

# SHUL SURVEY

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## Introduction

We believe that invention is a necessary ambition in architecture, but it rarely emerges by spontaneous intuition. An architect can only hope to make a truly unique proposal after many years of study and reflection. Indeed, it is debatable whether true originality is achievable. To help students understand the task they were attending to this semester.

We invited them to undertake a survey in groups of three of one of the synagogues we selected in Switzerland and the north of Italy. We believe that surveying an existing building helps develop a deeper understanding of its qualities, and is a useful corrective to the belief that it is possible to come up with entirely original solutions. The information recorded in the surveys produced was subsequently drawn upon and referred to throughout the semester to inform the design work. Drawings were produced in plan, section and elevation, and photographs were carefully taken to document the buildings outside and inside.

The students returned to school after visiting these buildings with stories about the Jewish communities and the people they met. These made this work more special and personal. These surveys document more than existing buildings, they are a record of an encounter with a living diaspora.

Scuola Grande Tedesca, Venice, Italy, 1528

p 6 Tempio Maggiore, Florence, Italy, 1874-1882



## Case studies

1 Synagogue, Lengnau

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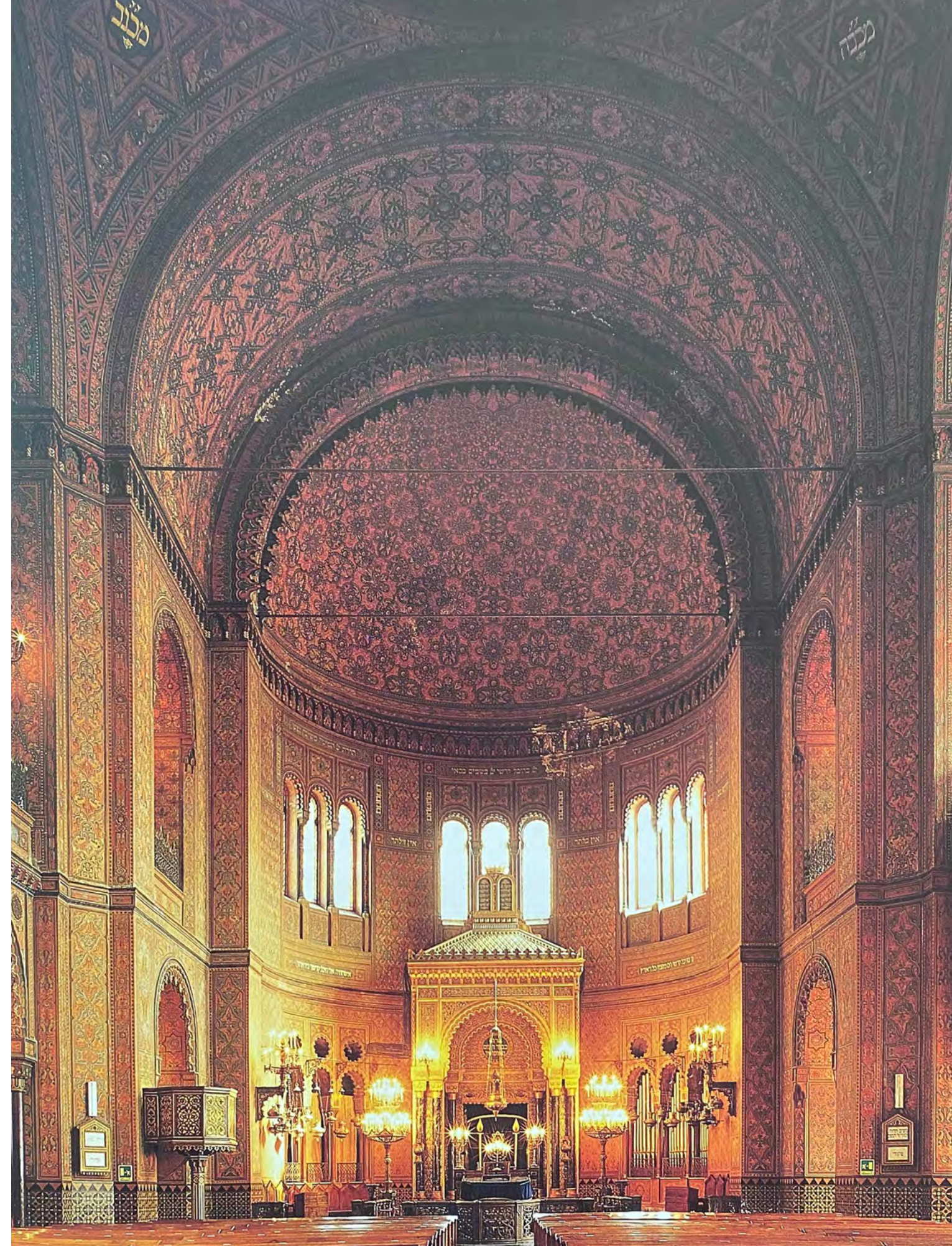
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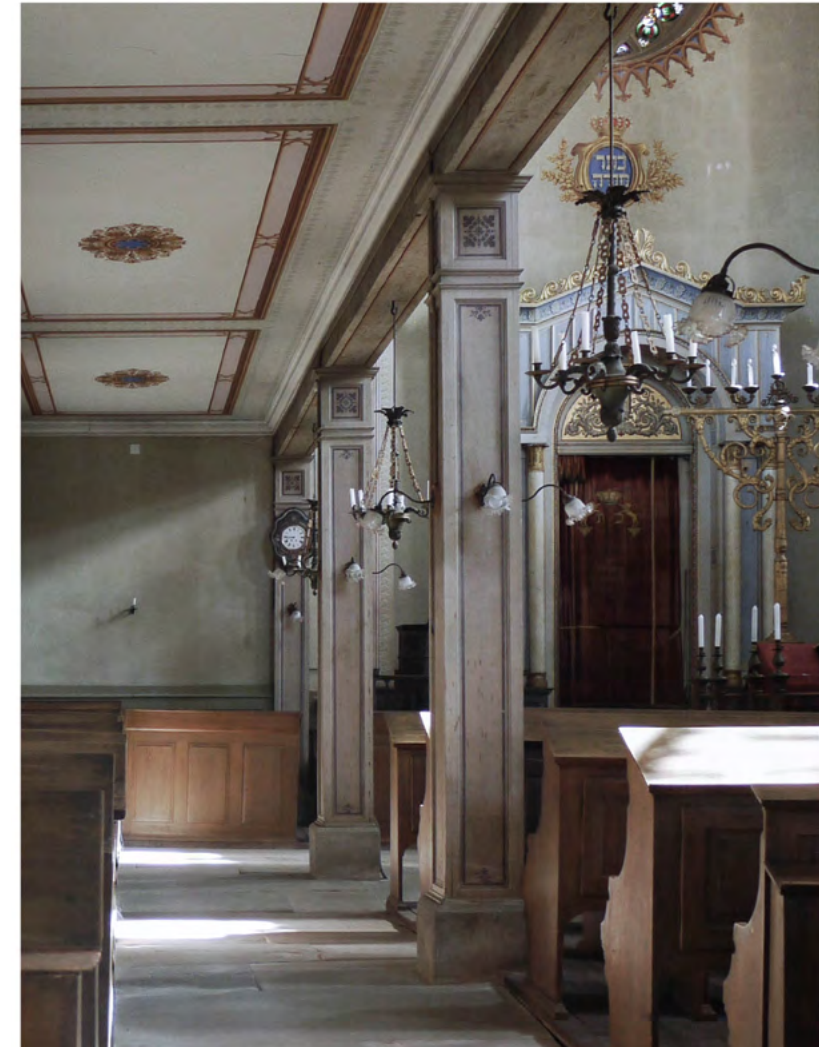
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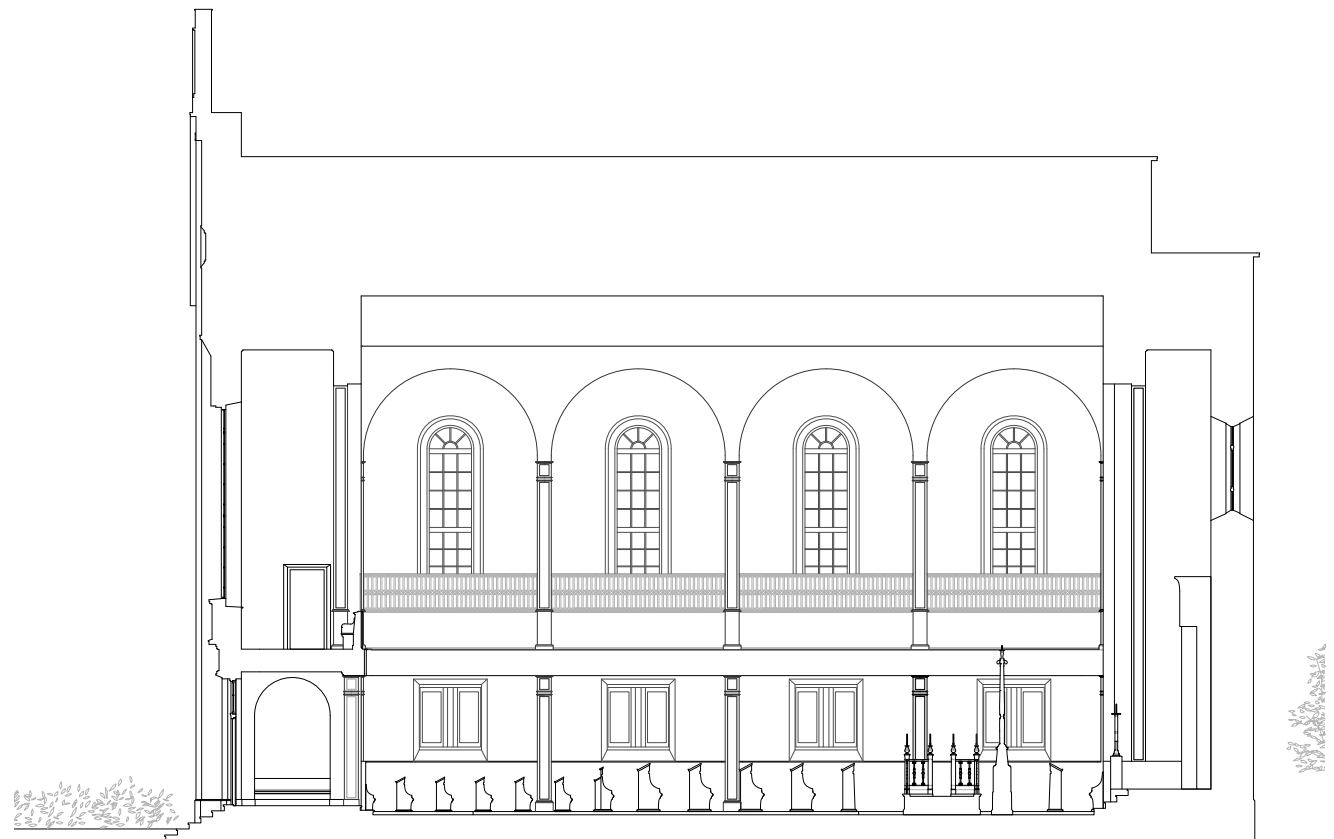
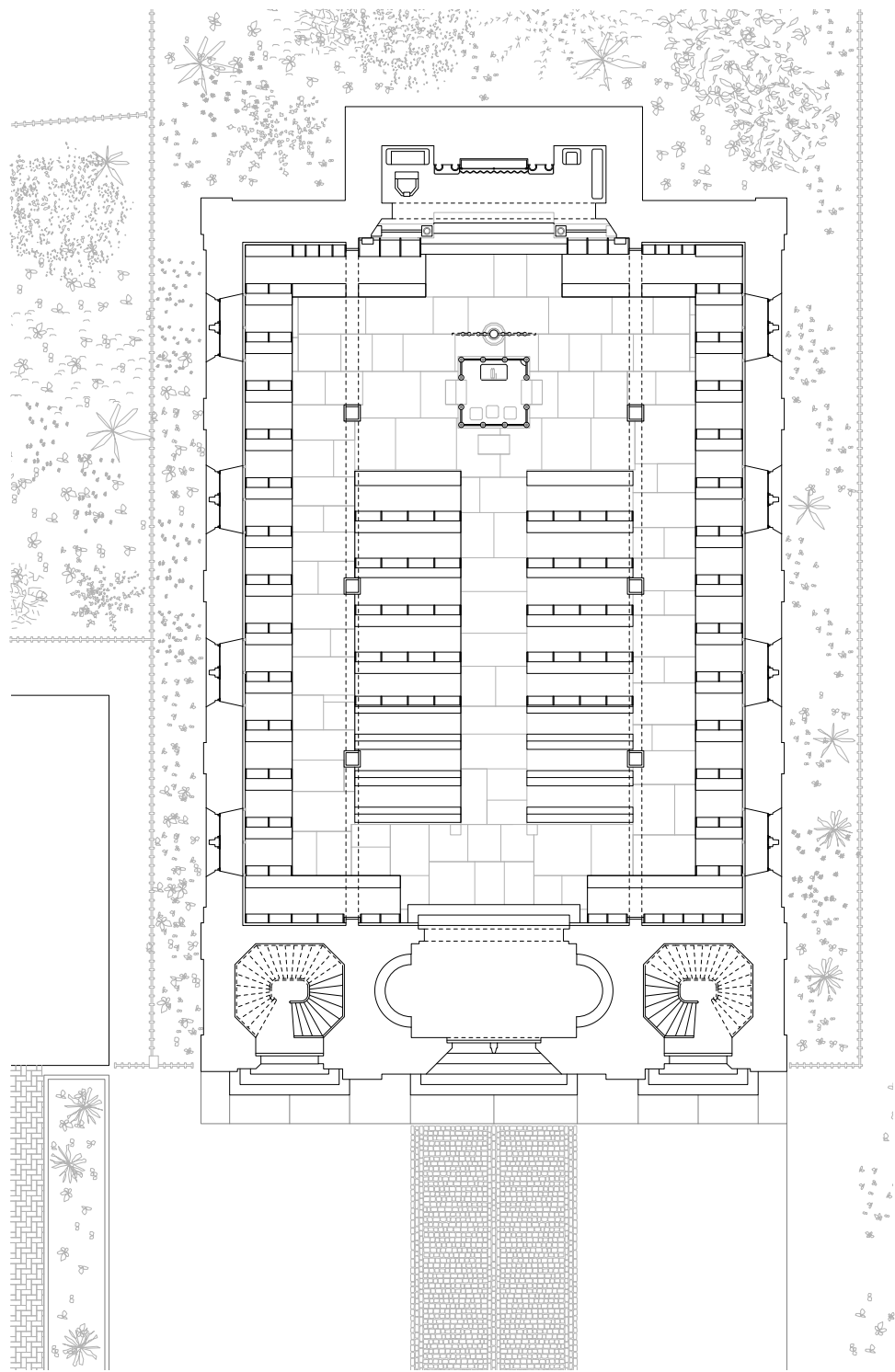


