boga), a nakon njega nastaju i kršćanstvo i Islam.

Judaizam je i religija i način života židovskog naroda. Temelj mu je u kolektivnom sjećanju na primanje Tore (Zakona, Nauka) na Sinaju, koje se prenosi s koljena na koljeno, tako da svaki naraštaj taj događaj doživljava kao osobno iskustvo. U Tori (Mojsijevom Petoknjižju) zapisano je 613 zapovijedi koje detaljno određuju židovski vjerski način života.

Tijekom stoljeća židovski narod se raseljavao po svijetu, pa se javljaju razlike u običajima pojedinih židovskih zajednica i njihovih sinagoga. Osnovna pravila judaizma ostala su ista, ali se način poštivanja tih zakona razlikuje kod pojedinih zajednica. Glavna podjela židovskih vjerskih zajednica i njihovih sinagoga je na ortodoksne, konzervativne i reformne.

Židovska vjera duboko je vezana za zajednicu, a manje za pojedinca. Židovima u cijelom svijetu zajednički je judaizam kao vjera, hebrejski kao jezik molitve i vjerskih obreda, Šabat kao dan odmora i kalendar prema kojem se održava godišnji ciklus židovskih blagdana.

WHAT IS JUDAISM?

Religion arises out of the human need for protection by a superior being. For a very long time, all religions were polytheistic, i.e., worshipping many gods. Judaism was the first monotheistic religion (believing in a single God) to be created, followed by Christianity and Islam. Judaism is the religion and way of life of the Jewish people. Its foundation lies in the collective memory of the reception of the Torah (the Law, Instruction) on Sinai, a memory that has been handed down through the ages, every generation thus perceiving this event as its personal experience. The Torah (in the Pentateuch of Moses) includes 613 commandments, which determine in detail the Jewish manner of life according to faith. Through the centuries, the Jewish people have been scattered all over the world, and differences have arisen in the customs of the individual Jewish communities and their synagogues. Yet the basic rules of Judaism remain the same, even if the manner in which the laws are obeyed differs in the different communities. The main divisions of Jewish religious communities and their synagogues are Orthodox, Conservative and Reform.

The Jewish faith is profoundly connected to the community, and less to the individual. Common to Jews throughout the world is Judaism as faith, Hebrew as the language of prayer and liturgy, Shabbat as the day of rest, and a calendar according to which the annual cycle of Jewish feasts is held.
HRAM I SINAGOGA

Židovi su preko Mojsija od Boga dobili upute za izgradnju Šatora sastanka (tabernakula) i u njemu Svetišta koje su nosili sa sobom sve do dolaska u Obećanu zemlju, kada su u Jeruzalemu izgradili Sveti hram – Bet HaMikdasa.

Prvi Hram, izgrađen 957. godine stare ere, zvao se i Solomonov hram. Od tada su se sve žrtve prinisle isključivo hramu. Više puta oštećiven i popravljavan, ovaj Hram su definitivno srušili Babilonci 586. godine stare ere.

Gradnja Drugog Hrama dovršena je 515. godine stare ere. Nakon brojnih skrvavljenja i oštećivanja, pod kraljem Herodom Velikim znatno je proširen i obnovljen pa ga se nazivalo i Herodov hram. Rimljani su ga uništili 70. godine naše ere.

Premda su neke sinagoge postojale istovremeno s jeruzalemskim hramom, nakon njegova rušenja sinagoge kao sveta mjesta zamjenjuju hram. Ovaj prijelaz od hrama do sinagoge i od prinošenja žrtve do usmene molitve predstavljaju velik preokret u razvoju židovske kulture.

Dok je postojao Hram, isključivo je svećenstvo komuniciralo s Bogom. Sada zajednica običnih ljudi dobiva neovisnu ulogu i dolazi do novog, kolektivnog i izravnog odnosa s Bogom. Premda u ruševinama, jeruzalemski hram ostaje svetinja, pa su sve sinagoge orijentirane prema njemu.

