



Argentinian ["Vis-à-vis"](#) portal on 3 August ran an author text by Ambassador Jela Bacovic on the Jewish community in Serbia. In the text, Ambassador Bacovic covered the period since the settlement of the Jews in the territory of Serbia in the 16th century until the present day, stressing that they have always occupied an important and distinguished place in our society, with trade and fine craftsmanship as their line of business. "Difficult times and struggle against several centuries-old rule of the Ottoman Empire in the Balkans peninsula, motivated the Jews to fight along the Serbs for their new homeland, which has been recorded and documented in our history. The prominent Jews of that time, David Albala, a hero of the Balkans and the Great War, Theodor Herzl and Rabbi Yehuda Alkalai, played important roles in promoting the Jewish question in Serbia. As a result, Serbia was among the first countries to support the Balfour Declaration of 1917. By way of gratitude to these prominent personalities and proven friends, two streets in Belgrade have been named after Theodor Herzl and Rabbi Alkalai," the text said.

