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New prayer house for three religions

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THE READING

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A new project in Germany will see the world's first building for Christians, Jews and Muslims. It is called the 'House of One' and will open in 2016. People can donate money to it. It will cost €43.5 million. The idea started in 2009 after archaeologists in Berlin found the city's earliest church. An architect then decided it would be a good idea to build a multi-religion building on the same site. He said: "We quickly agreed that something...should be built."

A Jewish leader said Berlin was the best place for the building because it was where the extermination of the Jews was planned in World War II. He said: "Berlin is the city of wounds and miracles." A Christian leader agreed, saying: "Berlin is the city of...peaceful coexistence of believers from different faiths."

A Muslim leader hoped different people would understand each other better. He wanted children to have a future in which "diversity is the norm".

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/welcome-to-berlins-house-of-one--a-church-synagogue-and-mosque-9507002.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. A new project | a. religion building |
| 2. the world's | b. money to it |
| 3. for Christians, Jews | c. the city's earliest church |
| 4. People can donate | d. first building |
| 5. archaeologists in Berlin found | e. agreed |
| 6. decided it would | f. and Muslims |
| 7. build a multi- | g. be a good idea |
| 8. We quickly | h. in Germany |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A Jewish | a. for the building |
| 2. the best place | b. to have a future |
| 3. planned in | c. different faiths |
| 4. the city of wounds | d. other better |
| 5. believers from | e. leader |
| 6. understand each | f. the norm |
| 7. He wanted children | g. World War II |
| 8. diversity is | h. and miracles |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new project in Germany (1) _____ first building for Christians, Jews and Muslims. It is called the 'House of One' (2) _____ 2016. People can donate money to it. (3) _____ €43.5 million. The idea started in 2009 (4) _____ in Berlin found the city's earliest church. An architect then decided it would be a good idea to build a (5) _____ on the same site. He said: "We (6) _____ something...should be built."

A Jewish leader said Berlin (7) _____ for the building because (8) _____ the extermination of the Jews was planned in World War II. He said: "Berlin is the city of (9) _____." A Christian leader agreed, saying: "Berlin is the city of... (10) _____ of believers from different faiths." A Muslim leader hoped different people would understand (11) _____. He wanted children to have a future in which (12) "_____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