Dio 613 zapovijedi iz Tore koje su se odnosile na prinošenje žrtava hramu dobivaju novu, simboličku formu, jasno izraženu kroz neke blagdane. Svrtci Tore daju svetost sinagogama, koje bez njih postaju svjetovne građevine.

TEMPLE AND SYNAGOGUE

Through Moses, the Jews received from God instructions for the building of the Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle), and in it they placed the Ark of the Covenant that they carried with them until they arrived in the Promised Land. In Jerusalem, they built the Temple – Bet HaMikdash.

The First Temple, built in 957 BCE, was called the Temple of Solomon. From that time, all sacrifices were made exclusively to the temple. Damaged and repaired several times, this Temple was finally destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE.

The construction of the Second Temple was completed in 515 BCE. After much desecration and devastation, major renovation and expansion was carried out under King Herod the Great, and this was also called the Temple of Herod. It was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE.

Although some synagogues did exist at the same time as the Temple of Jerusalem, since the time of its destruction, the temple as holy place has been replaced by the synagogue. This transition from temple to synagogue and from the offering of sacrifice to oral prayer was a great turning point in the development of Jewish culture.

As long as there was a Temple, only the clergy communicated with God. Now the community of lay people acquired an independent role and a new, collective and direct relationship with God. Although in ruins, the Temple of Jerusalem remains a holy place, and all the synagogues are oriented toward it.

Some of the 613 commandments of the Torah that related to the making of offerings to the temple acquired a new and symbolic form, clearly expressed through feast days. The scrolls of the Torah impart sanctity to the synagogues; without them, they become secular buildings.
**SINAGOGA**

Židovski molitveni prostor se na mnogim jezicima zove sinagoga, što na grčkom znači okupljač radije.

Na hebrejskom jeziku koriste se i nazivi bet tefilah (kuća molitve) i bet kneset (kuća okupljanja). Aškenaski Židovi sinagogu nazivaju šul (škola, odnosno mjesto učenja), a Sefardi kal (zajednica, odnosno mjesto okupljanja). Kao sjecanje na srušeno jeruzalemsko svetište, sinagoga se često označava kao templ (hram).

Raznolikost naziva ukazuje na višeznačnost onoga što sinagoga jeste – mjesto na kojem se moli, čita i izučava tora, ali i okupljalaštje za vjerske i obiteljske proslave i komemoracije.

Zavisno od veličine i imovinskog stanja zajednice, sinagoge se razlikuju po veličini, materijalu (drveta, kamena, opeke, betona) i stilu gradnje. Ponekad nastaje preuređenjem postojeće građevine u molitveni prostor. Da bi se prostor posveto i postao sinagoga, potrebno je u zidu okrenutom Jeruzalemu urediti sveti ormar aron hakodesh sa svitcima tore.

U ortodoksnim sinagogama žene mole u odvojenim prostorima.

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**SYNAGOGUE**

In many languages the place of prayer of the Jews is called a synagogue, which in Greek means a place of assembly.

In Hebrew the terms Beth Tefilah (house of prayer) and Beth Knesset (house of gathering) are also used. Ashkenazi Jews also use the term Shul (school, or place of learning) and the Sephardic Jews call it Kal (community, or place of gathering). In memory of the ruined holy place of Jerusalem, a synagogue is also sometimes called Tempel.

The diversity of names indicates the multiplicity of meanings of what a synagogue actually is – a place at which one prays, reads and studies the Torah, as well as a gathering place for religious and family celebrations and commemorations.

Depending on the size and wealth of the community, synagogues show a wide range of scale, building materials, and styles. Sometimes they are created by the conversion of an existing building into a place of prayer. But for the space to be consecrated as a synagogue, it must have the sacred Aron Kodesh, an ark or cupboard holding the scrolls of the Torah, on the wall facing toward Jerusalem.

