



**TEKST UITGESPROKEN BIJ DE ONTHULLING VAN DE HERINNERINGSPLAAT
WAAROP DE DONOREN VAN DE RENOVATIE EN HET HERFINANCOERINGSPLAN
VAN DE SYNAGOGE BORCULO ZIJN VERMELD**

TEXT PRONOUNCED WHEN REVEALING THE REMINDER PLATE
ON WHICH THE DONORS OF THE RENOVATION AND THE HERFINANCOERINGSPLAN
OF THE SYNAGOGUE BORCULO ARE LISTED

There's no longer a Jewish community in Borculo, yet we still have a synagogue. This building tells us that indeed there was once a Jewish community here.

The sixty eight 'stolpersteinen' or stumbling stones in the pavements tell us that Jewish people once lived here in Borculo. And we all know what happened to those that perished during the Second World War.

The few that survived have testified about their experiences, often after long periods of silence and even then with considerable reluctance. Their witness to the abominable Nazi regime has shocked everyone. The horror was beyond belief. Within a few years, all those remaining who were witness to this horror will have passed away. There will be no one left anymore to tell their shocking stories at first hand.

The main concern for these survivors is that their stories must be told to following generations to warn against hatred based on racial and religious aspects. Now that we have heard their stories, we too have become witnesses, albeit indirectly.

There is a moral duty for us to pass on these stories about this horror. There's no better place in Borculo to tell about the Holocaust than here in this synagogue. The preservation of this building is a condition for the continuity of this.

A number of years ago the future of this monument was at risk owing to debts created by the restoration in 2008.

However, thanks to donations received, our foundation was able to pay off the bank loan, whereby this building's future in honour of all those who suffered could be preserved.

We thank the organisations and people that have supported our foundation to this end.

As a lasting commemoration of our gratitude their names will be directly unveiled on the memory plaque, meaning that this synagogue will be a platform for keeping alive the memory of Borculo's flourishing Jewish community of yesteryear.