

Abstract

The research of this Master thesis will focus on the guided tours telling the history of the jewish community of the Marais in Paris. Following several waves of migrations coming from different parts of the world, le Marais is seen primarily as a jewish district. With its numerous monuments and museums linked to the jewish community and its folkloric shops, le Marais is the jewish district of Paris for many Parisians and tourists. However, thanks to the research of historians, sociologists and anthropologists, we will see that the presence of this jewish community is not as strong as one would imagine. Besides its rich history, the district was one of the first to be protected as a whole thanks to a new law protecting the heritage. Using these datas plus a case-study of guided tours in le Marais, we will see why the district is particularly suited to guided tours about its jewish history and how its complexity allows the guide to use it in many different ways.