In Orthodox synagogues a separate section is reserved for the female part of the congregation.
RABIN

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JAKOV (7-1734) AVRAHAM (Avram) ben David PAPIO
DAVID ben Jakob PARDO (1716-1792), Split cca 1749
MORDEHAJ ATIAS (7-1773) EMMANUEL SENIOR, Split cca 1770
ELIAH PESAH, Split cca 1776
JAKOV PENKO (7-1843), Split 1797 & 1806
AVRAHAM (Abramo) ben Rafael Moše Haïm JONA, Split 1784-1815

DAVID PINTO, Split cca 1814
HIAM Jichak MUSAFIA (1760-1837), Split 1796-1837
MORDEHAJ Jakov Jedidia Amadeo MUSAFIA, Split 1837-1853
JAKOB (Diacomo) ben Amadeo MUSAFIA (1810-?), Split 1837-1854
VITO MUSAFIA: 3 rabina iz iste obitelji / another 3 rabbis from the same family
SAIBA (Saiba) ben Avraham VENTURA, Split 1854
ELIAHU (Eliahu) ben Avraham VENTURA, Split 1872

AVRAHAM ben Eliyahu JESURUN
HAIM VITA HALEVI (7-1861), Split 1854-1861
NAHUM HALEVI (1790-1863)
JOSEF (Giuseppe) Sabato BASSO (1823-?), Split 1862-1871
MOISE (Moisè) TEDESCHI (1821-?), Split 1861-1871
(SAQ DANITI (7-1937)
SAQ (Simon) A. FINKL, Split 1937-1941
CADIX C. DANO, Split 1945
ROMAN DIASPORA

After the Romans destroyed the Second Temple of Jerusalem in the year 70 CE, most of the Jews from Palestine were dispersed throughout the Roman Empire. With this diaspora, increasing numbers of Jewish merchants became involved in international trade. Almost every mercantile center of the Mediterranean had its community of Jewish merchants who kept up regular communications with each other and with their old homeland.

According to material remains and historical sources, the Adriatic had an important role in Roman commerce. Although it is difficult to determine the exact time in which the individual Jewish communities in the diaspora were founded, archaeological findings date their existence on the eastern coast of the Adriatic to the period between the 2nd and the 5th century CE.

RIMSKA DIJASPORA

Nakon što su Rimljani uništili Drugi jeruzalemski hram 70. godine nove ere, većina Židova iz Palestine je raseljena po čitavom Rimskom carstvu. Širenjem dijaspora sve više židovskih trgovača se uključivalo u međunarodni promet. Gotovo u svim trgovačkim središtima na Mediteranu postojale su zajednice židovskih trgovača koje su održavale redovite veze među sobom i s pradomovinom.

Sudeći po materijalnim ostacima i povijesnim izvorima, Jadran je imao važnu ulogu u rimskoj trgovini. Iako je teško odrediti točno vrijeme osnivanja pojedinih židovskih zajednica u dijaspori, njihovo postojanje na istočnoj jadranskoj obali može se prema arheološkim nalazima datirati u razdoblje od 2. do 5. stoljeća nove ere.

RIMSKA NASELJA S NALAZIMA ŽIDOVSKOG PODRIJELA

ROMAN SETTLEMENTS WITH REMAINS OF JEWISH ORIGIN
ŽIDOVI U SALONI

Na istočnoj jadranskoj obali ima nekoliko lokaliteta s dokazima o prisustvu Židova. Najviše ih je pronađeno u Solini (antičkoj Saloni), što je i logično, obzirom da je glavni grad rimske provincije Dalmacija bio najvažnije trgovište i najveća luka u tom dijelu Carstva.

U Saloni su pronađene, a čuvaju se u splitskom Arheološkom muzeju, uljane lampe s prikazom menor (židovski sedmokrak cvijet, svijećnjak), amuleti od žučkastog stakla i od bronce sa židovskim simbolima i natpisom. U istom muzeju čuva se i ulomak sarkofaga s menorom u plitkom relijefu, pronađen izvan gradskih zidina, blizu crkve Gospe od Otoka. Posredno nam o salonitanskoj židovskoj zajednici govori natpis koji spominje stanovnike židovske vjere.

Vjerojatna je pretpostavka da su nakon pada Salone u 7. stoljeću zajedno s ostalim izbjeglicama Židovi napustili razoreni grad i potražili spas na obližnjim otocima i u sigurnosti zidina Dioklecijanova palače.

