

# CREATION OF A HERITAGE COMMISSION

## > Presentation

One year ago, on knowing of a project by the municipal government for the area of the Montjuïc's former Jewish cemetery, we proposed to all three Jewish congregations in Barcelona the creation of a Heritage Commission in order to represent in a unified way the common interests in this matter.

The initiative was an innovation and transmitted a message of unity towards the Jewish population of Catalunya and the civil society in general. The three presidents accepted this idea and an agreement was signed creating this commission.

Today, one year later and thanks to this union, we could reach high goals and advance in a way that undoubtedly, although it is in the specific issue of historical heritage, will guide us in the journey that we will follow together in the future.

## > Objectives

The principal aim of our work is to strengthen the connection between the communities in this country today, with the very rich Jewish history that here was created.

At the same time, to express this relation through a tight collaboration with the government bodies that look after this heritage, in order to contribute the richness and authenticity needed for the comprehension and transmission of the legacy that our people produced in these lands.

*It is the interest of the communities, to continue cooperating with the public administration trusting the we will bring in all the richness of authenticity needed for the understanding and transmission of each piece of Jewish heritage that our people has produced in these lands. We believe that the contributions of this commission in all relative to the preservation, diffusion and representation of the Jewish heritage in Catalunya, tangible as well as intangible, will guarantee the quality of the interventions, the adaptations of use and the interpretation of its contents.*

*Despite the difficulties that will arise, the efforts will result exemplary, a reason of pride for the city and for all Catalunya, because to work together with civil society represented a "good practice" in heritage protection.*

## > Composition

- Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona, represented by president *T. Burdman*
- Comunitat Jueva ATID de Catalunya, represented by vice president *P.A. Ullmo*
- Jabad Lubavitch Barcelona, represented by *Rabbi David Libersohn*

## > Technical representatives

*Dominique Tomasov Blinder and David Stoleru, architects*

## > Collaborators

We are grateful for the valuable contributions of:  
internal team of each congregation

- *Aaron Azagury*, B'nai B'rith, logia Barcelona Nahmanides
- *Oriol Granados*, *Laura Arias*, archaeologists; *Carles Basteiro*, lawyer; *Gail Sussman*, Rimonim Consultants; *Chizkiya Kalmanowitz*, Atra Kadisha

The liaisons with the public administration, sensitive to our interests, have been instrumental in our progress to reach our aims.

- *Generalitat de Catalunya*:  
Landmarks Direction General; Religious Affairs Direction; Parliament
- *Ajuntament de Barcelona*:  
Urban Planning Direction; Civil Rights Direction