

Abraham OUNGRE

(1847-1921)

Ancien cimetière juif



In the 19th century, a Jewish community grew up in Arlon. It represented around 2% of the town's population. In 1856, part of the town cemetery was set aside for Jewish burials. The community acquired its own synagogue in 1865. Until 1867, community leaders had great difficulty in finding a cantor. A qualified person had to be found to perform the duties of hazzan (prayer leader), teacher and shohet (ritual animal slaughterer).

Abraham Oungre was born on 30 July 1847 in Hellimer in the French region of Moselle and moved to Arlon at the age of 20. He met all the criteria, and so became the leader of the growing Jewish community. He took on the role of cantor in 1867 and served for 45 years.

After the death of his second wife, in 1912, he left the Arlon community and went to live with his two sons in Paris. He died there on 29 August 1921.



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