Conclusions and Article References

The cortejos of Izmir today are indeed few in number, and in very poor physical condition. Serious alterations were done to them during the past fifty years, yet they can still give us clues to the life-styles of the Jewish community in the past. Clues turn into vivid pictures, as research on the buildings are combined together with historic information.

This brief study of the Izmir cortejos has indeed provided greater knowledge – although still insufficient. There are very few witnesses in Izmir (Jews over 60 years of age); many others have moved to different parts of the world – especially to Israel. These people need to be further interviewed, as should those who lived in similar dwellings elsewhere – for example, in Thessaloniki, Greece.

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