

Rymanow Synagogue



Before the Second World War almost half of the population of Rymanow, Poland was Jewish (around two thousand people). The town had been an important centre for the Chassidim, who followed the 18th Century religious leader or Tzadik, Menachem Mendel.

At the end of the war no Jewish person returned to the town. All that remained were the former community buildings.



The Mikveh and Court of the Tzadik were demolished. The synagogue, which had been used as a store by the German forces had its roof removed and in 1957 the decision was taken to begin demolishing the building. The building was not demolished, but it did fall into further ruin with trees growing inside and through the roof.

It was not until 2005 that the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland began restoring the synagogue. The windows were replaced in 2007, and then vandalised in what is thought to be an antisemitic attack.

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The external
restoration is
completed.