JEWS IN SALONA

Along the eastern Adriatic coast, there are several places with documented historic Jewish presence, particularly Solin (ancient Salona), which is logical, as it was the capital city of the Roman province of Dalmatia and the most important market town and the biggest port in this part of the Empire.

Found in Salona, and now kept in the Archaeological Museum in Split, were oil lamps with a depiction of a menorah (a Jewish seven-branched candelabrum), amulets of yellowish glass and bronze with Jewish symbols and an inscription. The same museum holds a fragment of a sarcophagus with a menorah in bas relief, found outside the city walls, close to the Church of Our Lady of the Island. The inscription mentioning inhabitants of the Jewish faith suggests the existence of a Salonian Jewish community.

It is reasonable to assume that after the fall of Salona in the 7th century the Jews would have fled the ravaged city with the other refugees and sought refuge on the nearby islands and within the walls of Diocletian’s Palace.
Recent investigations have shown that there was a considerable Jewish community in Diocletian’s Palace, perhaps from the time of its construction.

In many places in the Palace there are interesting signs carved into the stone. Most of these signs are readily recognizable as masons’ marks, but some of them may have been incised for symbolic reasons. Prominent among them are marks of the menorah, which is one of the oldest symbols of Judaism. All of them are located in the eastern part of the substructures of the imperial residence, in the vicinity of the triclinium or dining room. The number of menorahs would certainly have been greater and their distribution more consistent if large parts of the walls of the eastern substructures had not been damaged by fire or totally demolished.

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**SINAGOGA U DIOKLECIJANOVOJ PALAČI**

Sinagogu u Dioklecijanovoj palači spominju neki srednjovjekovni pisani izvori, od kojih je najvažniji popis dobara splitske nadbiskupije iz 1397. godine. U njemu se u sklopu nadbiskupskog dvora navodi i sinagoga. Lokacija sinagoge se opisuje uz nadsvodenu prostoriju ispod kuće pokojnog Radovana, a to znači upravo u istočnim podrumima Dioklecijanove palače. Pretpostavljamo da su na toj lokaciji sinagoga i najstarija židovska cetvrt bile neprekidno korištene od antike do srednjeg vijeka. U velikom požaru 1506. godine izgorio je nadbiskupski dvor, a s njime i sinagoga, nakon čega je taj dio grada dugo ostao u ruševinama.

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**THE SYNAGOGUE IN DIOCLETIAN’S PALACE**

Several medieval written sources mention a synagogue within Diocletian’s Palace. The most important document of these references is a list of the possessions of the archbishopric of Split in 1397. A synagogue is mentioned in the context of the archiepiscopal palace. The location of the synagogue is described alongside the vaulted space *underneath* the house of 'the late Radovan', in the eastern substructures of Diocletian’s Palace. Here, the synagogue and the oldest Jewish neighborhood would have been in constant use from Antiquity to the Middle Ages. In a great fire of 1506 the archbishop’s palace was burned down, the synagogue with it, after which this part of the city lay long in ruins.
NOVA SINAGOGA

Novo razdoblje povijesti splitskih Židova nastupa početakom 16. stoljeća. Veliki požar 1506. godine u jugoistočnom dijelu grada teško je pogodio zajednicu Romaniote (potomaka Židova iz rimske rimarske vremena), koji tada napuštaju lokaciju u podrumima nekadašnjeg carskoga stana, te osvineju novu židovsku četvrť u prostoru između željeznih vrata i sjeverozapadne kule Dioklecijanove palače.

Srednjovjekovnu kuću prilagodili su vanjsku stranu zapadnog zida Dioklecijanova palače preuređuju u sinagogu na romaniotski način: u istočnom (okrenutom Jeruzalemu) nalazio se aron hakodesh ili ehal (sveti ormar) s torama, a uz nasuprotni, zapadni zid postavljena je bima ili tevo (podij s kojega se čita tora). Radi lakšeg praćenja službe koja se ovdijala između tih dva pola, vjernici su sjedili u klupama koje su međusobno sučeljene i poredane oko središnje osi. Kasnije se napuštata stari način odvijanja službe i postavlja pokretna bima u obliku drvenog stola ispred ehala, ali se zadržava tradicionalni raspored klupa.

