

## The Abrahamic Family House inaugurated in Dubai

I will bring them to My sacred mount And let them rejoice in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices Shall be welcome on My mizbayach; For My House shall be called A house of prayer for all peoples.”

**ISAIAH 56:7**

(THE ISRAEL BIBLE)

*“these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”*

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The Abrahamic Family House, a compound that houses the Imam Al Tayeb Mosque, St. Francis Church, and Moses Ben Maimon Synagogue described as the “first purpose-built synagogue in the United Arab Emirates”, **was inaugurated on Saadiyat Island in Dubai on Thursday (February 16, 2023)**. It will open to the public on March 1, opening its doors daily from 10 AM to bookings in advance.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE President, released a statement on the occasion.

“As the Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi is inaugurated, we remain committed to harnessing the power of mutual respect, understanding, and diversity to achieve shared progress,” he said.

The Abrahamic Family House aims to serve as a community for inter-religious dialogue and exchange and be a physical manifestation of the Document on Human Fraternity, also known as the Abu Dhabi declaration, a joint statement signed by Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, in February 2019 in Abu Dhabi. The complex, designed by Ghanaian architect Sir David Adjaye, seeks to

represent interfaith co-existence, preserves the unique character of the religions represented, and builds bridges between human civilization and the Abrahamic messages.

Tours in either English or Arabic are available between 11 am and 7 pm, from Tuesday to Saturday. Visitors are required to adhere to a dress code. Women are required to cover their head in the premises. If they are not carrying a scarf, they will be provided one at the compound. Men are required to wear trousers that cover their knees and shirts that cover their shoulders.

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