



Detail of stained glass window from Cathedral Road Synagogue.
Manyllyn o ffenestr gwydr lliw o Synagog Heol Gadeirlan.
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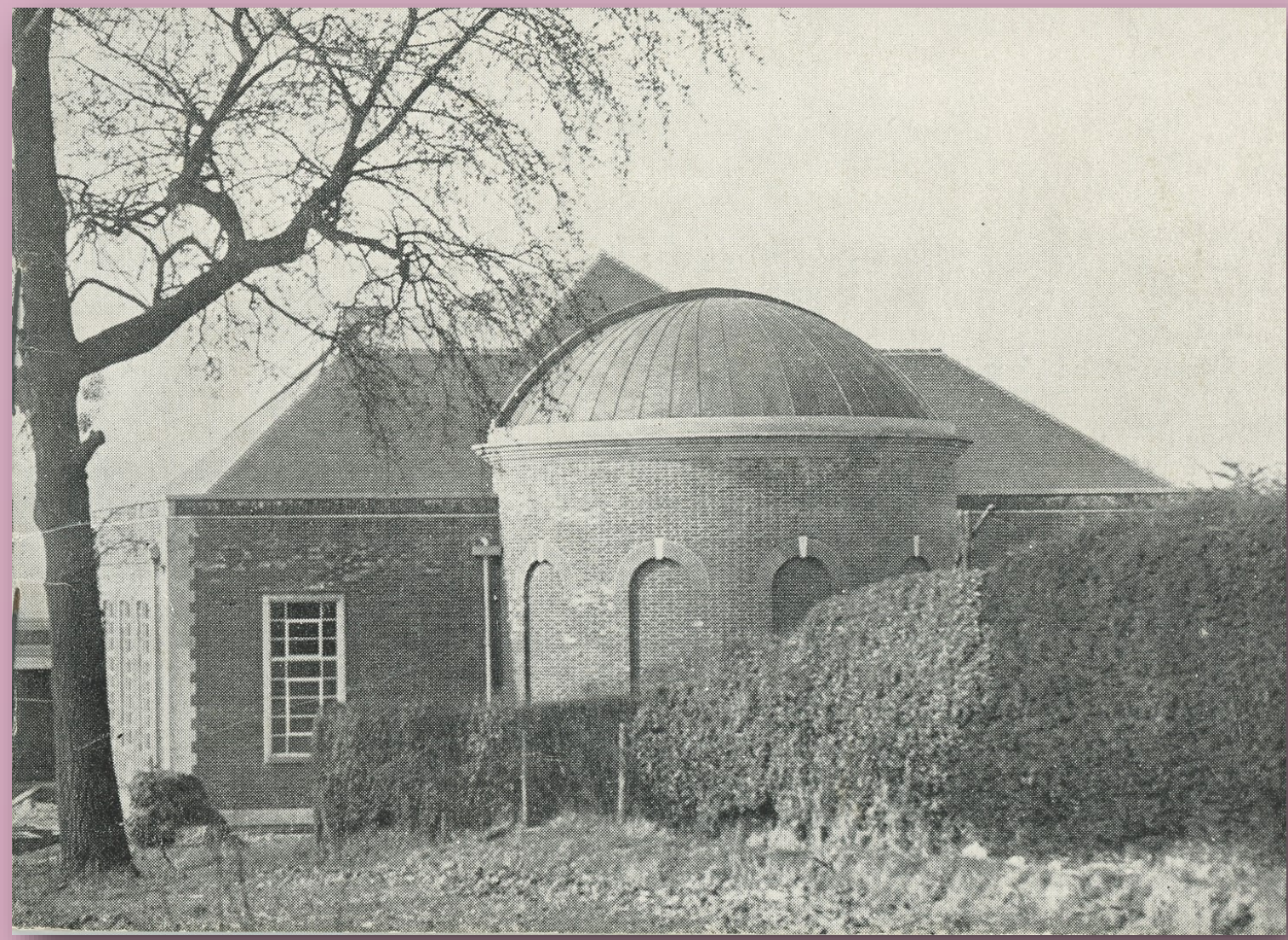
“ You go in, and it really was a large synagogue — very large synagogue, ...there was a ladies’ balcony going all the way — well, three-quarters of the way around and what they did, they had the ark and where the rabbi used to do his sermons at one end, in fact it’s the end where the doors are now, it was that end of the synagogue...and it would seat about, I think, fifteen-hundred people. And on a High Holy Day, on the New Year and Yom Kippur, there were so many people that they had to have chairs going up the aisles, extra chairs going all the way around the synagogue because there were so many people there.”

Ralph Cantor.



Synagogue, Cathedral Road, Cardiff, 1897-1988.
Synagog, Heol Gadeirlan, Caerdydd, 1897-1988.

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Synagogue, Brandreth Road, Cardiff, 1955-2003.
Synagog, Heol Brandreth, Caerdydd, 1955-2003.