Skučena sinagoga je 1728. godine proširena otvaranjem širokih lukova u zidu prema kući s sjeverne strane, gdje se uređuje ogređeni prostor za žene koji u 19. stoljeću dobiva galeriju s posebnim ulazom. Sredinom 20. stoljeća poprimljenja je velika šeta nastala 1942. godine. Značajna obnova konstrukcije, krova i interijera izvedena je 1996. godine, a 2014. godine obavljeni su značajni konzervatorski radovi na krovuštu i pročeljima.

THE NEW SYNAGOGUE

A new period in the history of the Split Jews began early in the 16th century. The great fire of 1506 in the southeastern part of the city hit the Romaniote (descendants of the Roman-era Jews) community hard and they left their location in the substructures of the former imperial residence, founding a new Jewish neighborhood in the area between the Iron Gate and the north-west tower of Diocletian’s Palace.

A medieval house abutting onto the outer side of the west wall of Diocletian’s Palace was turned into a synagogue in the Romaniote manner. By the eastern wall (turned toward Jerusalem) was the Aron Kodesh or Hekhal, or Torah ark. Alongside the opposite or western wall is the Bima or Teva (the pulpit from which the Torah is read). To make it easier to keep up with the service that unfolded between these two poles, the congregation sat in benches that faced each other, arranged around the central axis. Later, the old manner of performing the service was abandoned, and a movable Bima in the shape of a wooden table was placed in front of the Hekhal, but the traditional arrangement of benches was retained.

In 1728 the cramped synagogue was enlarged by the opening of wide arches in the wall onto the house on the northern side, where an enclosed space for women was arranged. In the 19th century it acquired a gallery with a separate entrance. In the middle of the 20th century the great damage inflicted on the synagogue in 1942 was repaired. An important renovation of the structure, roof and interior was conducted in 1996, while in 2014 significant restoration works on the roof and facades were carried out.
SINAGOGA DO 1942. GODINE
Kroz više stoljeća postojanja splitske sinagoge sakupilo se obilje rituelnih predmeta. Na nekoliko fotografija unutrašnjosti sinagoge koje su snimljene prije Drugog svjetskog rata vidi se čak osam bogato ukrašenih Tora i mnoštvo drugih dragocjenih predmeta. Nažalost, 1942. godine unutrašnjost sinagoge bila je opljačkana i jako oštećena. Taj događaj opisuje Luciano Morpurgo u knjizi dnevnih zapisa „Lov na čovjeka“:

... U petak uveče 10. lipnja u 19 sati, dok se u Židovskom hramu u Splitu vršila sveta služba, najezda pomahalnih snažnih i srčanih mladića cornošušila, pripadnici toskanskih „bataljuna M“, nahrupila je u hram, na prvom katu drevne šesnaestostoljetne zgrade smještene u središtu grada. (…) Ti nasilnici, oborivši predroni i mitkama, do kruvi su isprebijali nezaštićene prisutne, stare i mlade, te se ubršili na sveti namještaj i otvorili svetu arku: oltar koji je sadržavao svitke Biblije i rukopise na pergameni, od kojih neki neprocjenjive vrijednosti, iz 1600. i 1700. godine. Iznijeli su van srebrninu, svete ogradače, vrijedne damastne tkanine, knjige, i sve što im je došlo pod ruku. (…) Strgane su sve orahove klupe, iz ležišta su izbačena vrata i prozori...

Na obližnjoj Piazzeta dei Signori (današnjem Narodnom trgu) ti predmeti su zapaljeni na velikoj lomači. Srećom, Špičani su uspjeli iz pepela spasiti nekoliko srebrenih predmeta koji su nakon rata vraćeni Židovskoj općini zajedno s predmetima koji su ranije skriveni u Etnografskom muzeju.