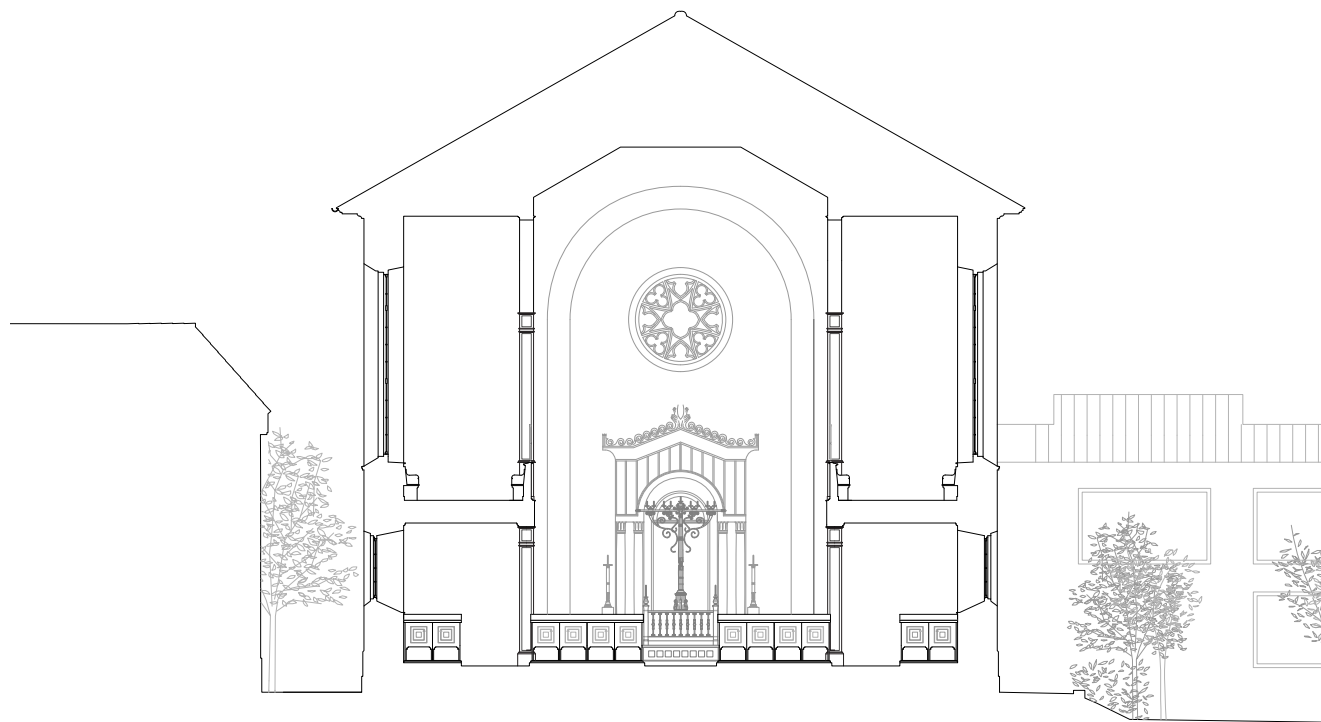


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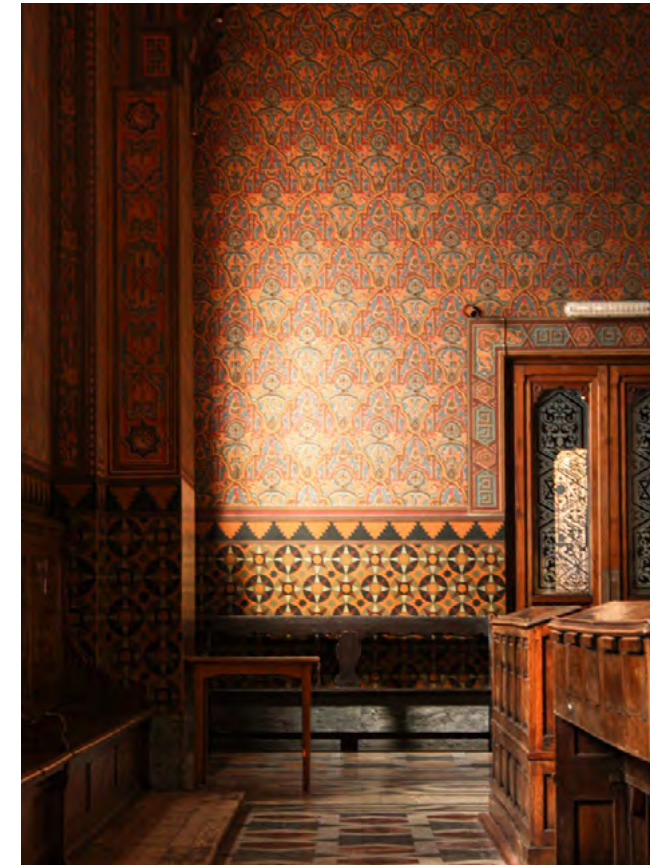


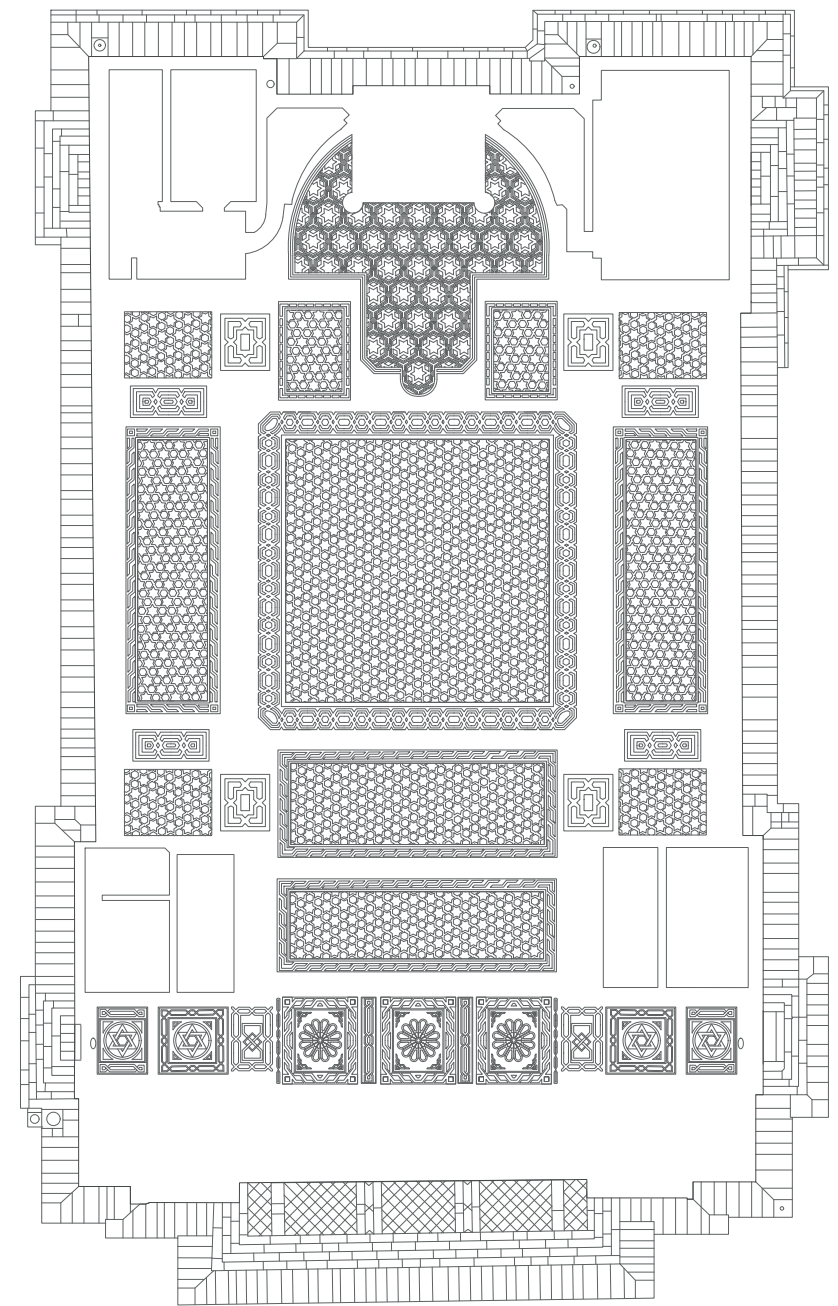
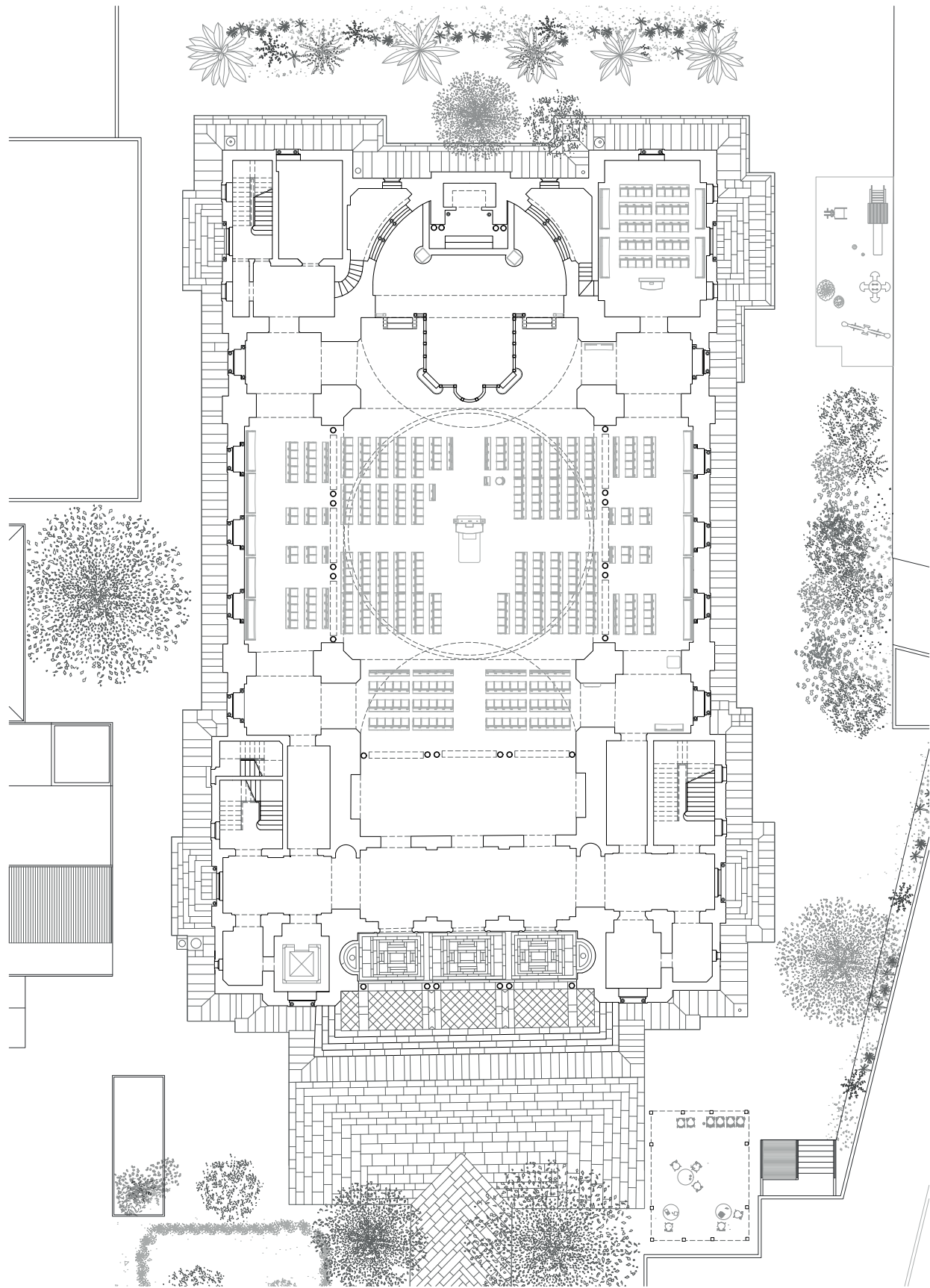




