

Gottlieb Wilhelm Leitner

1840 – 1899

Belonged to Jewish family from Hungary. 1864 became Principle of Government College University, Lahore (British India). He was instrumental in the foundation of the [University of the Punjab](#) in 1882. Returned to England in 1881 and founded Centre for Oriental Languages, culture and history at Woking. In 1889 he commissioned the construction of a mosque for Muslim students. Shah Jahan Mosque was the first purpose build mosque in Western Europe named after Sultan Shah Jahan, Begum of Bhopal who made sizable donations towards the building of the mosque.