

Survey of Jewish History and Holocaust-Related Sites in Moldova
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Building of the former synagogue of salesclerks of Benderi

What was in the building: the Synagogue of salesclerks

The address of a building: Bendery, Suvorov street 30

Date of construction: beginning of the XXth century

Characteristics of the building:

Amount of floors: 2 floors

The owner of the property rights before 1939:
The Society of the Jewish salesclerks

The present owner of the property rights:
The Religious Community «Benderi Jewish Synagogue and Community»

At the moment the building is used: the Synagogue of the Jewish Community

Deliberate changes of the building:
In 1989 after the building was used for dwelling, the partitions have been demolished

Brief history of the building:
After the war the Soviet authority wanted to place a trading warehouse in the synagogue. In this trading warehouse among other things the pork bodies were planned to be stored. As it could not be admitted, Perets Leonid managed to achieve, that in the cellar of the former Synagogue building the Bicycle club was settled down, and the building was used as dwelling. In 1989 after the reconstruction the Jewish Community opened the functioning now Synagogue.

Condition of the building today:
the building is in an emergency condition.

Comments and additional observation about the site:
The synagogue has renovated the courtyard of the building by itself. The ground floor of the Synagogue is used for the needs of the various Jewish organizations (Hesed Iosif, Communal Center "Shoshana").

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