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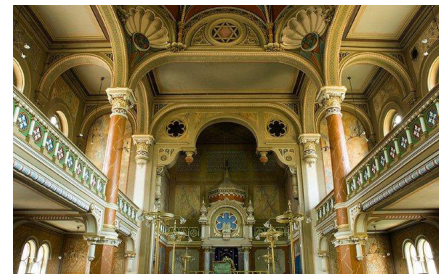
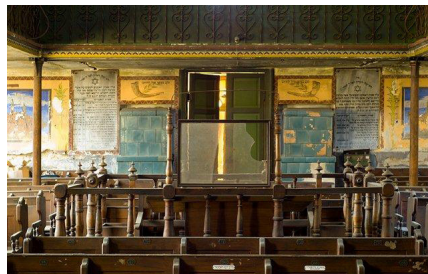
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AUTUMN and SPRING TOURS of TRANSYLVANIAN SYNAGOGUES

12th - 19th October 2010 / 24th - 31st May 2011

A journey into Jewish history, religion and culture as part of understanding a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Transylvania. The highly experienced guide Ramona Cazacu will conduct a specially crafted tour - basing herself in the Saxon villages - to visit Transylvanian Synagogues such as Sibiu, Sighișoara, Tirgu Mures and Mediaș. Including 7 nights stay in beautiful Transylvanian houses, cost per person £950.



The Mihai Eminescu Trust has over ten years completed hundreds of restoration projects. It now aims to restore as many threatened synagogues as possible and to revive the Jewish culture and history.

SIGHIȘOARA SYNAGOGUE

Thanks to the generous support of The Rothschild Foundation and substantial funds raised by Mr David Blum, the Trust has helped in completing the restoration of the Sighișoara Synagogue. The remaining Rothschild Foundation grant has been transferred to a second synagogue in Mediaș.

MEDIAȘ SYNAGOGUE

This Synagogue lies close beside the medieval citadel walls of the town, 40 km west of Sighișoara. Built in 1896 and together with the surrounding property, the synagogue represented the crux of Jewish life in the region. The Rabbi's house, community offices, Jewish school and Mikvah, the ritual baths, were all located on this property

When the Trust first discovered the Mediaș synagogue in 2008 it was completely abandoned and contained a large number of books, documents and religious objects thrown haphazardly around the floor. The archives (many fascinating historical documents) are now cleaned, sorted and properly stored. The most notable feature of the synagogue's interior is the beautiful wall painting. The building suffered from high humidity and lack of maintenance, the roof was leaking and the plaster crumbling. The Trust put in place quick remedial building work to prevent further deterioration but now desperately seeks more funds for a proper restoration programme.

OTHER INFORMATION

It is hoped that the current project will expand in the coming years, not only with the restoration of the building itself, but also with the creation of a centre for local schools and communities to learn about Jewish history, religion and culture as part of a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Transylvania.

SYNAGOGUE TOURS: for further information please contact: office@myromania.com.ro

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