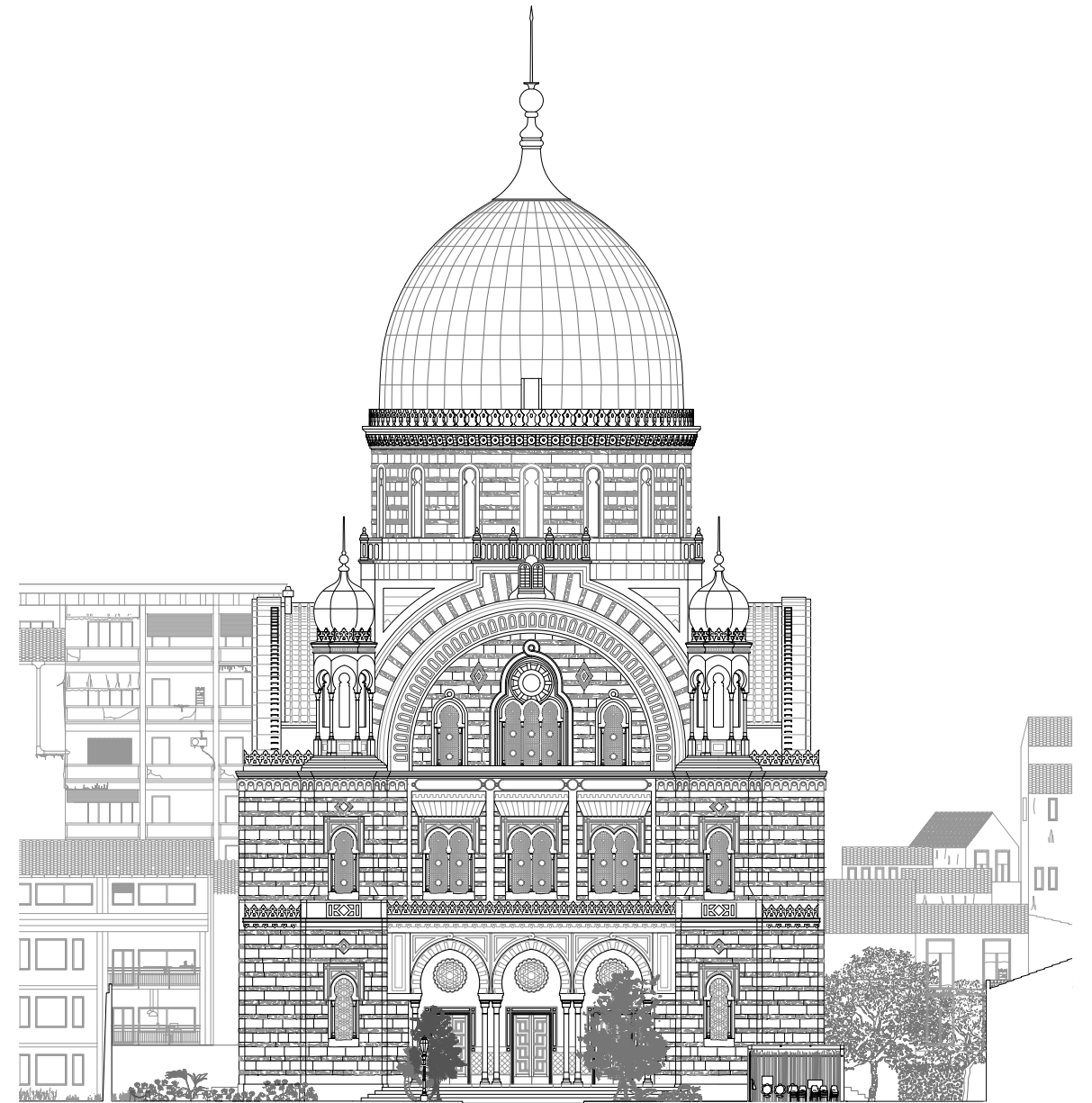
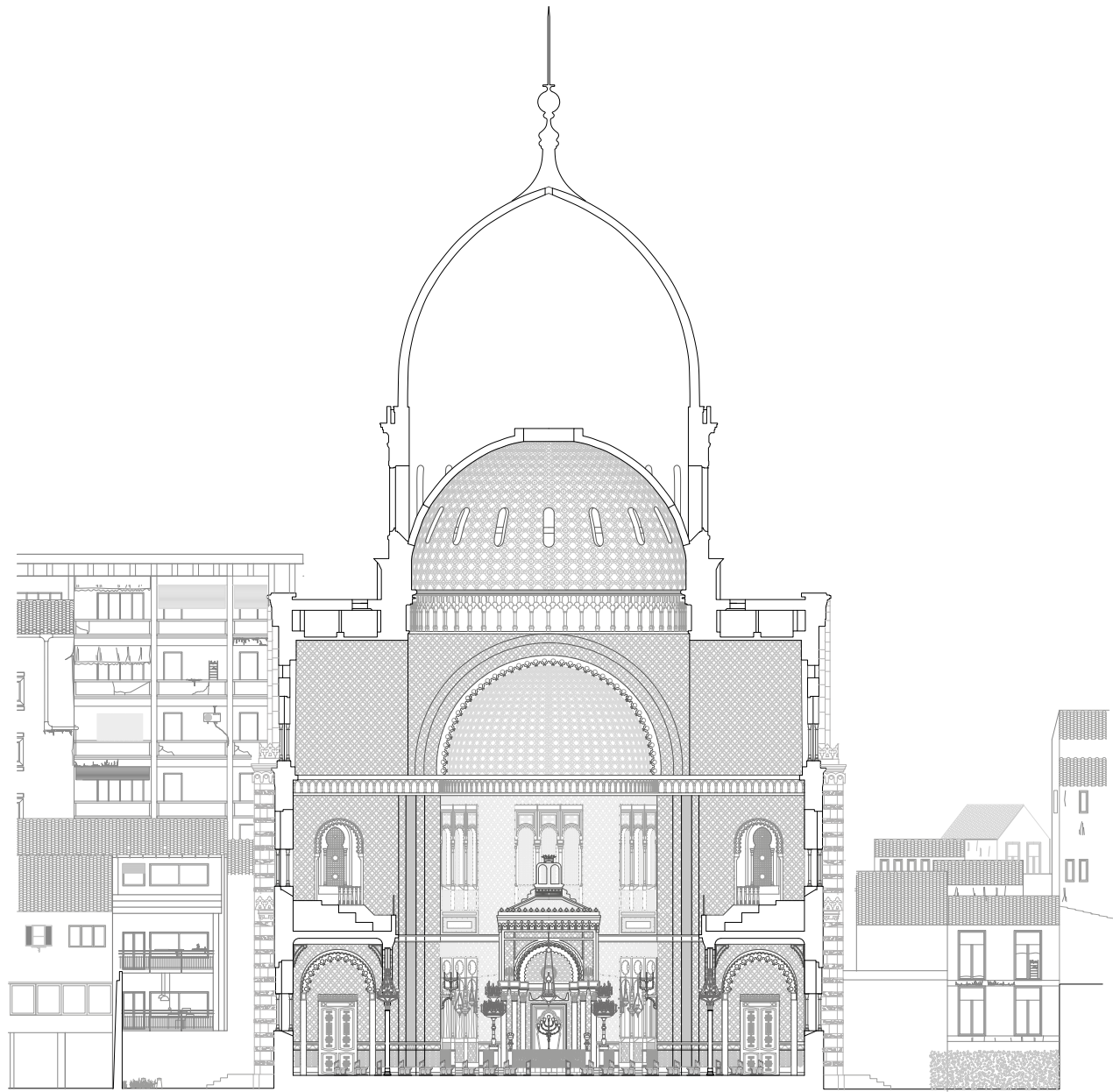
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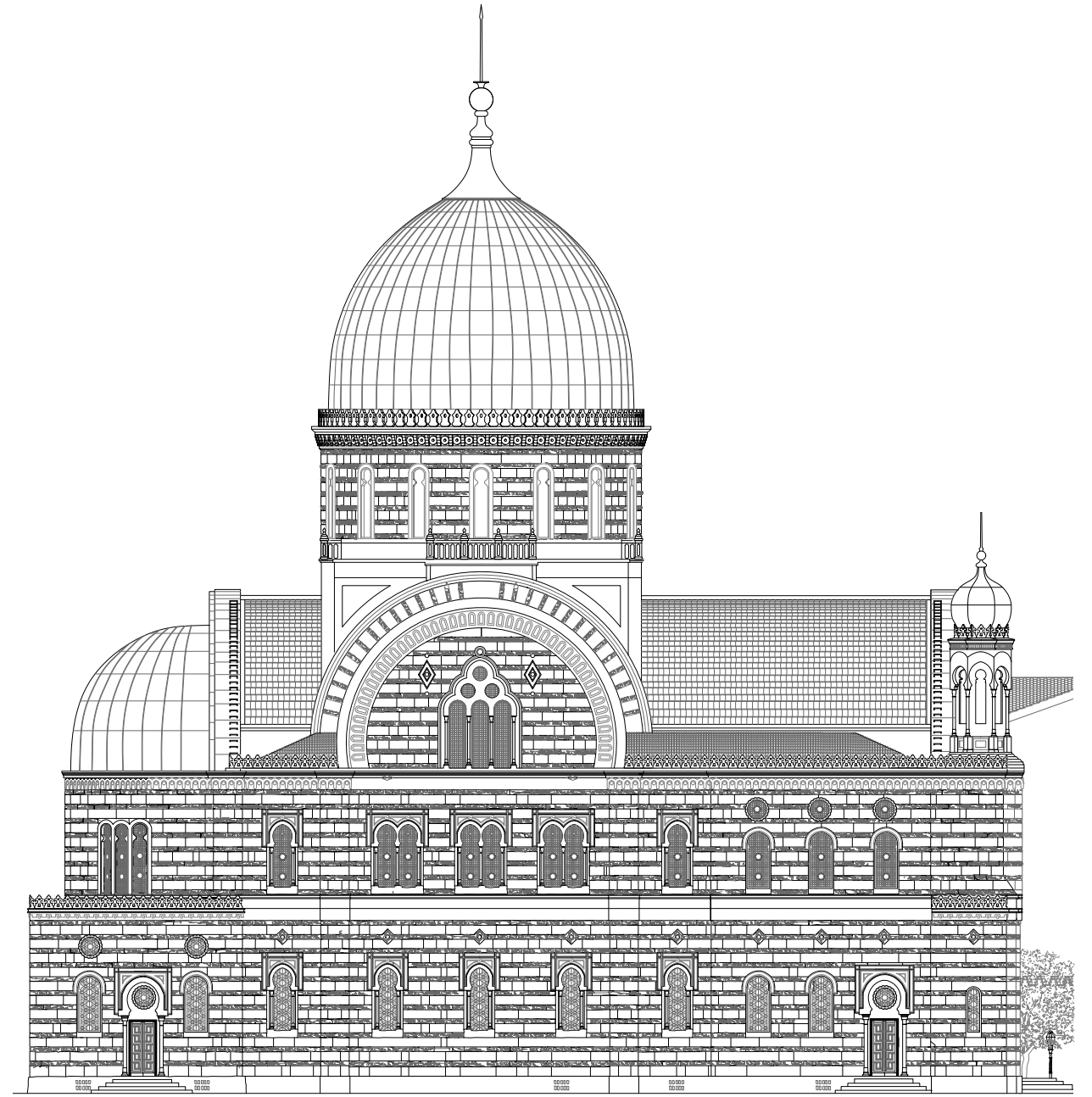
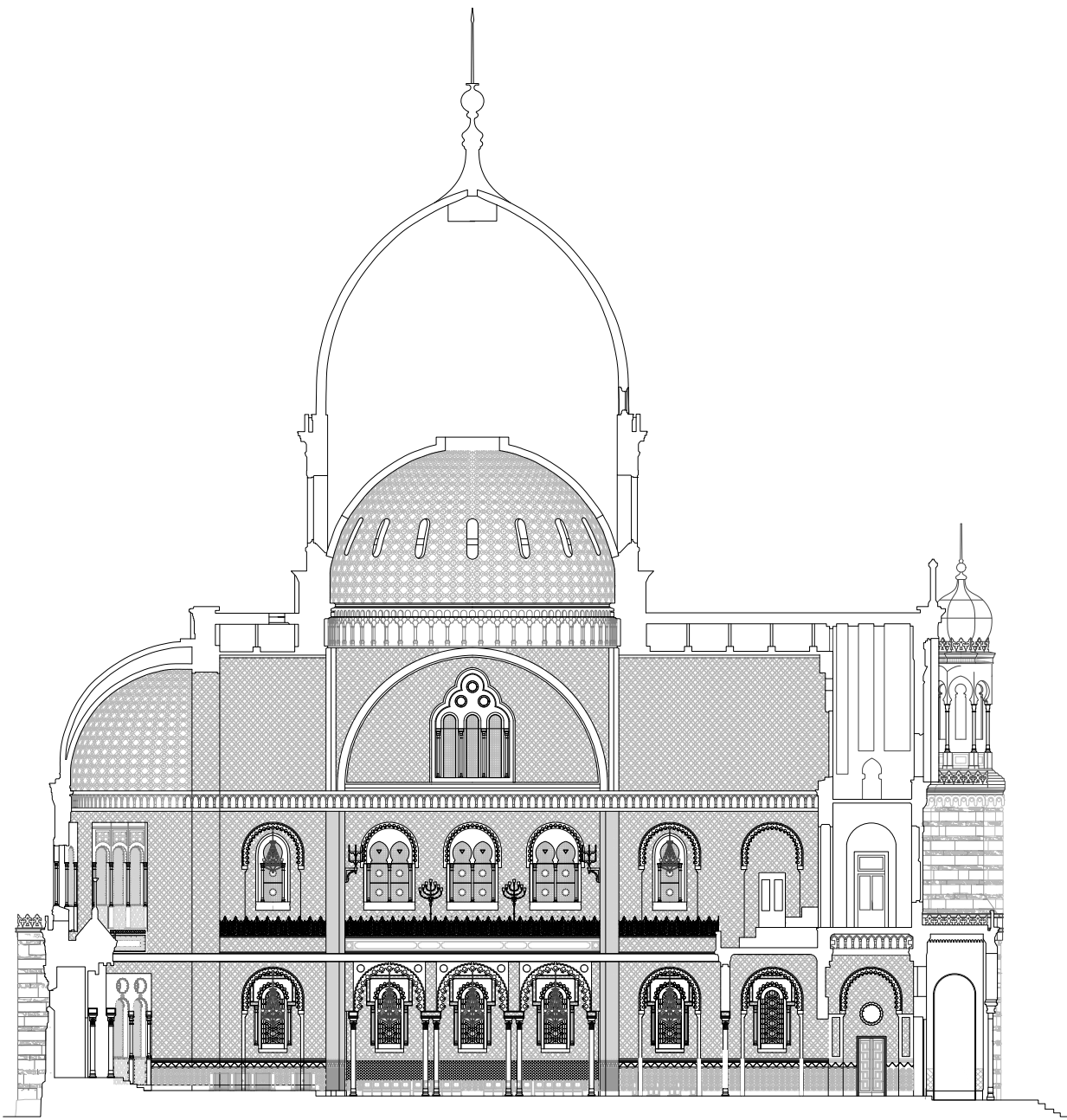






