

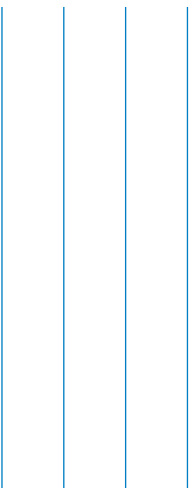
kARtka z synagogą



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The Wolpa Synagogue was built in what is now Belarus, probably in the first half of the 18th century. Its architect is unknown. The Synagogue underwent several renovations between 1903-1936, mainly on its roof and aron ha-kodesh. It was declared a cultural monument in 1929 and was destroyed by the Nazis in June 1941 or December 1942.

The Wolpa Synagogue is considered to be one of the most outstanding works of wooden architecture in Europe. The layout was strictly symmetrical, which was particularly emphasized by two-story alcoves on the western wall. The impressive octagonal vault gave the intended effect of perspective correction, which made the main hall appear higher than it actually was. The vault was divided by galleries and balustrades into separate stories, differentiated by their cross-sectional profile. The interior was decorated magnificently in polychrome paintings.

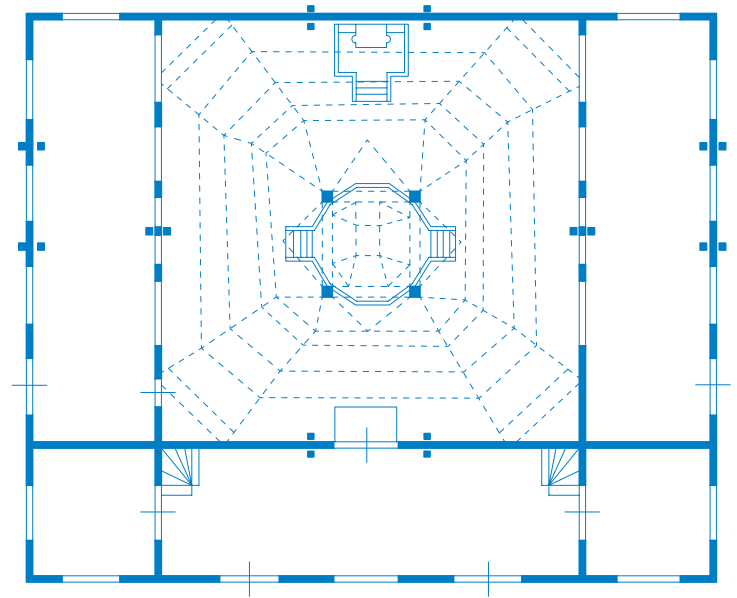
In 2015, a life-size physical replica was created in the city of Bilgoraj (Lublin Province, Poland). This digital reconstruction from 2022 is primarily based on the survey drawings from Maria and Kazimierz Piechotka's book "Heaven's Gates. Wooden Synagogues in the Territories of the Former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth" and a new polychrome design commissioned by the Fundation Bilgoraj XXI.

„KARTKA z Synagoga” project is implemented by the Institute of Architecture of the Hochschule Mainz in cooperation with the Architecture Department of the Warsaw University of Technology to document and promote the lost cultural heritage, on the basis of source materials collected and compiled mainly by Mr. and Mrs. Maria and Kazimierz Piechotka.



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