

JEWISH SYNAGOGUE WITH LIBRARY AND GUESTHOUSE

location:	Potsdam (Germany)
client:	Land Brandenburg; Potsdam Jewish Community
consultants:	IOSIS Centre-Ouest (structure and services)
gross surface:	4 800m ²
cost:	8,0M € excl. VAT
phase:	restricted competition (honourable mention)
timetable:	02.2009-04.2009

The genesis of the new synagogue for the Potsdam Jewish Community can be founded in the Jerusalem Wailing Wall. Beyond its extreme importance in the Jewish culture, the overall dimension scale of this masterpiece was taken as a guide reference for the design of the new worship complex.

On one hand the new building fits into the historical Potsdam grid with its neoclassical buildings by finding strict alignments with beside constructions; at the same time, the new architecture wants to assert and declare his presence and function especially by its own materials: a monolith stone volume with ashlar differently treated for size and finishing.

The transparent and translucent part of the façades are measured to maximize the use and comfort of interior spaces. Natural light, playing with the stone cladding, enhances the sacredness of the place.