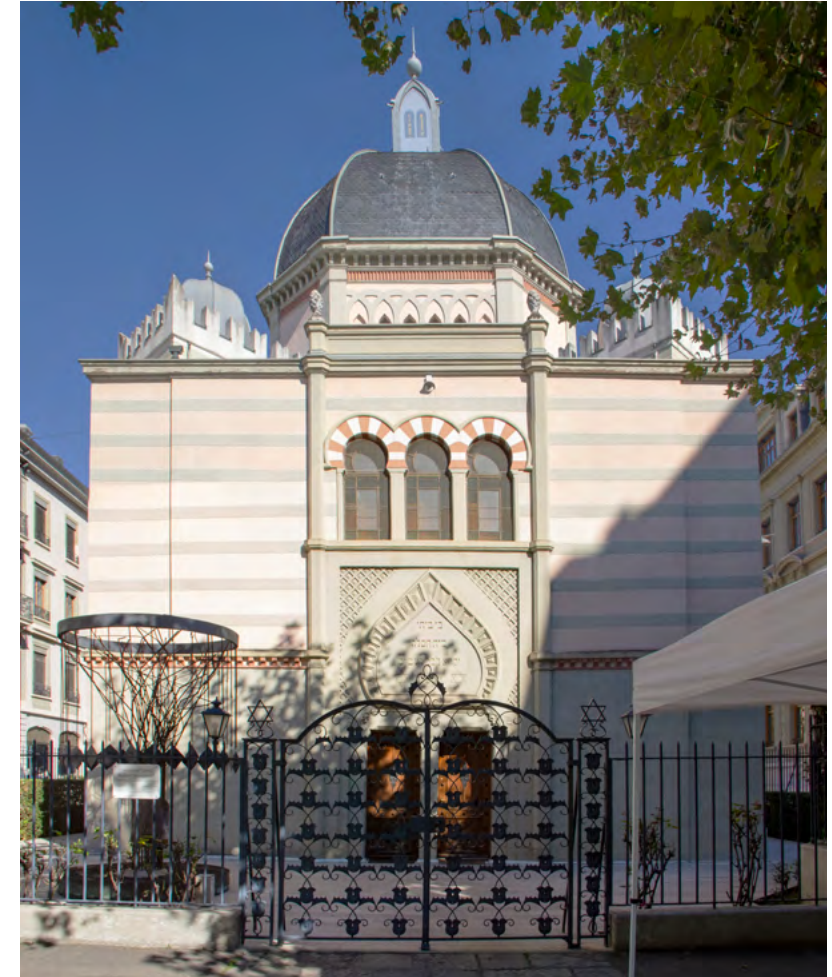




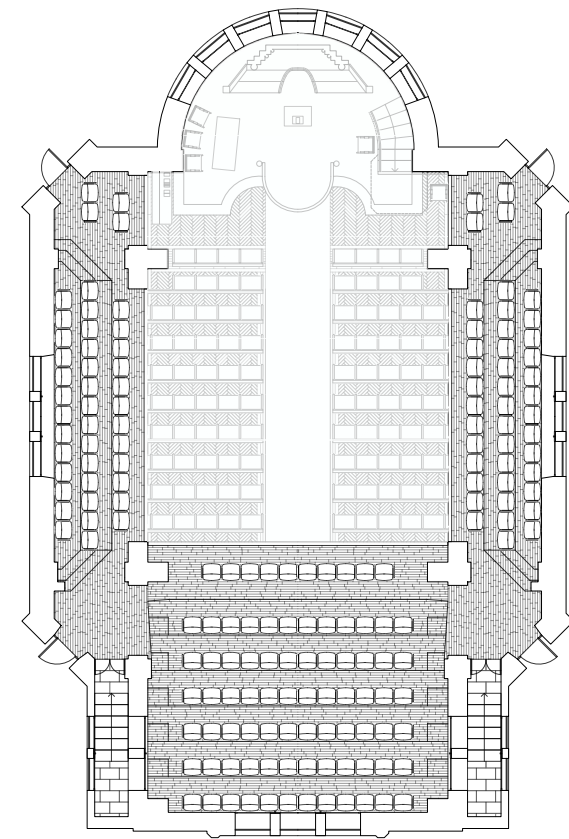
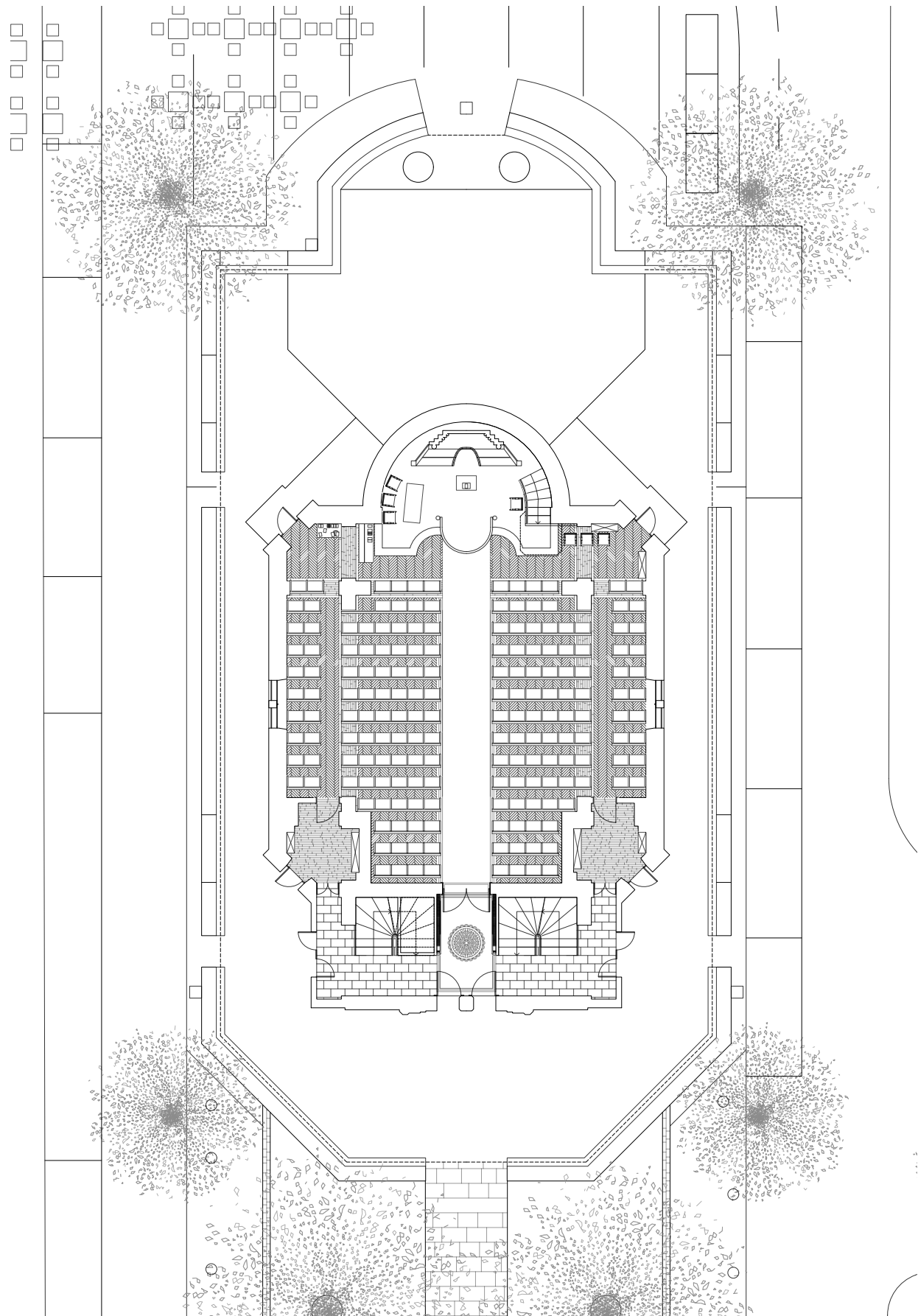


