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An evening stroll through the Historical Cemetery of Mamilla in the Holy City of Jerusalem

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The southern entrance of the Mamilla Cemetery.

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A tomb preserved by family members



The overgrown and dried out graveyard of Mamilla

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The Masoleum on this picture confines an old tomb. This is right at the entrance of the cemetery.



We were able to take pictures from a small window. It seems like it has been used for storage.



Debris, rubble and rubbish fill the surroundings. Notice the neglected architecture that is slowly disintegrating.

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Families try to retrieve the rest of the graves by engraving new grave stones to preserve what is left of the tomb itself: stones.



Graves have been deliberately dug out from any human remains such as bones or skeletons. It appears on the second picture an electric cable is going through the graves. The third picture displays the grave barely standing and about to collapse.

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Deliberately broken gravestones.



The area around the cemetery is overgrown: dried out weeds and grass. Rubbish is everywhere.

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The tomb is not composed of its original stone and architecture.
Cement has been poured over it and a new gravestone adorns it.

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Families attempt to protect the tombs from vandalism by fixing metal fences around the graves.



This tomb is not in its original state. Because of neglect, families refill them with concrete and carve the names out again to preserve their historicity





Broken gravestones



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Damaged and vandalized tomb. The headstone is missing.

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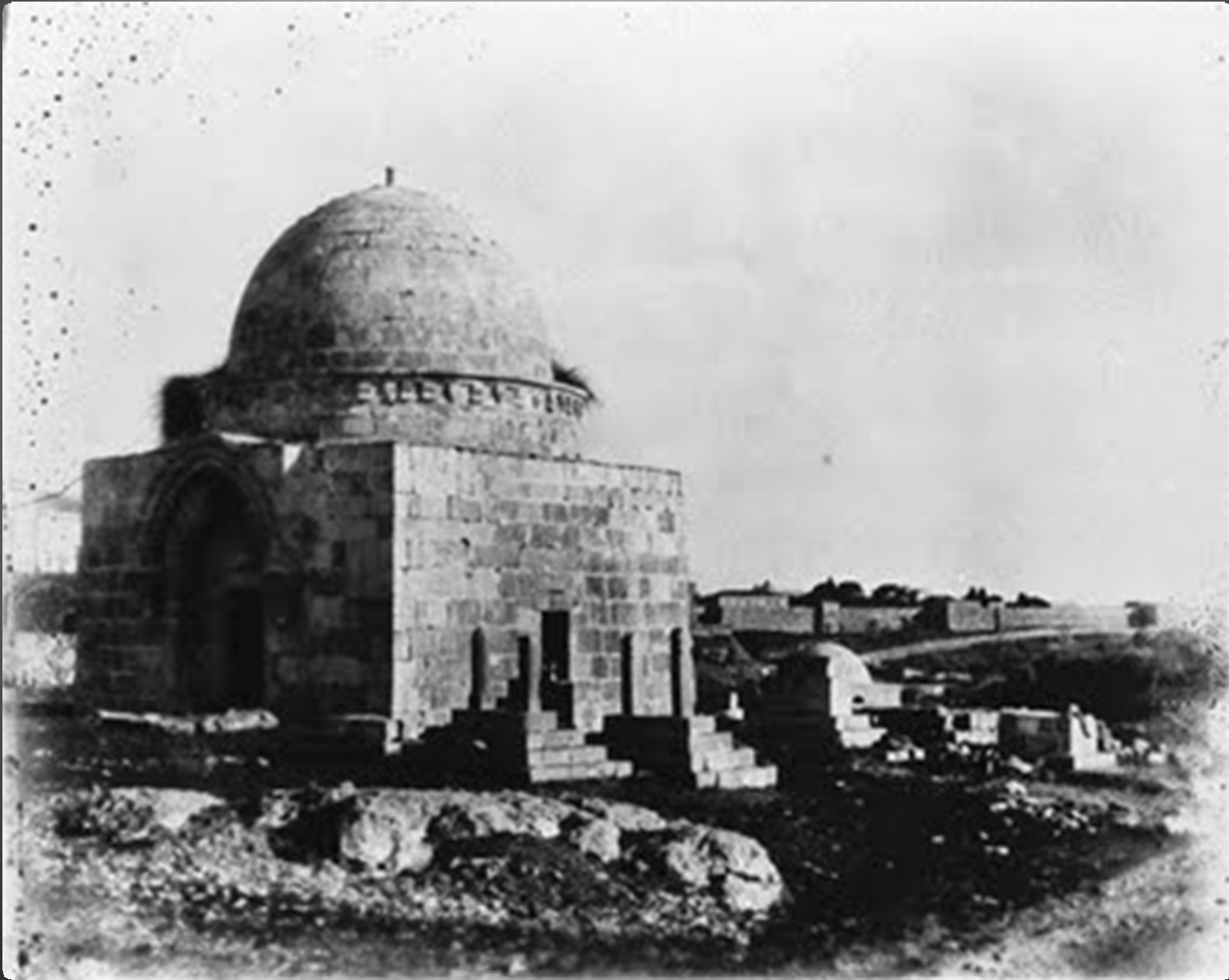
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A whole area in the middle of the cemetery is closed off with fences for the building of the Museum of Tolerance. Security cameras are all around the building site.



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Mamilla entrance in 1870.

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