

The Shrine of Joseph (Yusuf)

Site Description: Shrines spread widely in Palestine during the Middle Ages and the Ottoman period, as these shrines were associated with the names of the prophets or righteous saints to honor them and to seek blessings from them. There were many forms and patterns of shrines, including a building without a mausoleum, others with a mausoleum, and some in the form of a cave, trees, or pile of stones. The shrine was built during the Ottoman era around 1880 A.D. It is surrounded by an open yard, and the entrance to the shrine room is through a wide open arch in the northern facade. It leads to an empty hall that leads to the inner room, which is the room of the shrine and is surmounted by a stone dome. The niche mediates its southern facade, and its floor includes the tomb building right next to the shrine; in 1927, additional rooms were used as a school for the children of Balata village. And as part of the occupation actions to project the names and labels mentioned in the Old Testament on the different geographical locations in Palestine to occupy them under a supposed religious cover, the place was haphazardly linked to the story of the Prophet Joseph. And that is what led them to establish an illegal settlement controlling the area. There is no historical witness or archaeological evidence for this supposed claim. All results of archaeological surveys and excavations have refuted this alleged narrative.

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Address

The shrine is located at the eastern end of the village of Balata at the beginning of the Balata Plain. It is bordered on the east by Mazouz al-Masry School, and on the north by the street that connects the village of Balata with the main Amman Street...

Nablus ,Balata - next to Al-Hajj Mazouz Al-Masry School.
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32.21334,35.28497

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Entry Limitation

The site is under security threat; As a result of the provocations of the occupation forces and settlers , and attempts to desecrate the shrine.

Booking On Site

No

Booking Online

No

Booking via Phone

No

Advance booking required

No

Agent Voucher Accepted

Fee: Special Group Rate

No

No

Handicap bathroom

No

Stairs

No

Wheelchair Friendly

No

Stroller Friendly

No