

Washington - the Jewish community

Washington DC the capital of USA. Washington now occupies the entire district of Columbia. Often referred to as just DC DC. It stands on the North Bank of the Potomac river, 145 km from the coast. District of Columbia is bounded on the North, West and East with Maryland and on the southern Bank of the Potomac is Virginia. The climate of Washington is temperate humid. In winter, rarely snow and cold. Precipitation of 75 to 100 mm per month. The city is located at an altitude of 120 m above sea level. The author of the project of the city of Pierre-Charles I Enfan took a sample layout of Versailles. He put the Congress building of the state Capitol located on a hill and the presidential Palace the White house on the hill lower. Among them is Pennsylvania Avenue. The old city is divided into four quadrants Northwest northeast southwest and Southeast. Through the city are broad diagonal avenues. The streets go from North to South and from West to East. Meridian street have rooms latitudinal marked. In the name of the street there is always mention of what she quadrant for example 7th street northeast. Diamond-shaped territory of the future Federal district along the Potomac river 260 km² was defined in 1790. In the mid 19th century the territory of the district South of the Potomac was returned to Virginia. After the Civil war, Washington went beyond their own municipal borders and has occupied the entire district of Columbia. D.C.'s not a state. Until 1974, the County and the city were ruled by the office of the President and the Congress. Since 1974, in Washington, DC has an elected mayor and a city Council whose decisions are controlled Congress with veto power. The population of the city was in 20132014. about 602 thousand.¹ The suburbs of Washington went beyond the boundaries of the district and in neighboring States. Agglomeration of greater Washington has an area of 10360 km² and is in addition to the district of Columbia for 5 counties in Maryland and Virginia. The law limits the size of buildings in Washington so there are no skyscrapers. There are a lot of historical monuments and museums. The Federal government settled in town in 1800. Economy of Washington is mainly based on the presence of the Federal government, it lacked industrial production. About half of the city's land belongs to the Federal government which pays no taxes to the city Treasury. Hundreds of thousands of people in the city work for the Federal government. After the adoption of laws against racial discrimination, many areas of the old city was populated by African Americans occupied housing as relocation of former residents to the suburbs. In the second half of the 20th century, more than a quarter of the population of Washington moved to the suburbs. There appeared new jobs and the population of suburban areas increased by 50%

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