

## Morocco Gate

The Temple Mount is known in Jewish tradition as “Beth Yahweh” or “House of Yahweh” – God’s dwelling place on earth. Jews, Christians and Muslims traditionally believe that Solomon built his temple on the Temple Mount, and according to tradition (not scripture) that Adam is buried on the Temple Mount. In 2007, after a landslide two years before made the earthen ramp leading to the Mugrabi Gate



unsafe and in danger of collapse, the Israel Antiquities Authority started work on the construction of a temporary wooden pedestrian pathway to the Temple Mount. The ramp to the Mugrabi Gate (Morocco Gate) is to the right in this photo. Before the Jews excavated the Western Wall and removed the dirt built up over time, the gate was at ground level. The Morocco Gate (also, Mugrabi Gate and Gate of the Moors – or in Arabic Bab al-Magharbeh, and in Hebrew: Shaar HaMughrabim) is located on the Western Wall. Barclay’s Gate was covered up over time as the ground outside the Temple Mount rose above the lintel of the gate. A new gate called Bab al-Magharbeh was installed in the Western Wall above the level of the Barclay Gate. The local residents of this part of Jerusalem at that time had come from Morocco, so the gate was named for them. This gate remains open today. It is the only entrance to the Temple Mount non-Muslims are allowed to use.



The Arabic and English sign for the Morocco Gate is posted in painted tile.



The Morocco Gate is at the top of this ramp and it is the only entrance to the Temple Mount non-Muslims can use.