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The Dohany Street Synagogue and the Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives

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The cultural landscape:

- Dohány Street Synagogue (1859)
- Birthplace of Theodor Herzl (1860)
- Memorial to WW1 victims (1931)
- Jewish Museum and Archives (1909, 1931)
- Garden – cemetery (1944)
- Memorials to WW2 and Holocaust victims (1945, 1984)



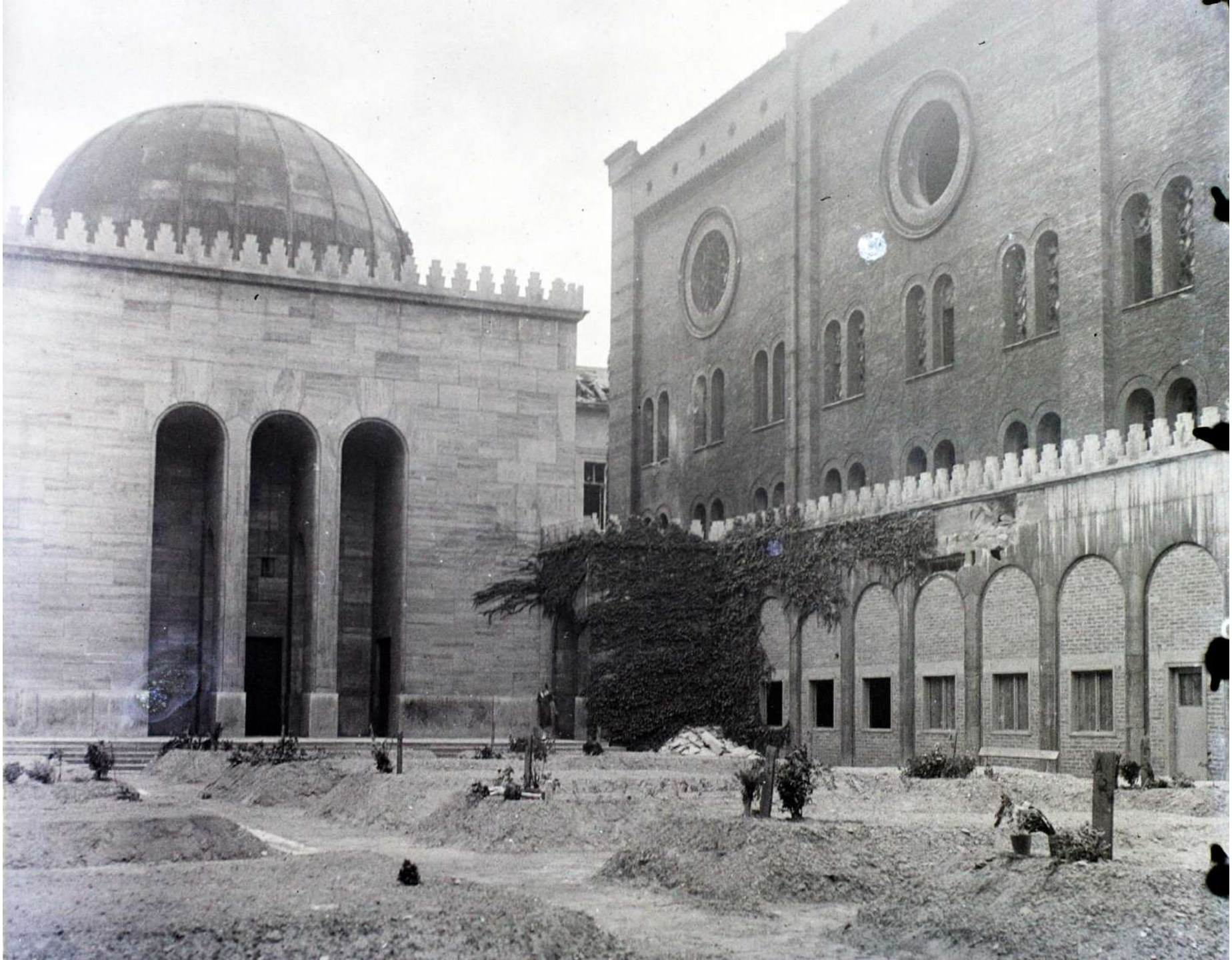
Synagogue (Ludwig Förster, 1859)

- The largest synagogue built before the 20th century;
- The first purpose built synagogue in Pest;
- The first synagogue in Hungary built on land owned by the Jewish community;
- The first synagogue that had its own architectural concept and which attempted to define the 'synagogue style' (‚oriental');
- A building with an iron structure, one of the forerunners of modern architecture;
- A symbolic building of the Hungarian Jewish community;
- Symbol of Jewish culture breaking into the mainstream.



Museum and Archives

- Established in 1909;
- One of the first Jewish Museum
- Established by Jewish scholars and intellectuals;
- Museum-wing built in 1931;
- Set of stained glass windows (1932-1933)
- Continuously collects (including the war-period!);
- Continuously exhibits (except 1943-1944);
- The collection was hidden in the National Museum (1943-1944);
- The largest Jewish archival collection in Europe;



Cemetery

- Intended to be an open park;
- Planned to be a symbolic place of peaceful coexistence between Jews and non-Jews;
- In 1944-1945 the victims of the Budapest ghetto were buried here (2281)
- Unique Holocaust remembrance place:
  - Grandson's generation of the builders of the synagogue;
  - Killed on the place of their everyday life;
  - Buried in mass graves with individual identity;

Cemetery

- The garden of the building complex was intended to be an open park - a symbolic place of peaceful coexistence between Jews and non-Jews.
- Hence the Museum can be only understood through the memory of the mass graves.





„Heritage triangle"



Synagogue

- Common legal system and regulations

Museum

- Common history and culture

Cemetery

- Common memory of the dead

