

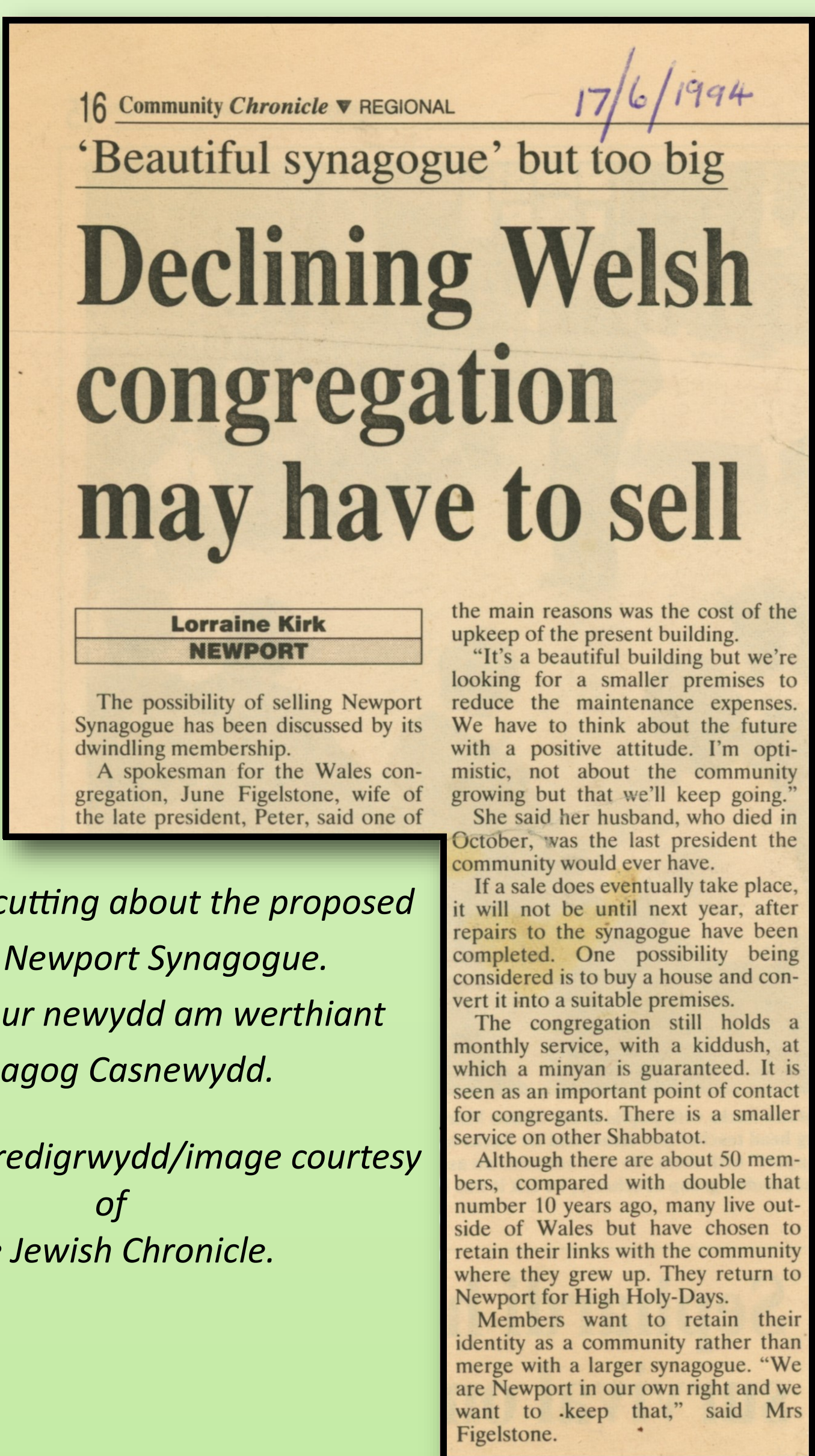


The final service at Newport Synagogue, 20 July 1997.
Y gwasanaeth olaf yn Synagog Casnewydd, 20 Gorffennaf 1997.
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“The continuous reduction of the numbers, it was decided to sell the building at 3 Queen’s Hill Crescent and move to our place in Risca Road, which was used for funerals...Alan Schwartz and his friend used to come over and do some services for us on the Sabbath, and we were pretty grateful for that... And then obviously, the last three, four years we’ve had no services at all on Risca Road.”