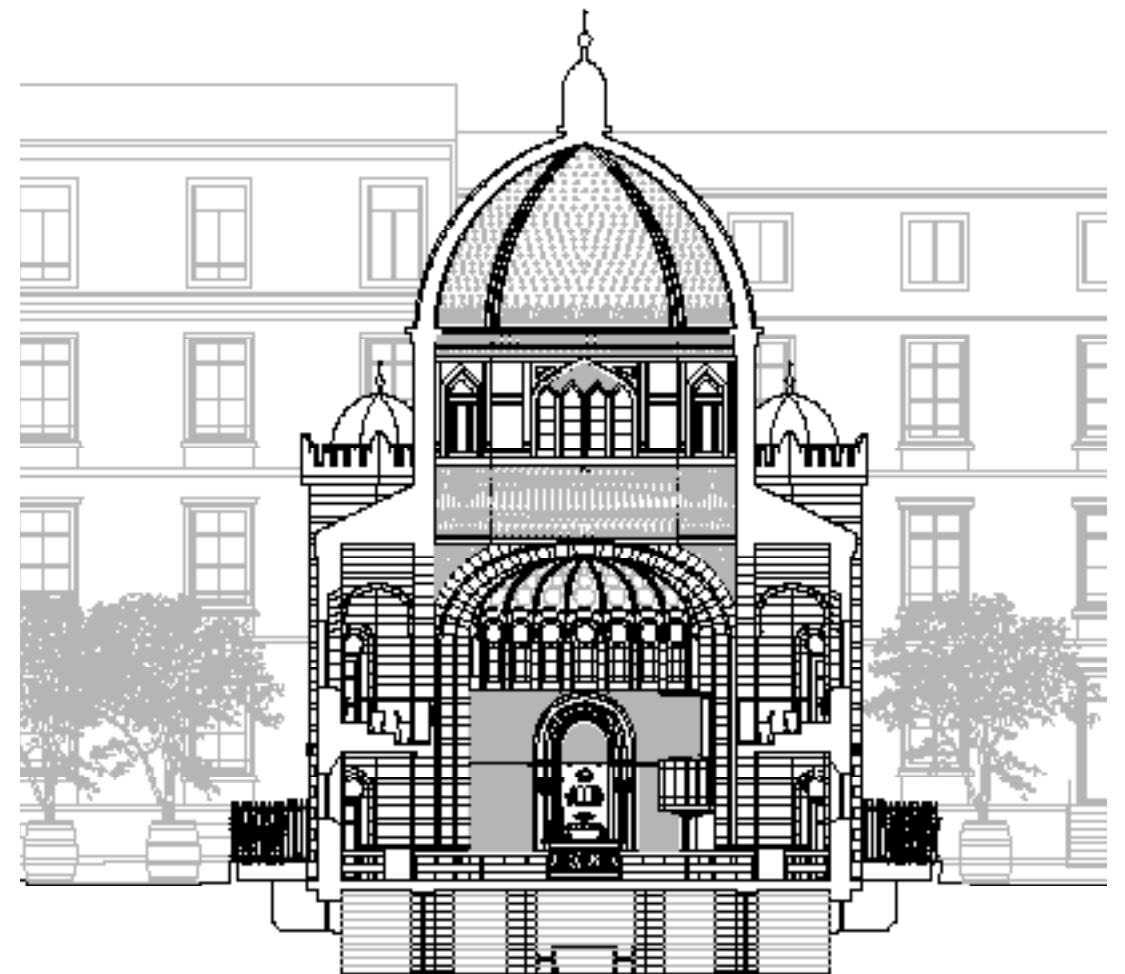
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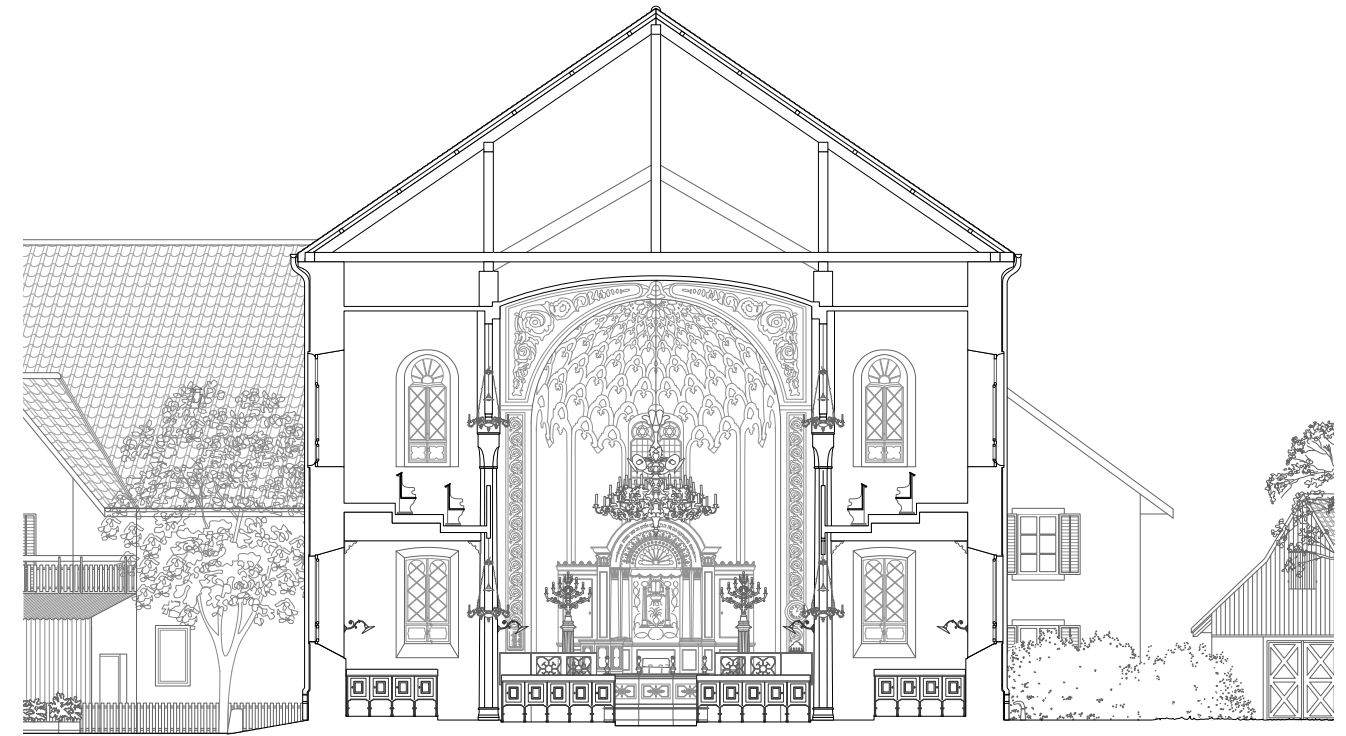
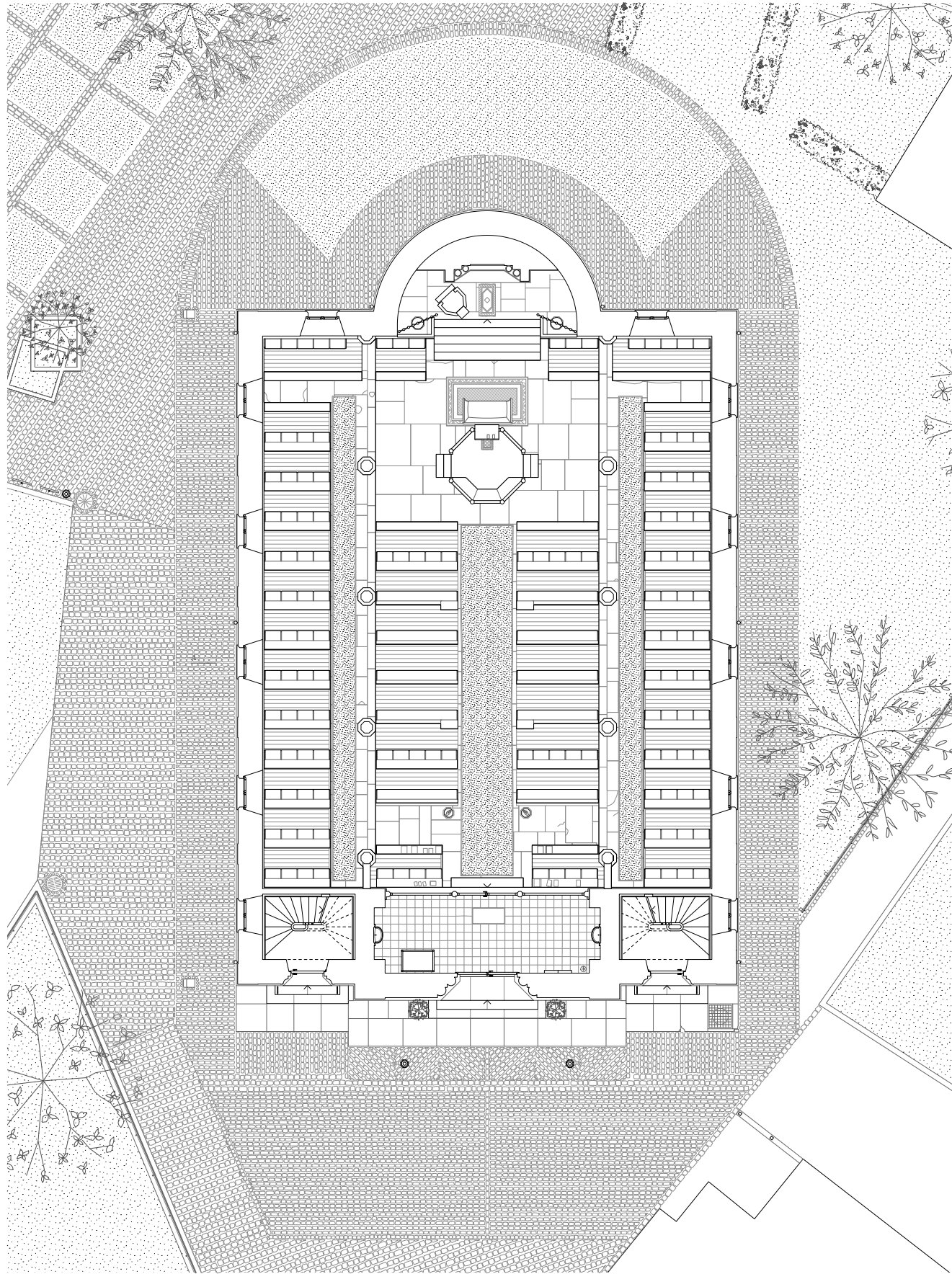


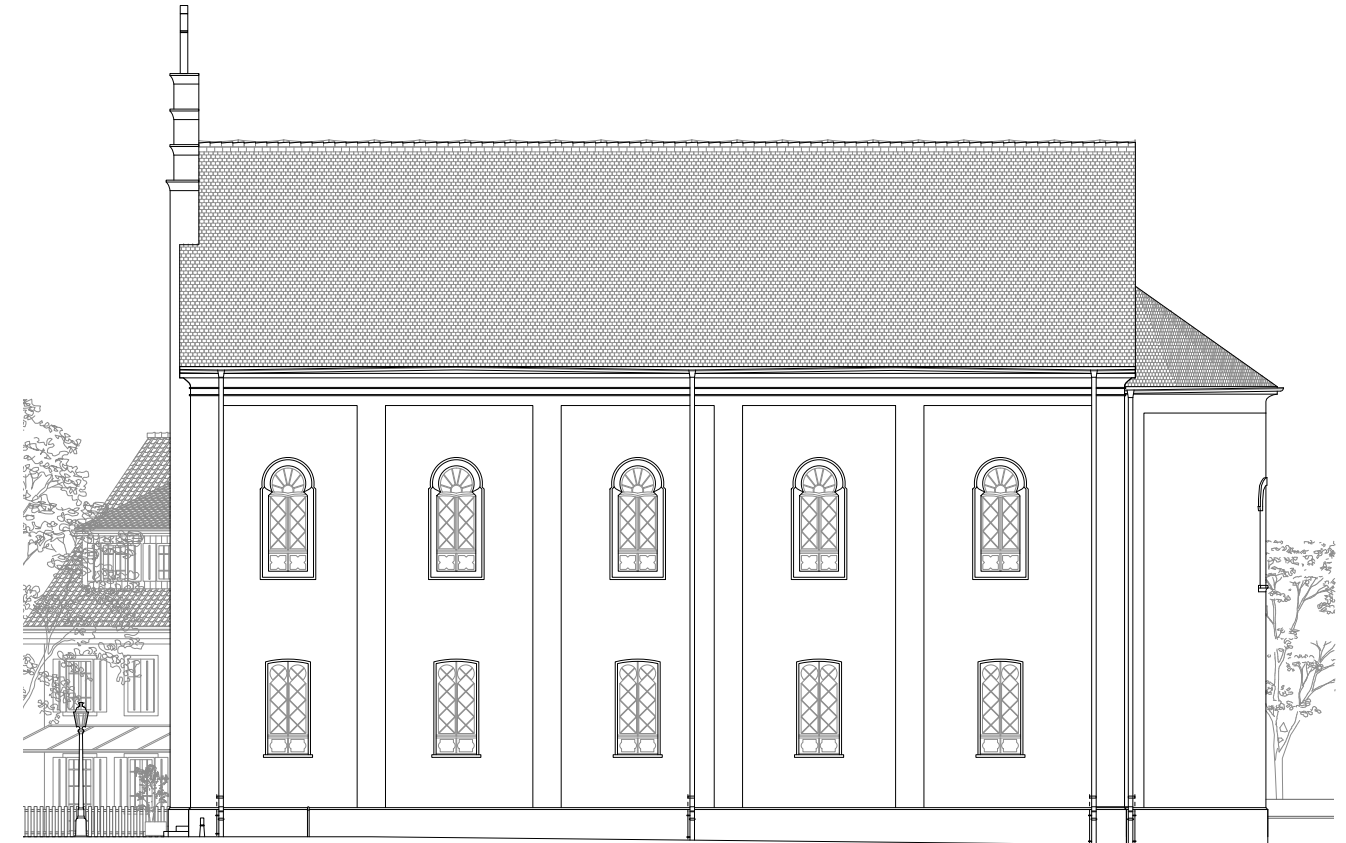
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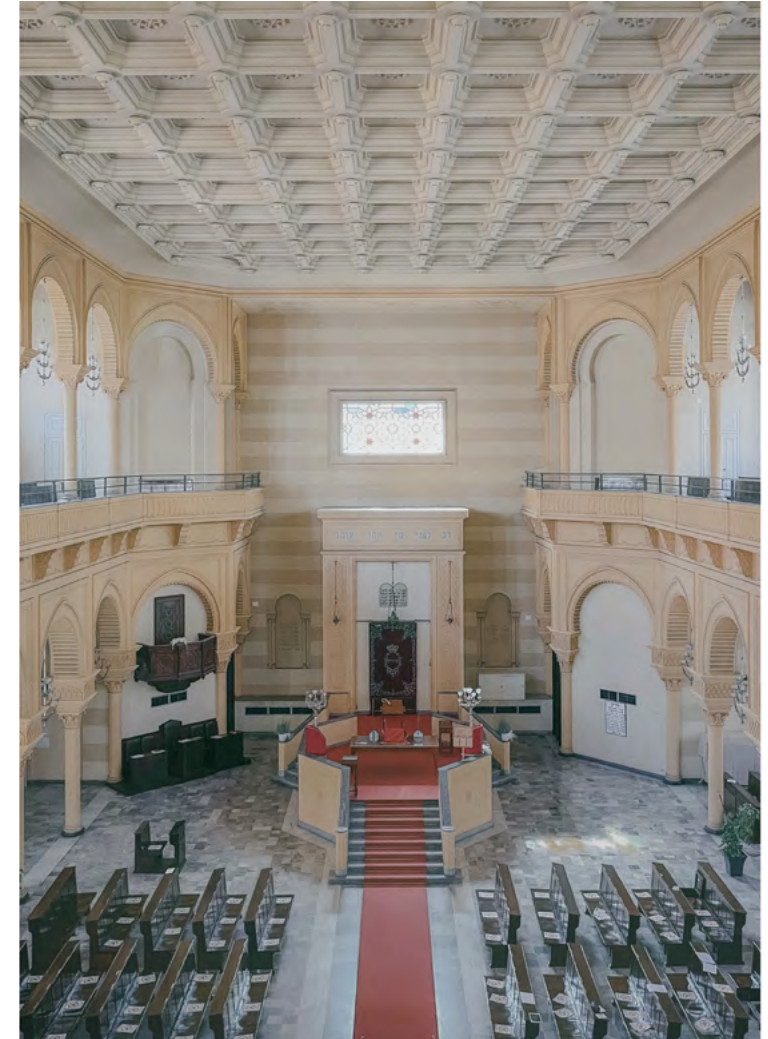