THE SYNAGOGUE UP TO 1942
Over the many centuries of the existence of the synagogue in Split, an abundance of liturgical objects was assembled. In several photographs of the interior of the synagogue taken before World War II as many as eight richly decorated Torahs can be seen, along with a multiplicity of other precious items. Alas, in 1942 the interior of the synagogue was looted and severely damaged. The event was described by Luciano Morpurgo in his book of diary entries called Manhunt:

... On the evening of Friday, June 10, at seven o’clock, while the religious service was being conducted in the Jewish temple in Split, a swarm of frenzied, powerful and mettlesome young Blackshirts, members of the Tuscan M Battalion, piled into the temple, on the first floor of the ancient sixteen-centuries-old building located in the centre of town. (…) These louts, armed with truncheons and batons beat the unprotected young and old people present until they bled, and then swooped down on the sacred furnishing and opened the Holy Ark: the altar that contained rolls of the Bible and parchment manuscripts, some of which were of incalculable worth, from the 1600s and 1700s. They took all the silver, the vestments, valuable damask fabrics, books, everything they could lay their hands on. (…) All the walnut wood benches were broken, and the doors and windows were torn out of their frames...

In the nearby Piazzeta dei Signori, today’s National Square, these objects were immolated on a huge bonfire. Luckily, the people of Split managed to save several object of silver from the ashes, which were restored to the Jewish community after the war, together with objects that had earlier been hidden in the Ethnographic Museum.
RITUALNI PREDMETI

U židovskom bogoslužju redovito se koriste neki ritualni predmeti, dok se drugi iznose samo na blagdane i u svečanim prigodama. Broj ritualnih predmeta u sinagogi i materijali od kojih su izrađeni uglavnom ovisi o imovinskom stanju, veličini i potrebama zajednice. Međutim, nije neobično da i manje imučni članovi zajednice štede kako bi naručili izradu ili kupili predmete koje bi u posebnim prigodama darovali sinagogi za uspomenu na obitelj ili njenog istaknog člana. Na nekima od malobrojnih predmeta u splitskoj sinagogi spašenim od ranog pustošenja nalazimo zajedničke i osobne osobine o darivateljima, vremenu i području izrade.

LITURGICAL OBJECTS

In Jewish religious services certain liturgical objects are regularly used, while others are brought out on feast days and for very solemn occasions. The number of liturgical objects in a synagogue and the material from which they are made vary according to the prosperity, size and needs of the community. As with all religious groups, it is not uncommon that even less prosperous members of the community commission or purchase objects and donate them to the synagogue to honor a family member or memorialize the family's membership in the congregation. On some of the few objects in the Split synagogue that were salvaged from the devastation of the war we can find details that indicate the time and origin of the work, and who the donors were.
SPLITSKI GETO


Od sredine 16. stoljeća židovski starosjedioci žive s pridžiclicama u sjeverozapadnom dijelu Dioklecijanove palače, u svojoj četvrti po kojoj Spilčani taj dio grada i danas nazivaju Getu. O pripadnosti kuća židovskim obiteljima svjedoče tragovi mezuzah (kutijica s kratkom molitvom ispisano na pergamentu) na kamenim dozvratima na više mjesta u Getu. Za vrijeme turske opasnosti u sklopu obrane grada židovskoj zajednici je povjerena obližnja sjeverozapadna kula Dioklecijanove palače koja se u dokumentima spominje kao židovski položaj. Na njezinom istočnom zidu bili su urezani znakovi menorah, jedini osim onih u podrumima Palače.

Za razliku od većine europskih gradova u kojima su Židovi bili prisiljeni živjeti u izoliranoj četvrti, u Splitu je geto bio otvoreno, osim u kratkom razdoblju krajem 18. stoljeća. Splitski su Židovi živjeli izvan geta i prije njegovog konakonog otvaranja za vrijeme francuske uprave početkom 19. stoljeća.

THE SPLIT Ghetto

After their expulsion from Spain in 1492 and from Portugal in 1498, a considerable number of Sephardim (Seferad) means Spain in Hebrew settled down in Dalmatia. They did not arrive until the middle of the 16th century, via Venice (the Ponenti) and via Turkey, in other words, Bosnia (the Levantine). The Split Romanotes took the fugitives into their little community in which they were better educated and more numerous Sephardic Jews became dominant, the Romanotic customs and traditions thus completely dying out. From the middle of the 16th century the Ashkenazy arrived in Split from central and eastern Europe (Ashkenaz is the Hebrew for Germany). After the social emancipation in the 19th century they were involved in all the segments of life of the Mediterranean city, bringing with them advanced influences from Europe, new occupations and new fashions.

