

DEWWAR AL-HESBEH

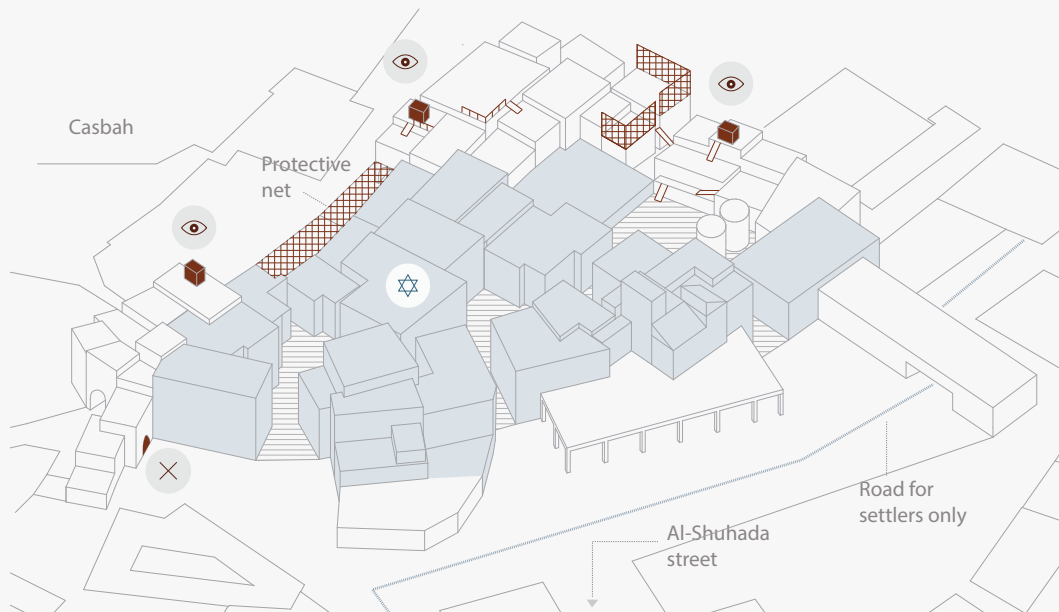
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The largest settlement inside Hebron, located in the heart of the Old City between Al-Shuhada Street and the main street of the Casbah. Several windows from settlers houses look out on the Casbah street which forced the municipality to install protective nets to ensure safety for Palestinians exposed to trash thrown out of the settler windows. The settlement is built adjoining the Hebron vegetable market, composed mainly of residential units and a restored synagogue. It used to be a diverse area shared by Palestin-

ians and descendants of Jewish exiles from Spain, who came to the area in the 16th century. The report written by The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee says that the Israeli Government has been making great efforts to renovate this area since the second half of the 1970's, especially in the old synagogue that was rebuilt during this period. As a consequence, in 1983 the Israeli forces started destroying buildings surrounding the Jewish Synagogue and building residential compounds dedicat-

ed to settlers in their place. This settlement is a prime example of how the fabric of the Old City is being lost by building new, massive buildings created without any respect to existing architecture. The area is well controlled from above by soldiers using Palestinian houses as watch points.

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- Elements of the occupation
- Settlers' buildings