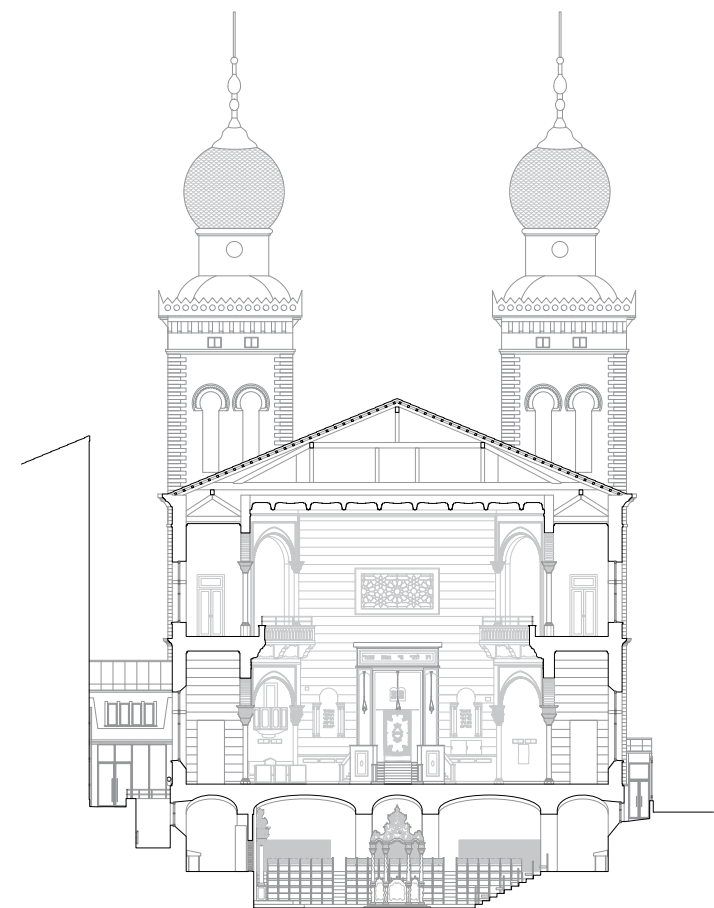
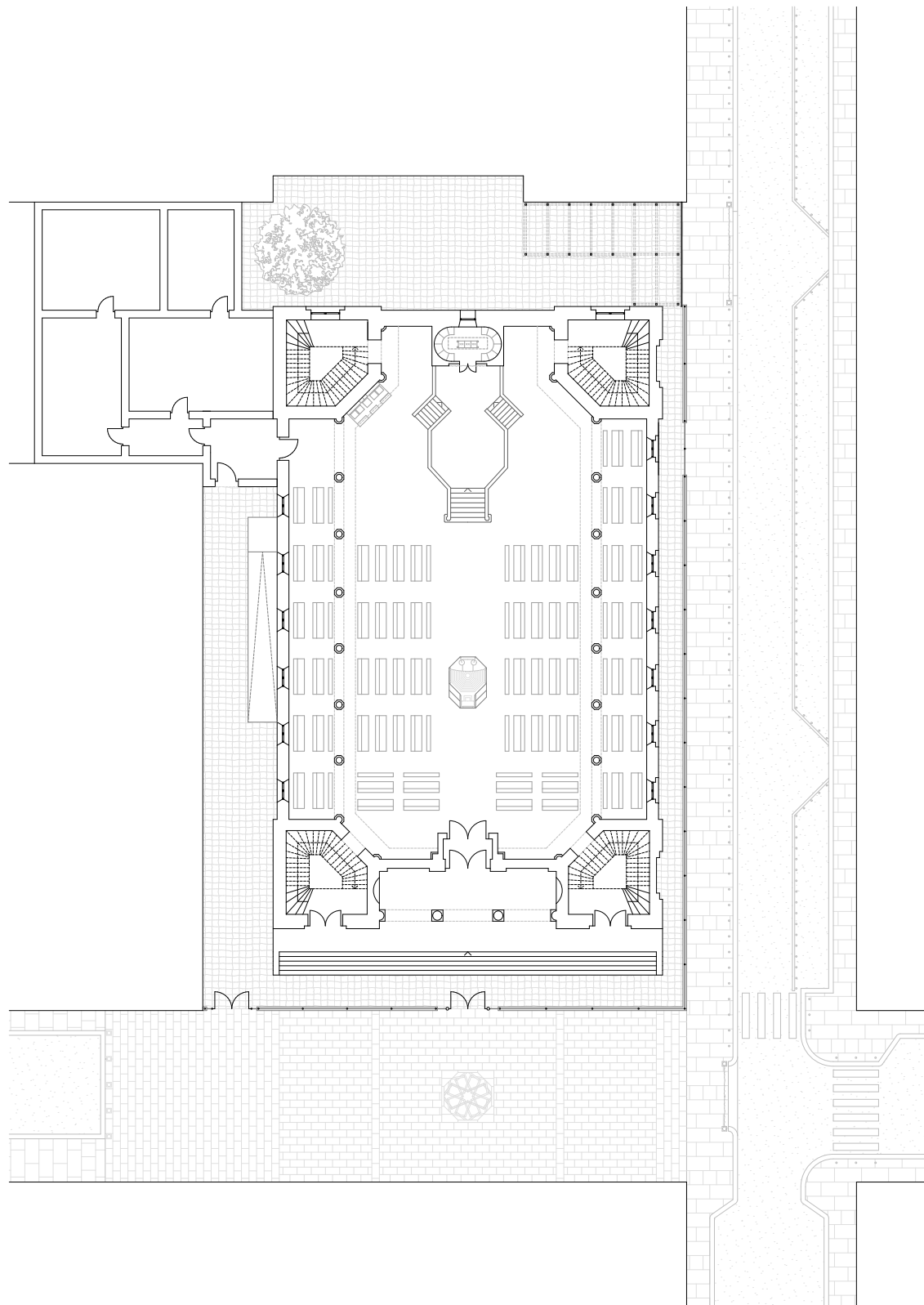


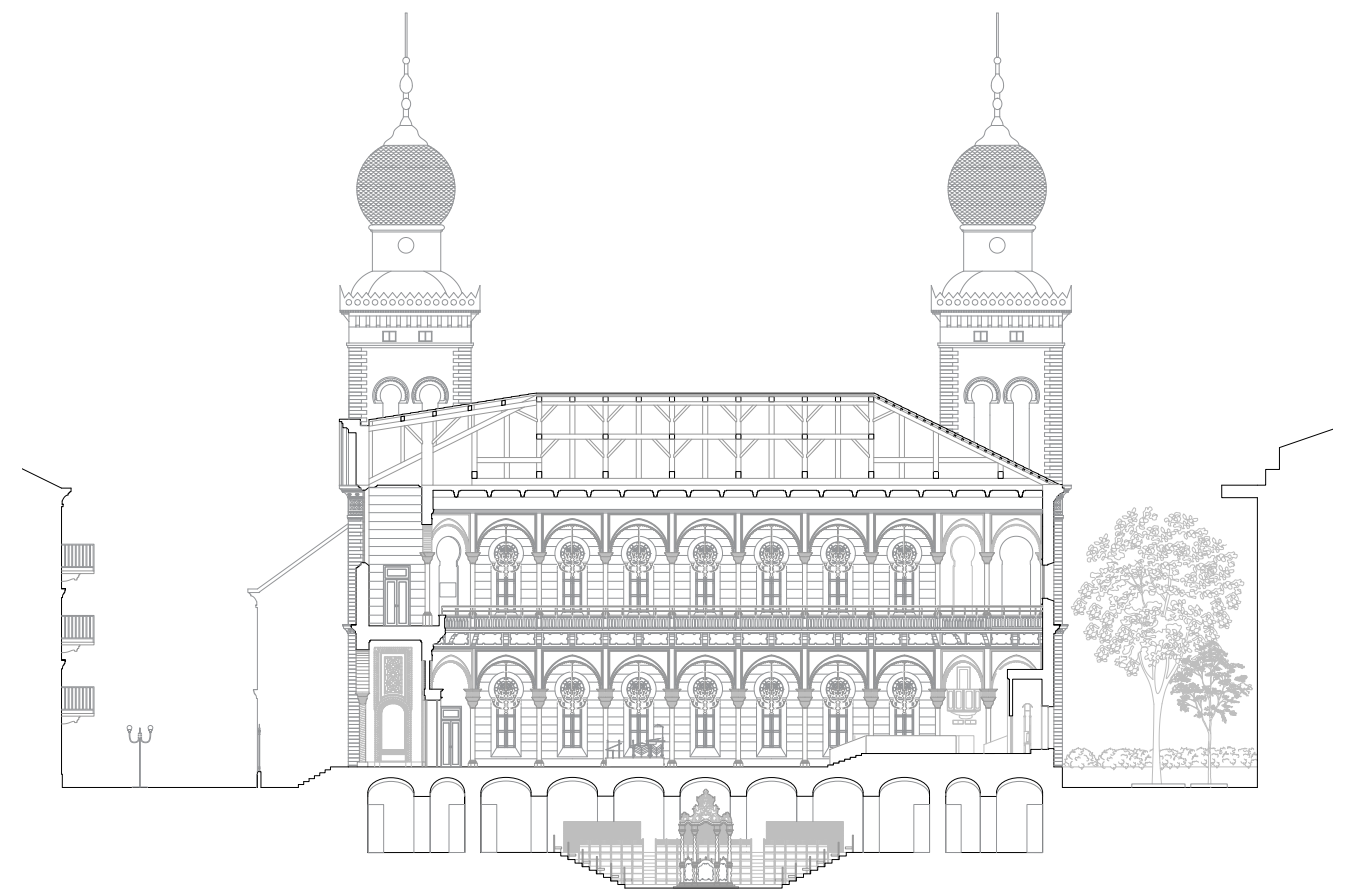
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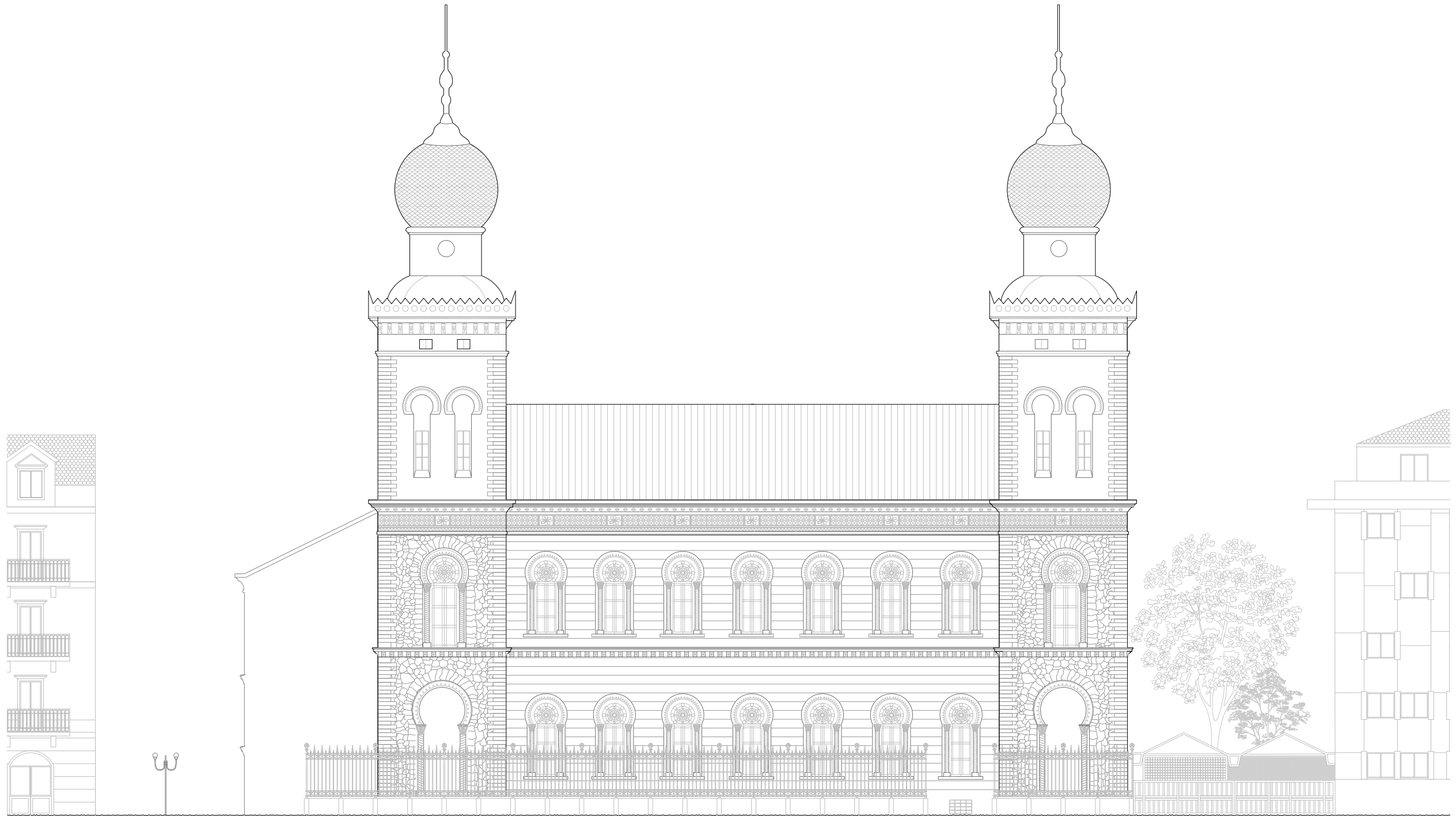
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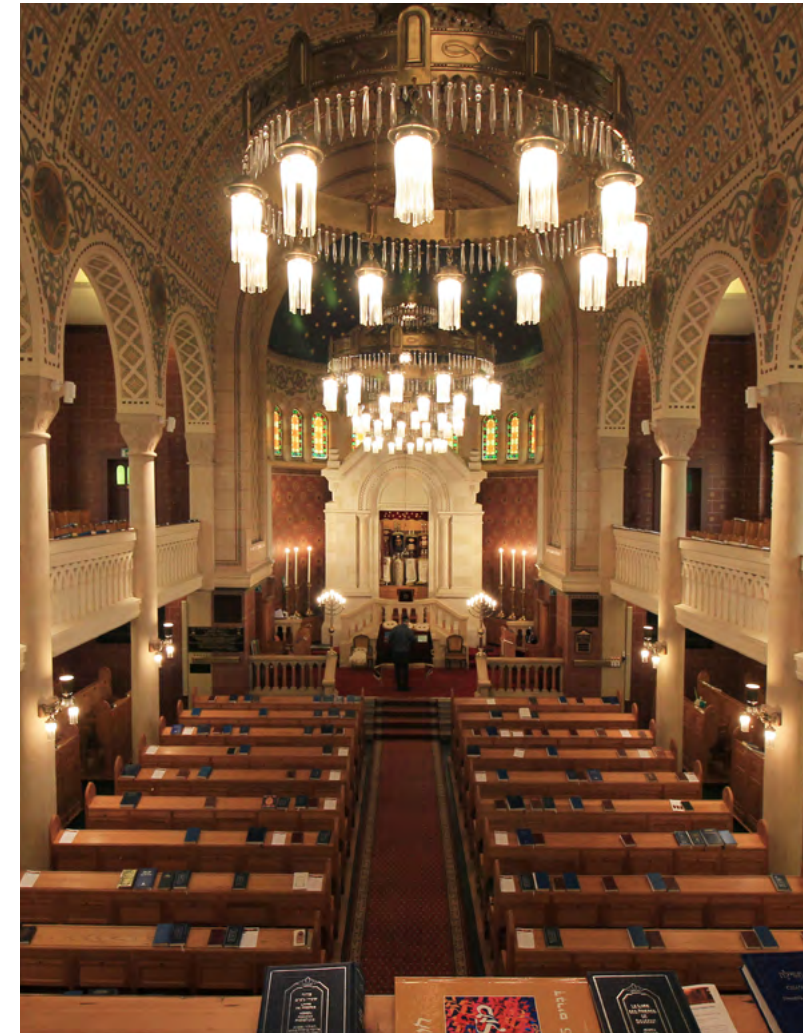




