

Jewish Dublin – Portraits of Life by the Liffey by Asher Benson.
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Jewish Dublin is a history of the Jews of Ireland's capital told through the medium of photographs with short accompanying texts. The project was conceived by Asher Benson, who died in 2006, and published posthumously. Anyone who enjoys looking at old photographs will be intrigued by Jewish Dublin and, as they turn its pages, increasingly enthralled by it.

The photographs cover a very wide range of subjects; synagogues and cemeteries, Zionist and Youth groups, chief rabbis and leading lay people, sportsmen and women, politicians and artists.

Several excellent books have been produced in recent years detailing the history of Ireland's Jews but Jewish Dublin is one of the most approachable and engaging, and a volume to whom one is inspired repeatedly to return.

Rabbi Dr Charles H Middleburgh