



# Ossip Klarwein

## An Architect's Journey from Berlin to Jerusalem

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- This catalogue was published to accompany the first monographic exhibition on Ossip Klarwein, in Berlin from June 19, 2025
- The exhibition presents the most important of his more than 100 projects and illustrates his influence on modern architecture

The Church on Hohenzollernplatz in Berlin, commonly known as 'Powerhouse of God', is considered a masterpiece of German brick Expressionism. It is based on a design by Ossip Klarwein (1893-1970) who, despite the importance of his building, is hardly recognised as an architect to this day. Even in Israel, where Klarwein's construction of the Knesset in Jerusalem and numerous other projects significantly shaped the architectural image of the newly founded state, his legacy has yet to be comprehensively analysed.

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