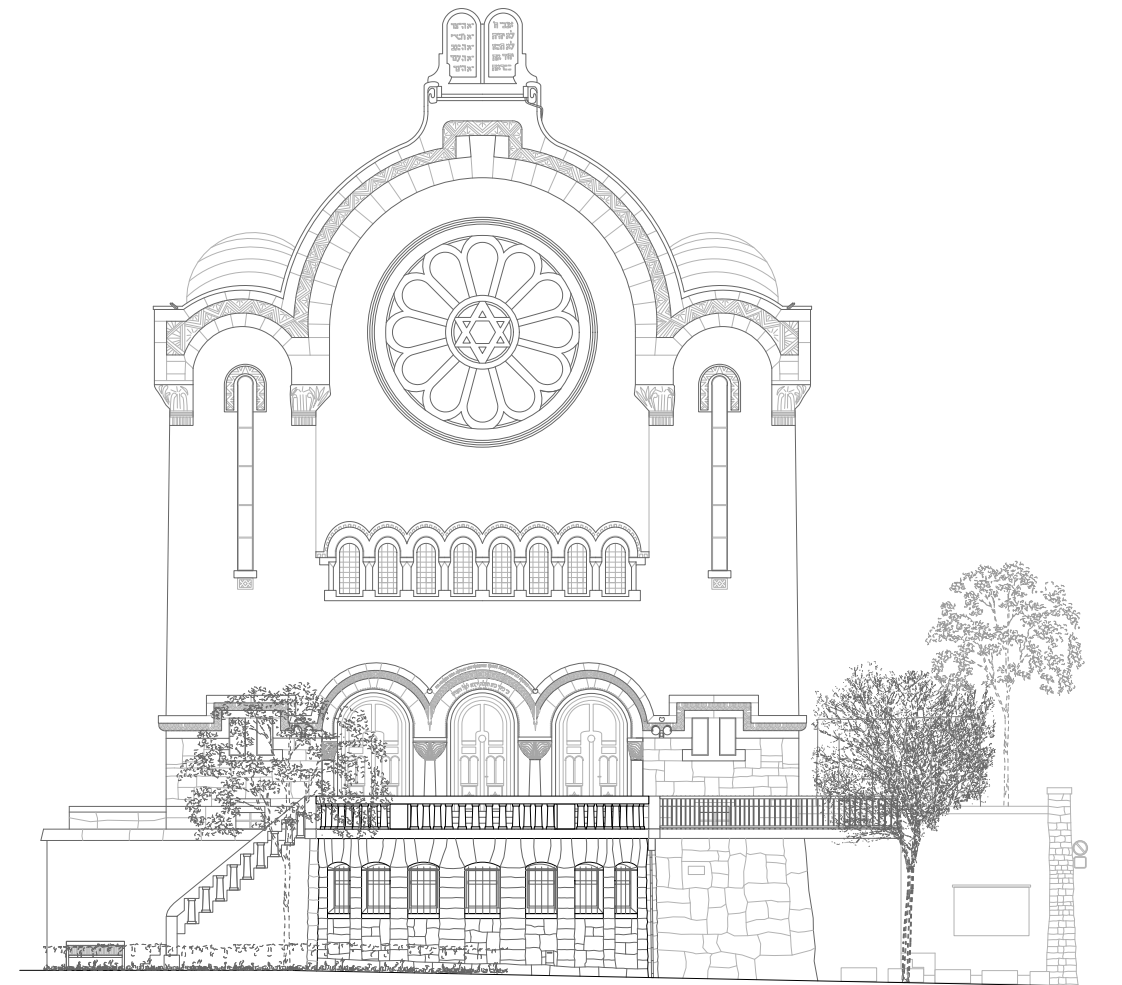
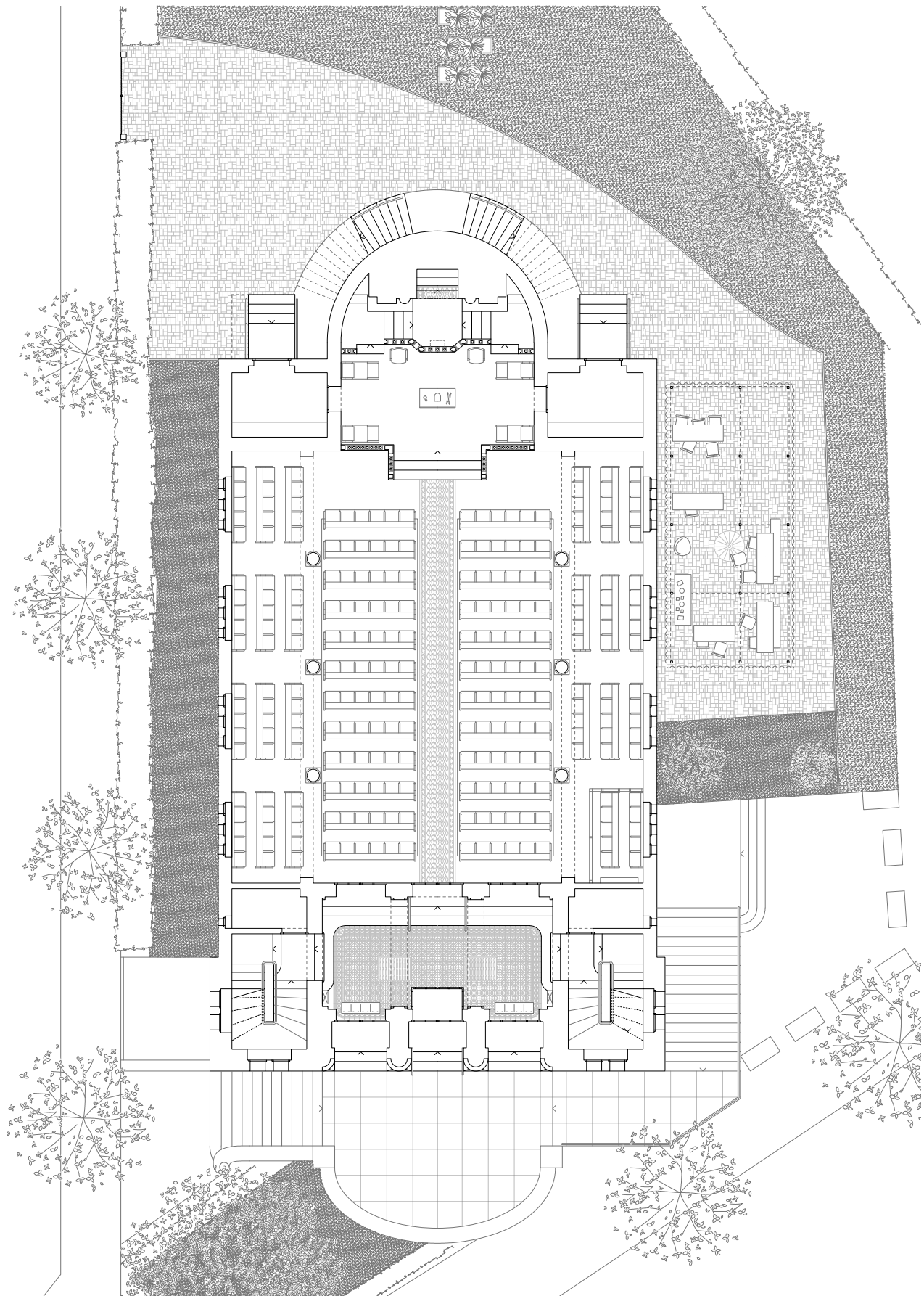


