



## Jerusalem's David Yellin Street and Environs: The People behind the names

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In Jerusalem there is a street named after one of its founders – David Yellin (1864-1942). He was born in Jerusalem, and was an educator who was considered to be the forefather of Hebrew education in the country. He also was a teacher and a writer, a researcher, a Hebrew linguist and a revivalist, a Middle Eastern expert. Yellin was a public figure and leader of the *Yishuv* (pre-State Jewish population). David Yellin Street stretches through two districts built outside the city walls, beginning in *Zichron Moshe* where he lived. Established with Yellin's support towards the end of the Ottoman period in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the most modern and enlightened district of Jewish Jerusalem, its residents fought for the revival of Hebrew, and David Yellin was instrumental in establishing important educational institutions located here. The street continues into *Ruchama*, erected during the British Mandate. This article describes the development of *Zichron Moshe* and *Ruchama* neighborhoods, focusing on the Yellin family and the restoration of the street.