Ron Black.



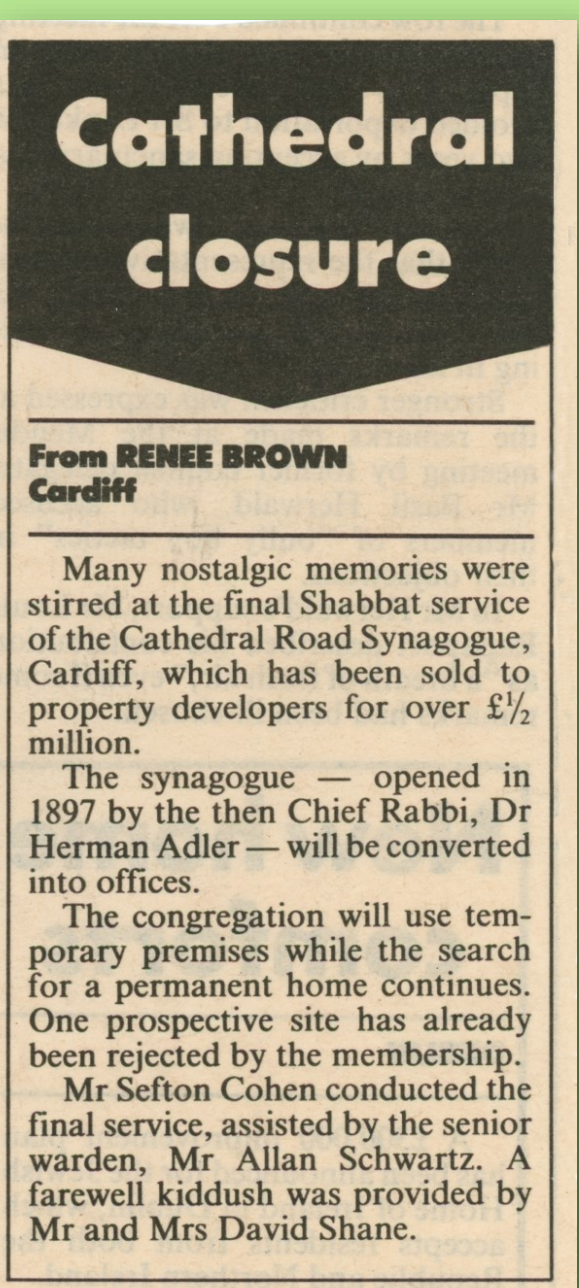
Newspaper cutting about the proposed sale of Newport Synagogue.
Torïad papur newydd am werthiant Synagog Casnewydd.
Llyn trwy garedigrwydd/image courtesy of The Jewish Chronicle.



Newspaper clipping about the sale of Merthyr Synagogue.
Clip papur newydd am werthiant Synagog Merthyr.
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“Well, of course the change in the numbers is enormous, and we’re such a small community now, and that’s probably why amongst my Jewish friends, we’re closer because of that. Socially, we have lots going on...our rabbi is very enterprising, but life has definitely changed enormously from when I was young.”

Doreen Bloom.



Newspaper cutting about the sale of Cathedral Road Synagogue.
Torïad papur newydd am werthu Synagog Heol y Gadeirlan.
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Rabbi Michael Rose and Rebbetzin Aidele Rose, January 2019.
Rabbi Michael Rose a Rebbetzin Aidele Rose, Ionawr 2019.

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“Being different is difficult, and, and therefore there is that struggle of being Jewish in a community that is very, very small because you do not have that peer support. You do not have other people...who are doing the same things, celebrating the same festivals. And I think that is the biggest challenge in a community that is small religiously...On the other hand, with that, because people have to be engaged because if they want the community to continue, they have to actively engage...And actually today, a lot of the people who come to synagogue are coming a lot more than they have ever come in their lives, and they are a lot more committed than they were in the past.

...we realised that we do want to stay, want to help out, and do not want to see a community die. And we are of the ethos of the Chabad movement that, that believes that everyone is important, and that, you know, the community is not too small or, or insignificant to have value and, and, and it is important to continue to, to give that value and religious value.

...I do not think that this community [Cardiff] will disappear. I think there will always be—at least for the foreseeable future, unless things change—there will be a community here. Not maybe in the way it is today, maybe not in the structure it is today, but I think that there will always be a community here for the foreseeable future.”

Rabbi Michael Rose.



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