

## Searching for the traces of the Jewish presence in Thessaloniki. VR application - Tracing the traces of the Jewish presence in Thessaloniki

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Application of a digital map, a brief historical and tourist guide about Jewish sites in Thessaloniki, which is available at the Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki, in which buildings, residences, places of worship and places of Jewish presence in the city of Thessaloniki are marked. Using two 55-inch touch screens, visitors to the Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki can search for one of the 42 available points on the map and by selecting them with a touch, they can access a wealth of information material, drawings and old photographs. The 42 illustrations and descriptions of the sites and the map enable foreign and local visitors and students to discover the surviving traces of the Jewish and multi-cultural Thessaloniki. There are available historical photographs and post cards of historical landmarks of the Jewry of Thessaloniki of the Museum's prewar Archive and a lot of references to the Jewish architecture, heritage and monuments and also, places in memory of the Jewish history and the Holocaust. The information content is available in Greek and English. The virtual reality application enables the Museum's visitor to fly over the city and find himself over the most important sites of Jewish presence in Thessaloniki. This "journey" is achieved through the use of virtual reality glasses that give a very realistic and at the same time very impressive feeling to the user who wears them. "Fly" over the Monastirioton Synagogue, the luxurious villas (Jewish residences) of the District of the Countrysides along the eastern coast of the city and belonged to wealthy Jews before the Second World War, the Baron Hirsch Hospital, the Holocaust Memorial, the new Jewish Cemetery, memorials in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and many other important landmarks and discover their unknown history through an unprecedented angle of vision.

### References:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apCjZ9QI-eE>