

Old Jewish Cemetery Description

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[Gamla Mosaiska begravningsplatsen vid Svingeln – Wikipedia](#)

Gamla Mosaiska begravningsplatsen (Old Mosaiska Cemetery) at **Svingeln** is one of Gothenburg's two Jewish cemeteries. It is located in the Gullbergsvass district, with the property designation **Gullbergsvass 703:18**. The cemetery was inaugurated in **1793**, expanded in **1814**, and officially named in **1817**. [Both the cemetery and the Mosaiska kapellet \(Mosaiska Chapel\) are protected as historical buildings since June 27, 2019¹](#).

The **chapel**, constructed in **1864**, features facades made of yellow brick and a tin-clad dome. It is built in a **Moorish style**, with interior details and patterns inspired by Spanish synagogues. Despite its proximity to the nearby railway causing vibrations, the chapel was renovated in **2006–2007**, including the replacement of significant portions of the brickwork. The cemetery is surrounded by a decorative iron fence, and both the exterior and interior, with tiled stoves and paneled walls, are remarkably well-preserved. [The chapel has been part of the city's preservation program since 1987¹](#).

History:

- In **1780**, the Mosaiska församlingen (Mosaiska Congregation) was formed by the Jewish families Delbanco, Henriques, and Salomon.
- In **1792**, Benedict Henriques requested a burial place for the deceased Jewish community members, leading to the establishment of the cemetery.
- The cemetery expanded in **1817** and remained the only burial ground for the Mosaiska församlingen until the creation of the second Jewish cemetery in Gothenburg, the **Nya Mosaiska begravningsplatsen**, in **1915**.
- The chosen plot was initially outside the city limits and had previously been designated as a military cemetery.
- The chapel, designed in a Moorish style, was built in **1864** with a distinctive domed roof.
- [Over time, the cemetery has seen expansions and renovations, preserving its historical significance¹²](#).

Old cemetery co-ordinates 57.71246766458444, 11.989998453533307