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The Jewish Museum of Switzerland is

Founded in Basel in 1966, the Jewish Museum of Switzerland was the first Jewish Museum to open in a German-speaking country after the Second World War. It is now celebrating its 50th anniversary with new highlights and a new look.

Everyday life and festive occasions, the present and the past are represented by artifacts from the Museum's meanwhile rightly renowned collection. Out of storage and on display for the first time is a Torah arc from Solothurn, where a Jewish community was established shortly before Jews were granted equal rights in 1866.

The chronological exhibition presents the history of Switzerland from a Jewish perspective. For two millennia, Jews have been courted and oppressed, integrated and banished. A ring from late antiquity, documents from the Middle Ages, books from the Early Modern period, and household items from the 18th century speak of the lives Jews led until the repeal of discriminatory laws in 1866. Also on display are documents of the communities founded thereafter, texts by Theodor Herzl, and the personal effects of Jews who sought refuge in Switzerland from National Socialism. And today? What is taking place in contemporary Swiss-Jewish culture?

Exhibition
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New opening hours: Mon/Fri/Sun 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wed 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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