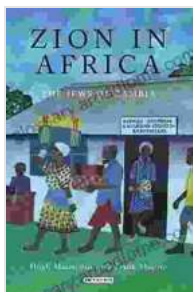


# Zion in Africa: The Jews of Zambia



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The Jewish community in Zambia is a small but vibrant one, with a history dating back to the early 1900s. The first Jews to arrive in Zambia were mostly traders and merchants from Eastern Europe, seeking new opportunities in the British colony.

Over the years, the Jewish community in Zambia has grown and diversified, and today there are Jews from all over the world living in the country. They are a close-knit community, with a strong sense of identity and tradition. They have their own synagogues, schools, and cultural organizations, and they play an active role in Zambian society.

## History

The first Jews to arrive in Zambia were mostly traders and merchants from Eastern Europe. They came to the country in search of new opportunities, and they quickly established themselves in the Zambian economy. By the

1930s, there was a small but thriving Jewish community in Zambia, with synagogues and schools in the main cities.

During the Second World War, many Jewish refugees from Europe came to Zambia. They were welcomed by the local Jewish community, and they helped to strengthen the community's institutions. After the war, the Jewish community in Zambia continued to grow, and by the 1960s, there were over 1,000 Jews living in the country.

In 1964, Zambia gained independence from Britain. The Jewish community was fully integrated into Zambian society, and they played a role in the country's development. However, in the 1970s, the Zambian government began to nationalize the economy, and many Jewish businesses were forced to close. This led to a decline in the Jewish population, and by the 1980s, there were only a few hundred Jews left in Zambia.

In recent years, the Jewish community in Zambia has begun to grow again. This is due in part to the influx of Jewish refugees from other African countries, such as Zimbabwe and South Africa. Today, there are about 500 Jews living in Zambia, and they are a vibrant and active community.

## **Culture**

The Jewish community in Zambia has a rich and diverse culture. They have their own synagogues, schools, and cultural organizations, and they celebrate the Jewish holidays and festivals. The community is also very involved in Zambian society, and they play a role in the country's political, economic, and social life.

The Jewish community in Zambia is a close-knit one, with a strong sense of identity and tradition. They are proud of their Jewish heritage, and they are committed to preserving their culture and traditions.

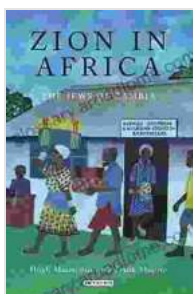
## Religion

The Jewish community in Zambia is predominantly Orthodox. There are two Orthodox synagogues in Zambia, one in Lusaka and one in Kitwe. The synagogues are the center of Jewish life in Zambia, and they are where the community gathers for prayer, study, and socializing.

The Jewish community in Zambia also has a small Reform congregation. The Reform congregation is located in Lusaka, and it is open to Jews of all backgrounds. The Reform congregation is committed to social justice and outreach, and it plays a role in the broader Zambian community.

The Jewish community in Zambia is a small but vibrant one. They have a rich and diverse culture, and they are actively involved in Zambian society. The community is facing some challenges, but they are confident that they will continue to thrive in the years to come.

Zion in Africa: The Jews of Zambia is a fascinating account of the history, culture, and traditions of the Jewish community in Zambia. It is a story of resilience, community, and faith.



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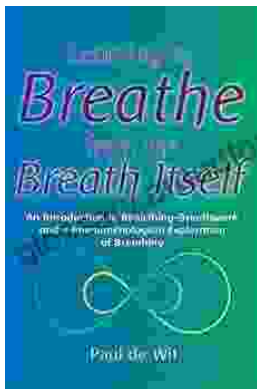
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