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## **Jewish London**

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This book was exactly what I had been waiting for! Indeed the following day, I went to Whitechapel, followed the map and enjoyed walking around Cable Street and visiting several synagogues and interesting sites the book's authors had suggested.

'A comprehensive guidebook for visitors and Londoners' is how it is described on the front page. That is exactly what is and does so well. There are many photographs and maps and other walks apart from the one I took. The layout of the book encourages 'dipping in' and learning new things. This is not just for the Jewish community, all will benefit as we can all understand a vital part of London's vibrant Jewish story.

Obviously Golders Green and Stamford Hill are covered, but important older areas like Spitalfields, the East End and the City have their treasures uncovered. Hidden Jewish London is revealed. The Jewish Museum and Holocaust memorials are described, cemeteries and the Rothschilds are remembered. Significant Jewish people from the past are described, especially where they lived.

The life of Jewish London today is explained by area. Educational and cultural life around London is described. Day trips are encouraged to Tunbridge Wells, Disraeli's Hughenden Manor, Montefiore's Ramsgate and Rothschild's Waddesdon Manor.

I will enjoy the other 9 walks during this summer! This book is a real treasure – it is a must-have guide.

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