

Bookings for an exclusive visit can be made costing € 50,= per group (school classes at a reduced rate).

Our volunteers are well informed in the Jewish customs and especially in the local history and if requested special attention can be paid to a specific subject.

The Synagogue can also be booked for marriage registrations. A small service is conducted by the Registrar and is held in surroundings with a beautiful décor. Afterwards use can be made of the private biblical garden. The cost is € 250,= inclusive coffee and kosher cake.



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**WELCOME IN THE SYNAGOGUE
FROM SLIEDRECHT, THE
NETHERLANDS, THE ONLY
SYNAGOGUE IN THE WORLD,
BUILD ON A DIKE.**

When visiting the Synagogue you will see that despite its small size it is still intriguing to the



public.

It dates originally from 1845 and was built by Jews who had lived in the region for over 50 years.

Due to the shortage of Minjan (10 Jewish men) the services were discontinued in 1920.

Until 1942 the Synagogue was used as a house of worship, in the latter years of World War II most of the interior was demolished. After the war there was no Jewish community left in the region and the building deteriorated further. In the interim period

it was used by a sack manufacturer, a greengrocer and a carpenter.

In the 1980's the Synagogue was to be demolished because of a planned dike reinforcement.

The Foundation 'Dike Synagogue' was formed in 1994 to prevent its demolition. The plan was to restore the building and make it possible to hold services again. Also to create a Remembrance centre in honour of all the missing Jewish people from this region, and an area for exhibitions, lectures and educative purposes.

In 1997 the Foundation bought the Synagogue and for the last time Hanukkah was celebrated in the derelict building.



A historic event that would be later followed by many others. The building has now not only had a past, and it kept being told, but also got a future, for different users and purposes.

In 1998 the building was dismantled into 11 segments and then stored until the new building site, 80 meters to the West, was completed.

This was an enormous undertaking but it succeeded and in October 2003 the Synagogue was completed and re-inaugurated. The Foundation is very proud of the result and also of the interior which came originally from the former Synagogue in Zaltbommel.

The re-inauguration was an historical moment for the region and also for all those involved in this project. The Synagogue's past history has been preserved and its multipurpose future ensured.



At the present, it is being used by a small Jewish community who come together monthly and on Jewish holidays. The building has 3 functions:

- 1) Beth ha knesseth (House of Assemblance)
- 2) Beth ha tefilla (House of Worship)
- 3) Beth ha madrasj (House of Study)

In addition lectures and musical performances are given as well as Hebrew language study. For those who are interested, please apply.

Below the ground floor of the Synagogue the space is limited but there is a very interesting exhibition and a small lending library. There is also a great deal of information about the history of the past Jewish population in Sliedrecht and Hardinxveld-Giessendam.

The Synagogue is open to the public every second weekend of the month from 14.00 until 16.00 hours. During these open weekends visitors come from all over Europe and abroad. It is also open annually on Monument Day. Several times we have taken part in The European Day of The Jewish Cultural Heritage. Our volunteers give tours of the Synagogue and explain the history of our exhibition.

There are regular open days:

Every second weekend of the month Saturday and Sunday: 14.00 - 16.00

