

Visit to the Jewish Museum
Albert Steet, Camden

The Museum is always worth a visit as there is ever-changing panoply of exhibitions and displays, usually quite extensive.

The exhibition that we saw covered the decade prior to the Second World War and there was sadness in the story telling as photos told the fate of many families. Suicide was a common theme, seen as a better alternative to some in the Jewish population than shipment to the concentration camps.

The museum has a re-created Victorian Jewish Quarter, which many cities in Europe of course had, with a range of historical artefacts and Holocaust tales, not all of which ended badly. The focus is on Jews in Britain, their history and heritage, the recurrent themes being migration, family, faith and the distinctive culture.

On the museum's publicity they say they are the only museum in London dedicated to a minority community.

This was an educative but sobering visit to a very important race and period of history.

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