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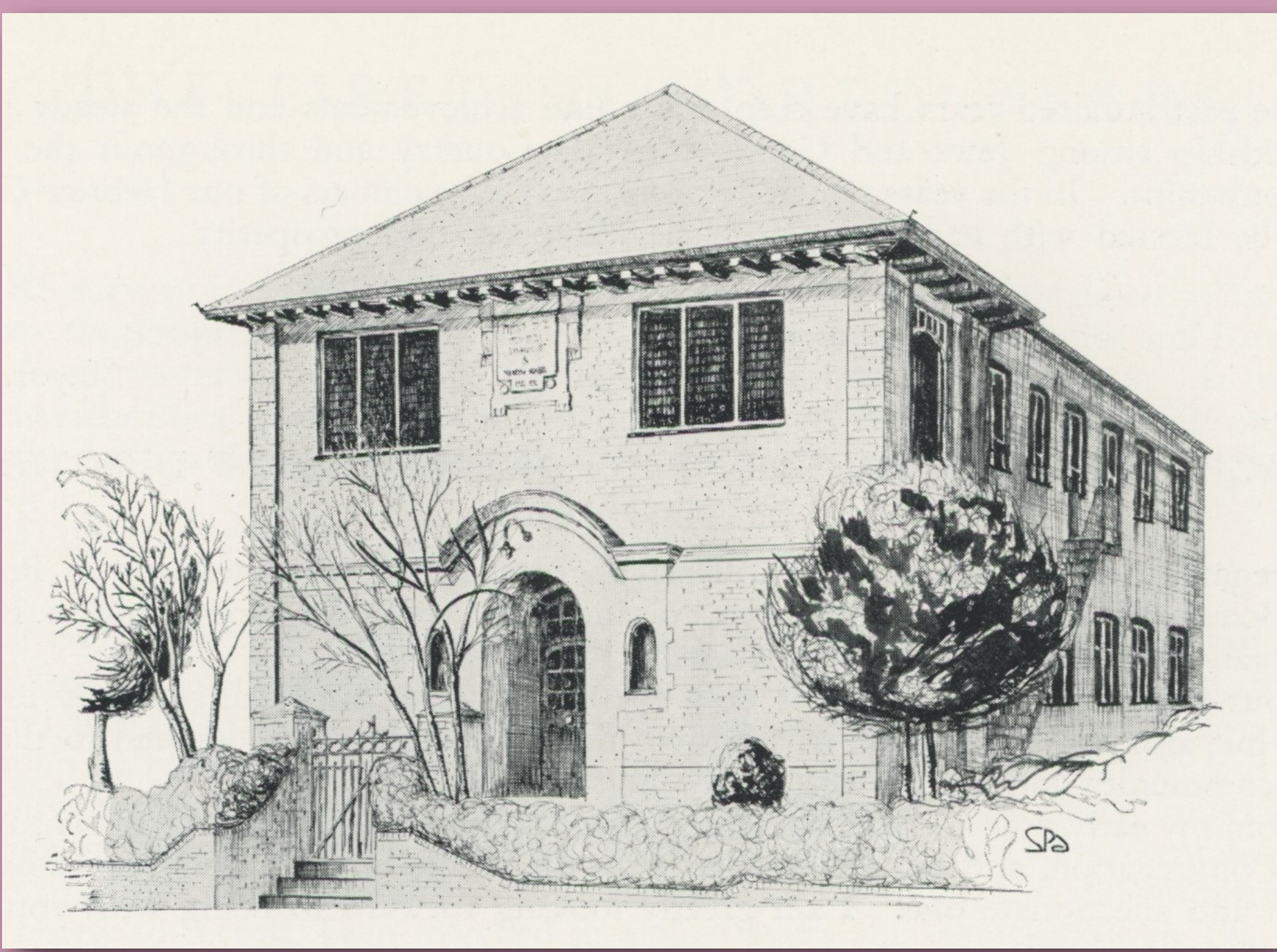
“They bought the property in about 1950. It was an old chapel; it was built originally in 1895, and they bought it in 1950. During the war, it was shaken by bombs and the walls had gone like this [gestures with hands]. So, what they had to do, they had to fill—prop up the roof, which is a tremendous weight, on scaffolding, take down the old—the walls, which had gone like that [gestures with hands], and build new walls. And put tie-bars in and so on...Well, it’s not difficult to convert a chapel. Originally, we had a big open ceiling roof, I mean, you go in there today and there’s a flat roof – a flat ceiling...It was very, very active. And, and, but gradually we shrunk the place somewhat, put in, put in suspended ceilings and put in the stained-glass windows and all that sort of thing, built the ark and the platform, and all that. And I think that really, as a synagogue, it’s very nice.”

Anonymous interviewee.



Moira Terrace, the only Reform Synagogue in Wales, 1952 -
Teras Moira, yr unig Synagog Diwygiedig yng Nghymru, 1952 -

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Synagogue, Queen’s Hill, Newport, 1934-1997.
Synagog, Bryn Y Frenhines, Casnewydd, 1934-1997.

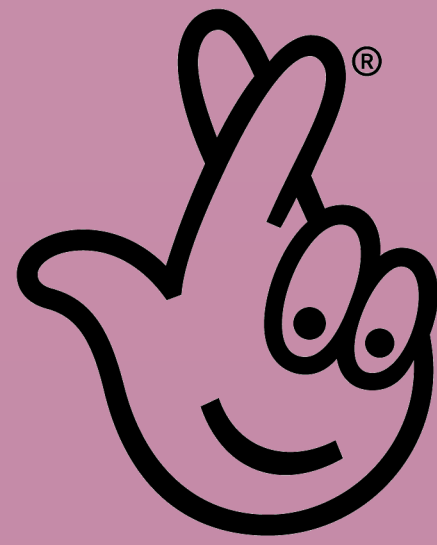
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“The synagogue in Pontypridd... wasn’t a large building by any means. It was — I say if you looked at it, you know, it was like a small church. So, you went in. There was...the ladies’ gallery upstairs. In the centre of the Synagogue was the bimah that’s the — so I don’t know, the pulpit area and against the eastern wall then was the ark holding the scrolls of the Torah, of the law. I suppose it — it — it would have held about two hundred people perhaps.”

Anonymous interviewee.

Former synagogue, Pontypridd, 1895-1978.
Hen synagog, Pontypridd, 1895-1978.

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