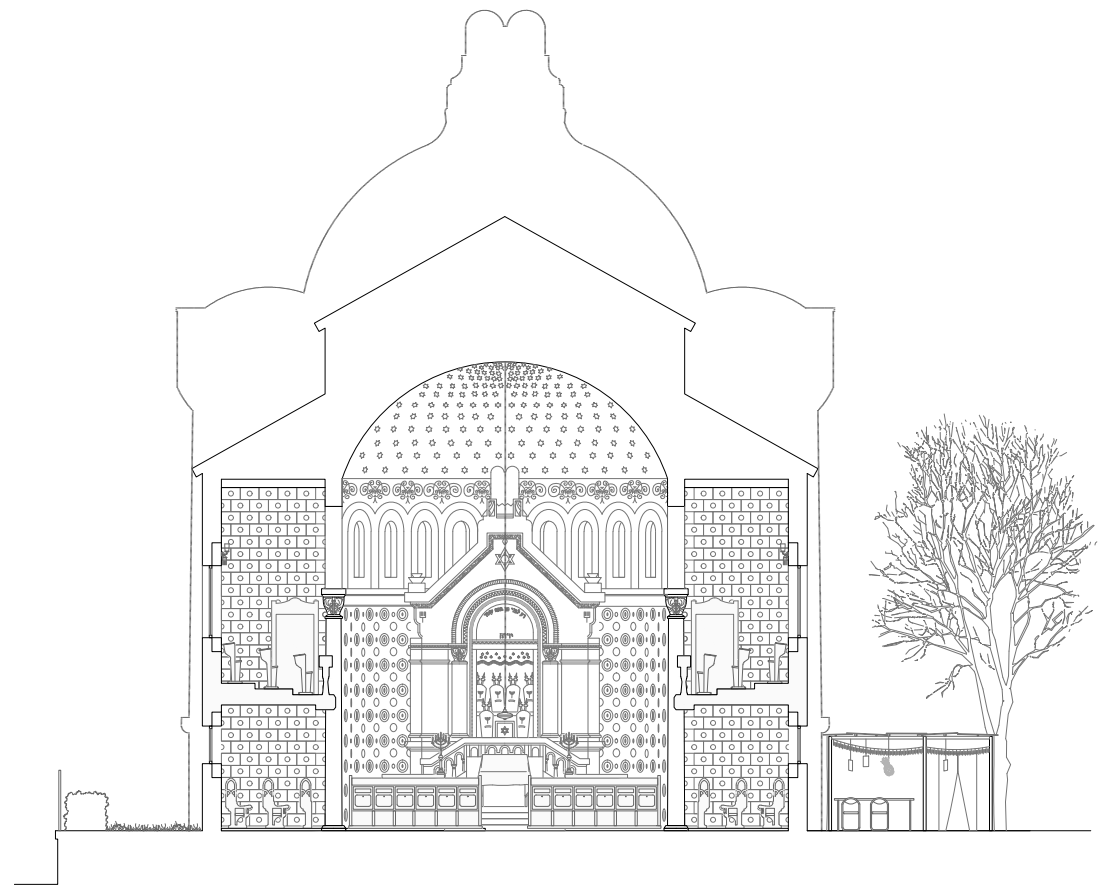
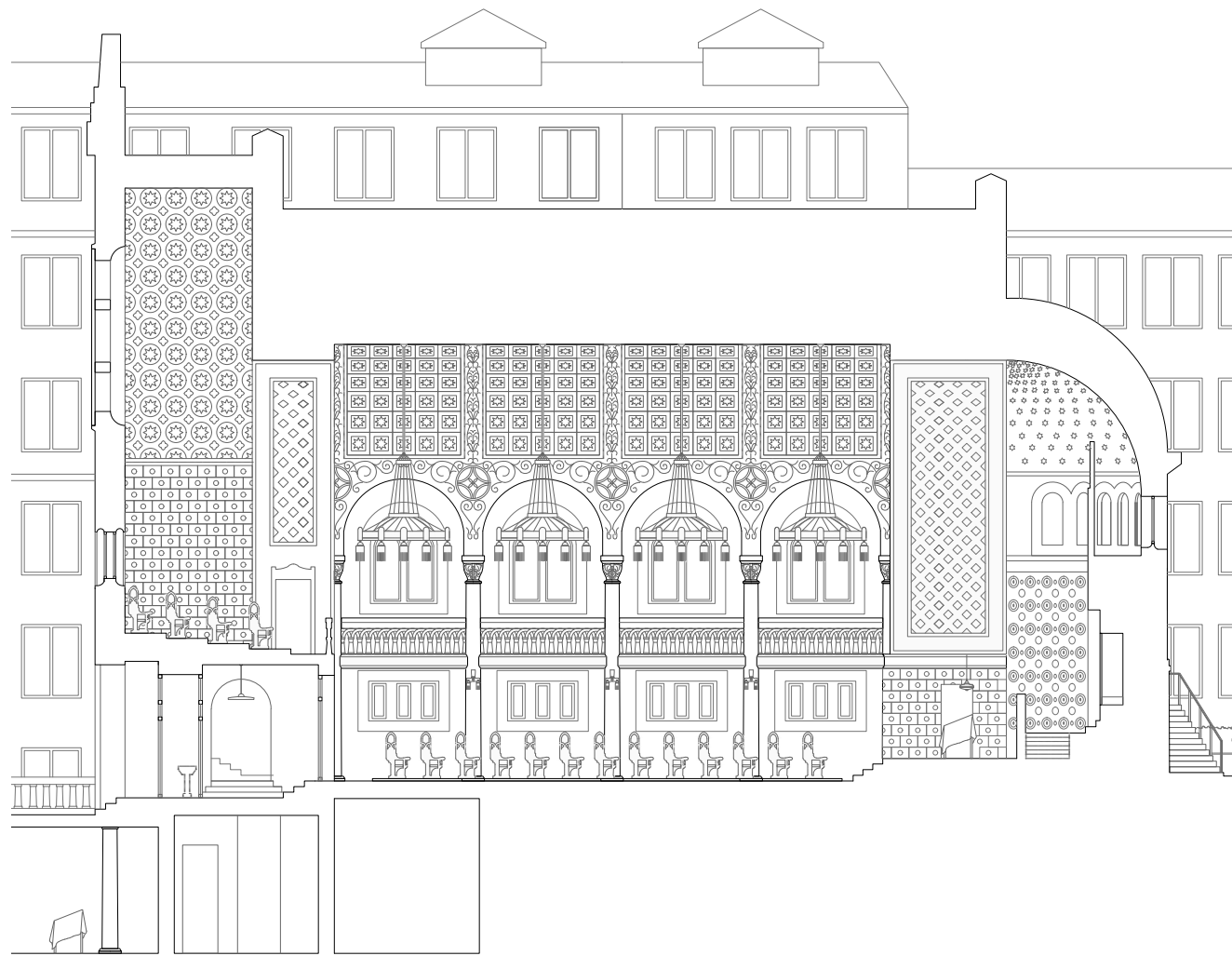
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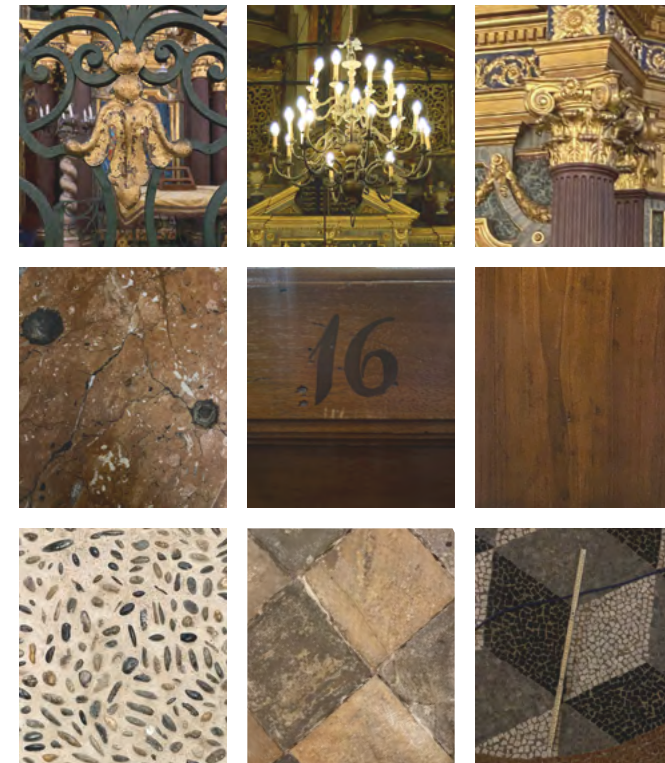


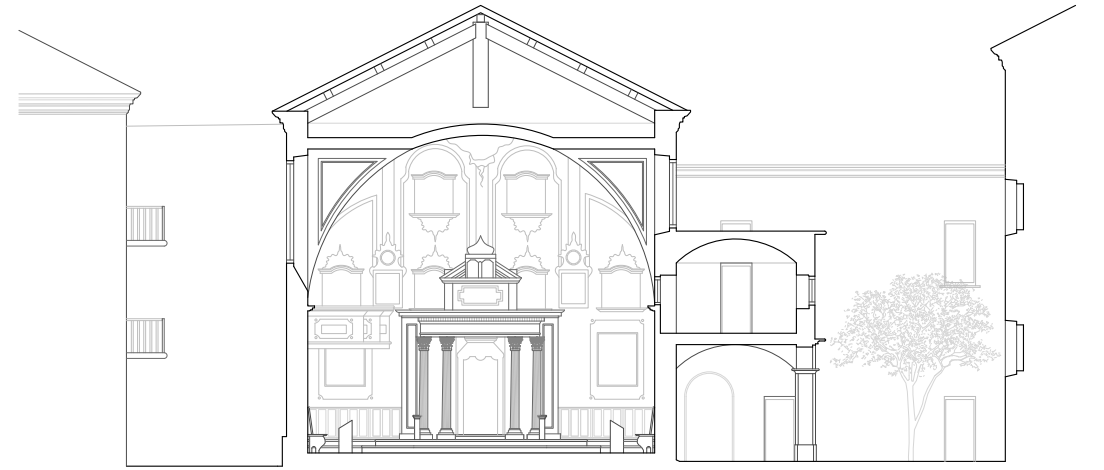
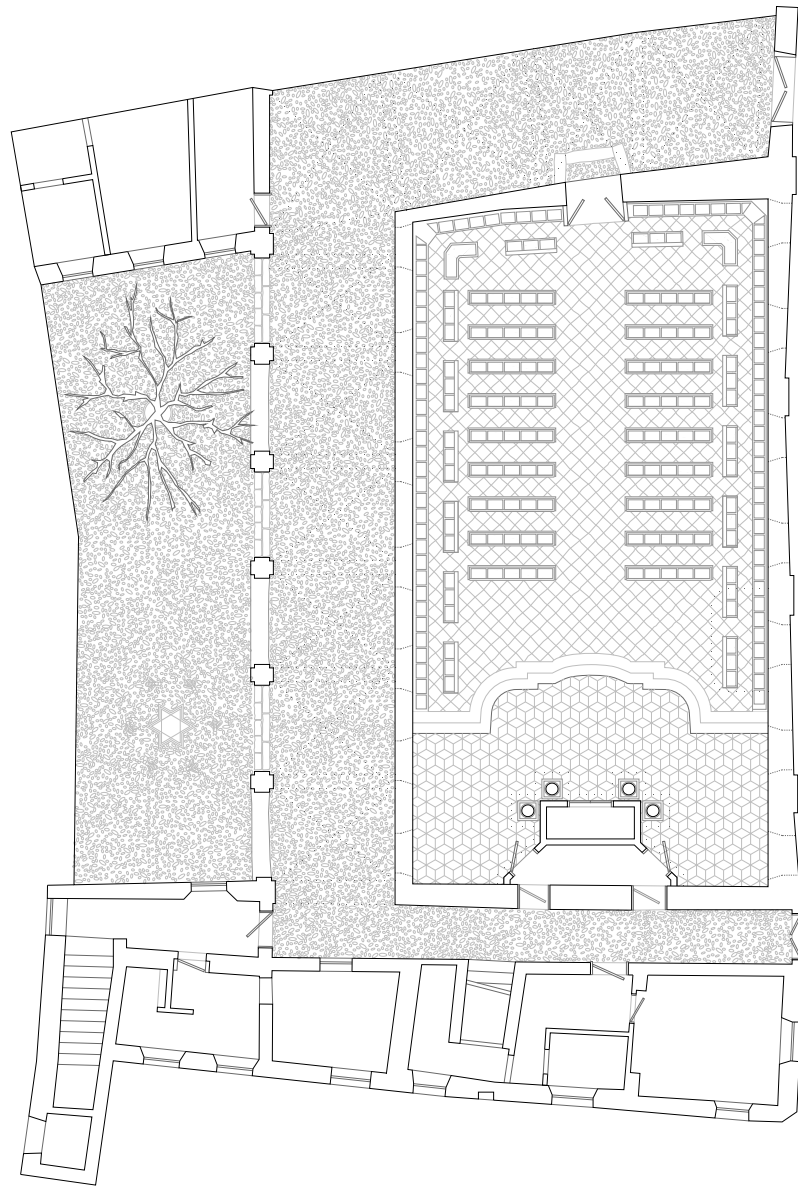




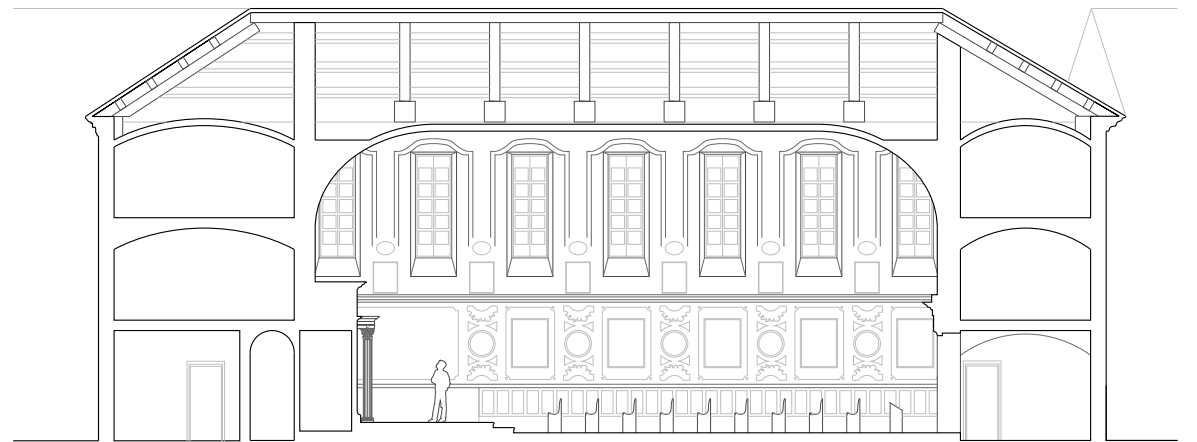
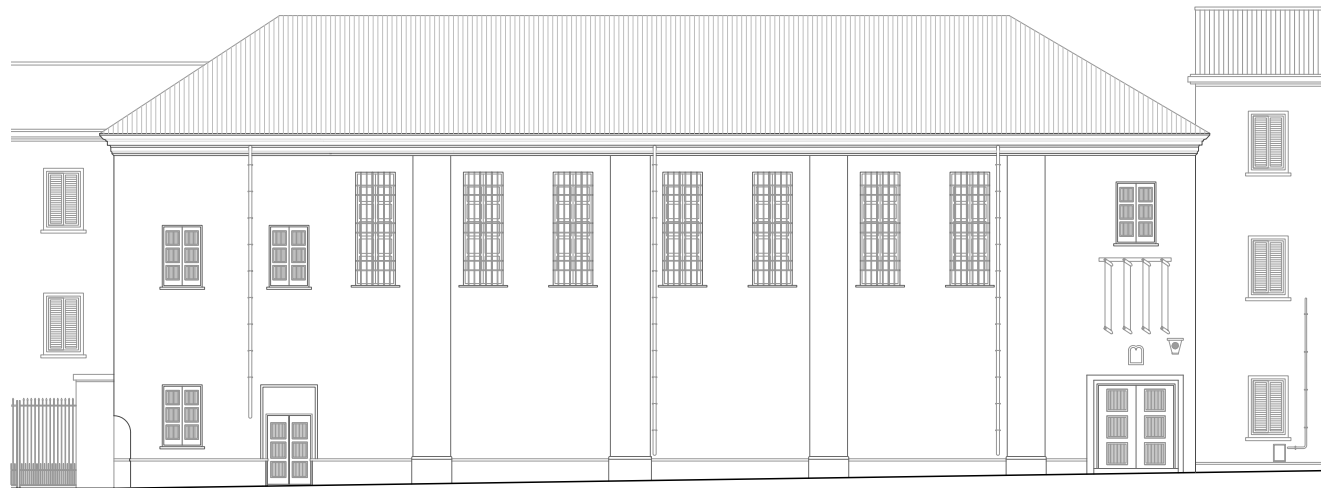
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