

HUNGARIAN JEWISH HERITAGE

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Represented Jewish Heritage of Pest

Topography
and the
Jewish
collections:

Synagogues

Museum

Garden

Archives



Re-definition of the interpretations

- Last developments:
 - 1. Audio-guide system for the Jewish Museum
 - 2. Historical exhibition in the Garden and online
 - 3. Building new storage area for the Jewish Archives



Jewish Museum, Budapest

Ceremonial objects without any interpretation or comments.

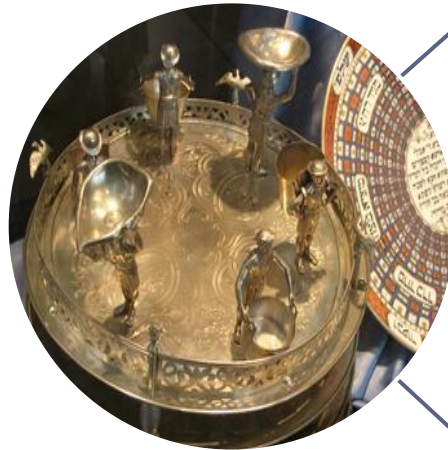
Interpretation of Judaica

Seder plate is

an object of religious art;

an item referring to Jewish customs;

a memorial evoking the idea of the chosen people.



Art

- Judaica as object of Art
- (Religion)

Ethnography

- Judaica as object of Folklore
- (People)

History

- Judaica as source of History
- (Nation)

Audio-guide system

- Offers several ways of interpretation to 41 objects exhibited
(comments to the objects)

- Suggests routes, for example:
 - - path of Hungarian Jewish history
 - - path of Jewish festivals
 - - path of Jewish iconography etc.

Commentary

The Audio-guide system offers a commentary to the objects
and gives a sub-narrative to the exhibition.



Jewish Archives, Budapest

Important documentary heritage, but not researched and visited widely.

Interpretation of archival heritage

Arkhé:

fortress,
where the
decrets and
statutes were
kept



Legal
basis

- Archivum of the statutes
- (Community)

Common
knowledge

- Archivum of the common past
- (Families)

Visible
past

- Production of Knowledge
- (Tourism)

Stereotypes

Jewish communities are sequestered

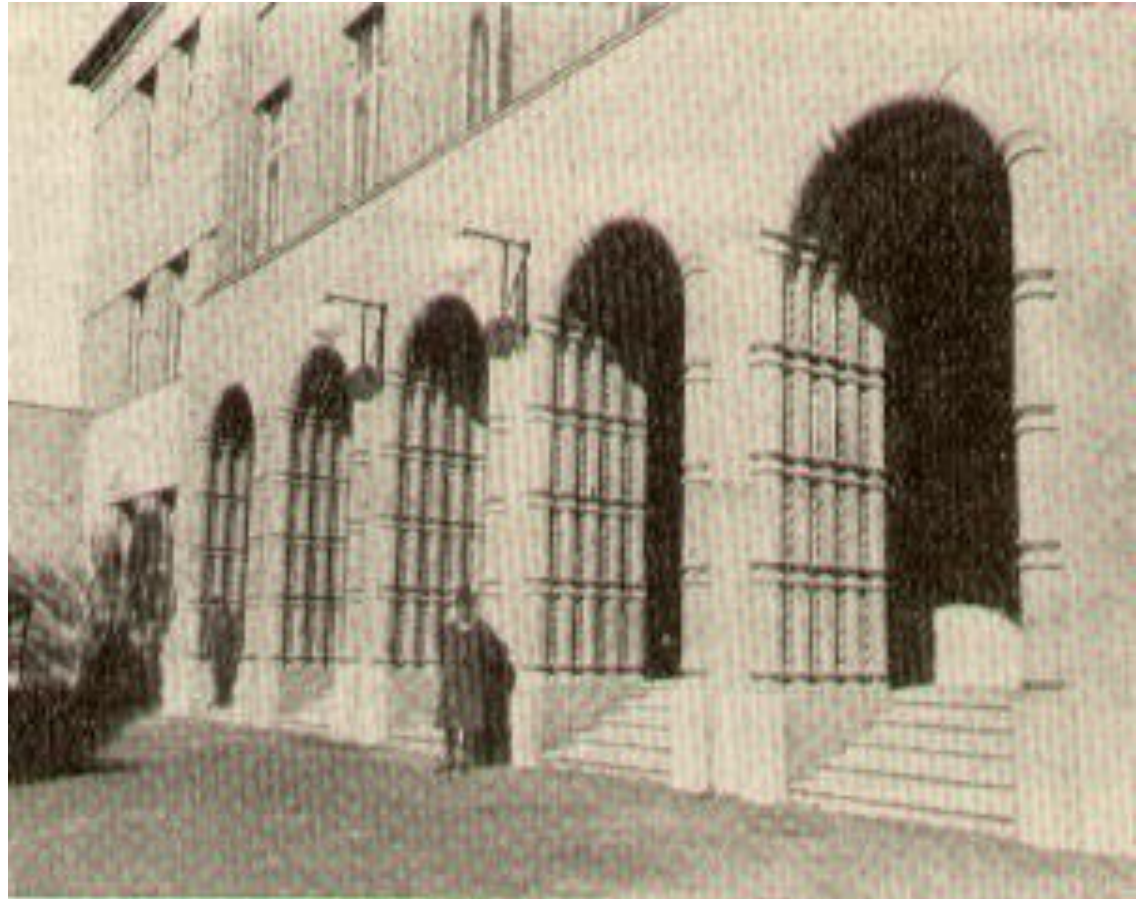
Archives are always secretive

Visible storage area

In the
basement of
the
„Goldmark
House”

Entrance
behind open
arks

First visible
archival
storage in
East-Central
Europe





Visible storage for the archival heritage

With compactus-system

(The picture is illustration)



Open cases for the charts

Covered with security glass

(The picture is illustration)



Storage area

For maps, plans, posters and framed charts.