From the mid-16th century the indigenous Jewish people lived with the newcomers in the north-west part of Diocletian’s Palace, in their own neighbourhood that Split people still today call Get (Ghetto). Traces of mezuzahs (boxes with short prayers written on parchment scrolls) on the stone door jambs in several places in the Ghetto tell of the houses having belonged to Jewish families. During the time of the threat from the Ottomans, the Jewish community, taking part in the defence of the town, was charged with defending the north-west tower of Diocletian’s Palace, mentioned in the documents as the Jewish position. On the eastern wall of it signs of menorahs were carved in, the only such marks there are save for those in the substructures of the Palace.

Unlike in most European cities, in which the Jews were forced to live in an isolated quarter, in Split the Ghetto was open, except for a short period at the end of the 18th century. And the Jews in Split also lived outside the ghetto, even before its final opening up at the time of French rule in the beginning of the 19th century.
OBNOVA SINAGOGE NAKON 2. SVJETSKOG RATA


RESTORATION OF THE SYNAGOGUE AFTER WW II

Priority conservation works after the devastation of WWII made the synagogue and the premises of the Jewish Community functional until more extensive restoration works could be carried out in 1968. After a section of the synagogue’s ceiling collapsed in 1993, signaling the need for structural repairs, the timber roof structure was renovated and the old roof tiles were replaced in 1996. The wooden structure of the synagogue’s floor had been damaged beyond repair and was replaced with reinforced concrete. The old stone flooring was restored, and electrical and lighting features were updated. The interior of the synagogue was fully restored. Due to limited resources, the wooden shutters and windows were repaired and repainted, and would be formally addressed in 2014. The work was partially financed by the City of Split, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee provided an interest free loan for the remaining work.
STANJE PRIJE OBNOVE
2014. GODINE

Nakon obnove 1996. godine koja je bila usredotočena na unutrašnjost sinagoge, preostalo je uređenje pročelja i sanacija vlage. Zbog nedostatka horizontalnih oluka kišnica se s krova slijevala po pročeljima i prodirala kroz pukotine i oštećene fuge te kroz spojeve sa susjednom zgradom čiji je urušeni krov oštetio pokrov sinagoge. Drveni prozorski kapci su sasvim dotrajali, kao i dio prozora.

CONDITION BEFORE THE
2014 RESTORATION

Following the works in 1996, which focused on the interior of the synagogue, issues of moisture and the restoration of the façades needed to be addressed. Without gutters, rainwater from the roof had seeped into the cracks and decayed joints of the walls. Water also seeped through the connection between the synagogue and the neighboring house to the east, causing roof tiles to fall and damage the roof of the synagogue.
OBNOVA SINAGOGE
2014. GODINE

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RESTORATION OF THE SYNAGOGUE IN 2014

In 2014, a project supported by World Monuments Fund’s Jewish Heritage Program, through the generous support of the David Berg Foundation and the Cahnman Foundation, addressed the exterior of the synagogue. An extraordinary effort was made to treat and prevent future water penetration through the connection between the roofs of the synagogue and the surrounding houses.
The façades were cleaned, and decayed mortar from the joints was replaced with the high quality lime mortar. Damaged parts of the walls were restored using traditional techniques, and the wooden shutters and windows were replaced.
Tijekom radova pronađen je ulomak rimske stele s još sačuvanim dijelom napis, kao i mramorni ulomci dovrtnika ranosrednjovjekovnih vrata koji su iskorišteni kao doprozornici na sjevernom pročelju sinagoge. Više o ovom projektu na stranicama www.wmf.org.

During the project, a fragment of a Roman stele was uncovered, with part of its inscription still remaining, as well as fragments of marble door jambs of an early medieval building that were reused as window jambs on the synagogue’s north façade. For more information about the project, visit www.wmf.org.