Great Synagogue

The Synagogue on Dohány utca is the dominant building in Budapest's Jewish district. It is the largest Jewish place of worship in Europe, second only in the world to the Emanu-El Temple in New York in terms of size. Featuring a host of architectural elements rarely seen in synagogue design, the moorish building was consecrated on September 6, 1859. The columns are designed to remind worshippers of the two tall columns of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.