The fortifications of Safed are still strong, though shattered by earthquake. They are supposed to have been built by the Crusaders and garrison of the Knights Templars. It is a high



RUINS OF A JEWISH SYNAGOGUE NEAR SAFED.

and breezy sanitorium, a delightful relief from the deep, hot valley beneath.

In the neighbourhood of Safed, which was the seat of an important Jewish sacerdotal colony, that of Hillel and his thirty-six