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„Shorashim”- Jewish Roots Center

Reading room
with digitized
contents for
family tree
and local
history
researchers,
or for
educational
purposes



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„Family tree” – Exhibition

Exhibition on
the 3rd floor
of the
Goldmark
House



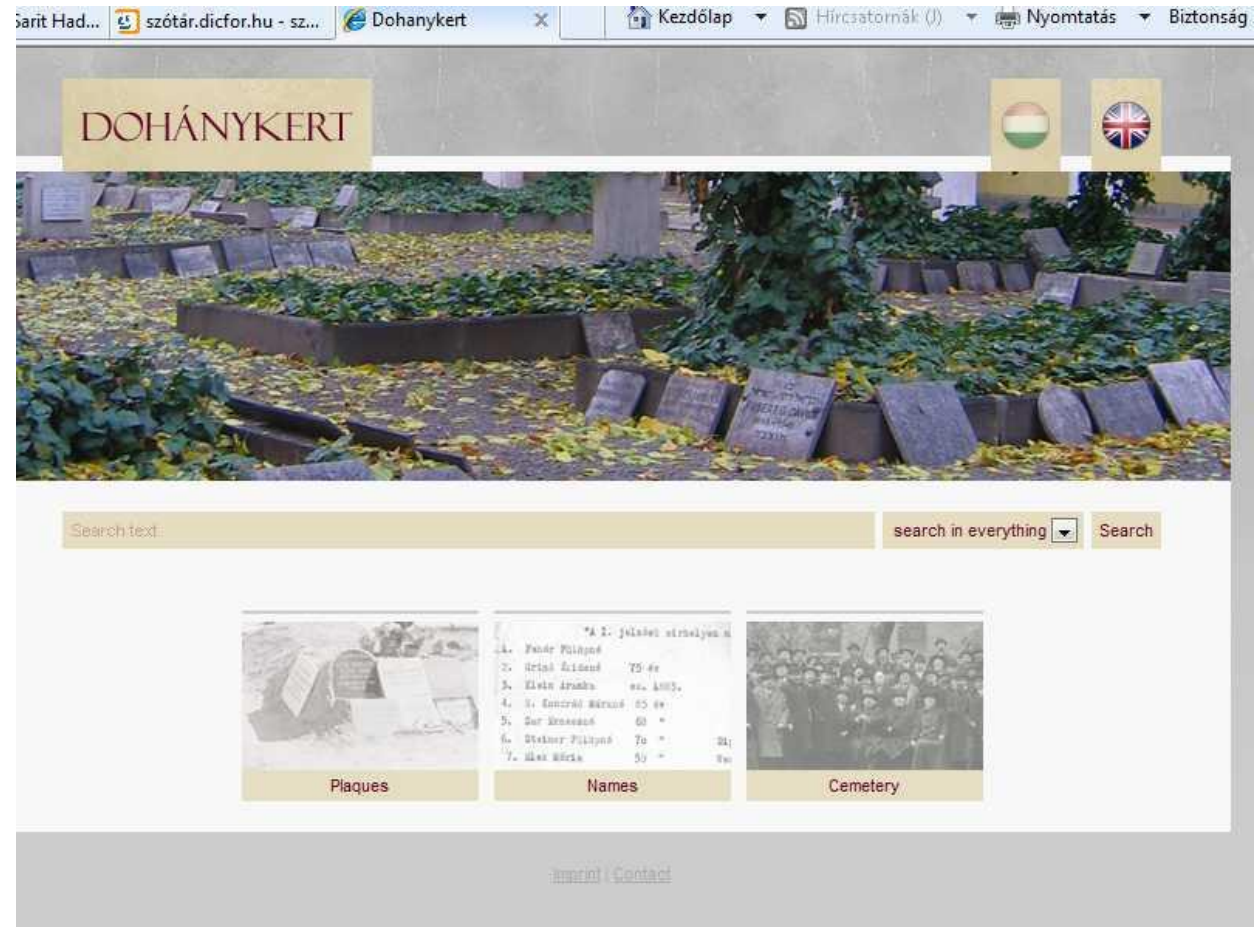


Garden of the Heroes

Next to the synagogue 2281 victims of the Holocaust are buried in 24 mass-graves.

Website-memorial

The names of the victims are collected in an online database, or virtual „Memorbuch”.



Jewish Collections and Jewish Thinking

- Jewish Museum

Selected objects for representation.

- Interpretation:

- Commentary of objects

- Jewish Archives

Whole documentation for preservation.

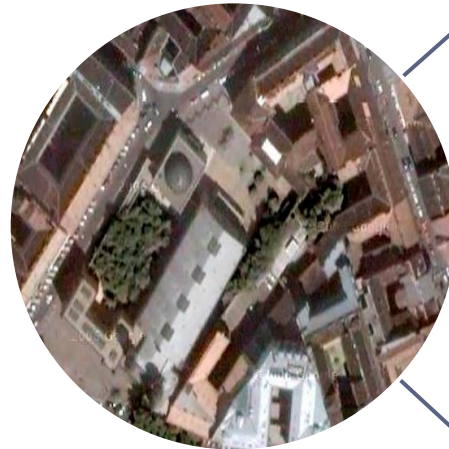
- Interpretation:

- Savekeeping of the law

Jewish Heritage and Judaism

Heritage of the community:

- Legends of the origins of the community
- Laws of the community
- Common history of the community



Museum

- Heritage as commentary
- (Midrash)

Archive

- Heritage as statutes
- (Halacha)

Garden

- Heritage as memory
- (Zakhor)



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