

# The Curva synagogue

Many years ago, during the time when the Turks ruled over (Pre-State) Israel, there was a small Sephardi community living in Jerusalem (at that time, Jerusalem existed only between the walls of the Old City). One day, a great Rabbi from Poland, Rabbi Yehuda HaChassid, In the Old City of Jerusalem, there is beautiful Syn decided to move to Israel and to settle in Jerusalem. Many Hassidim moved with him and together they decided to build an impressive synagogue in the heart of the city. In order to build the synagogue, they borrowed money from local Arabs. After a number of years, the synagogue stood, in all its splendor, and the Hassidim prayed there every day. However, the Hassidim unfortunately didn't have the money to repay the Arabs. As a result, the Arabs destroyed the synagogue and forbade the Hassidim from entering Jerusalem. The Hassidim dearly wanted to return to Jerusalem and dressed up as Turks or Sephardi Jews in order to get in past the Arabs.

After several years, they succeeded in rebuilding the synagogue and the synagogue served as a place of daily worship and as the community center. In the Independence War, the Arabs took over the synagogue and once again destroyed it. Today, the synagogue once again stands

strong and thousands of visitors and worshippers visit it every, single day.

This is the story of the Hassidim who dressed up in order to enter Jerusalem and of the

glorious synagogue that is hidden behind a name connected to ruin.





