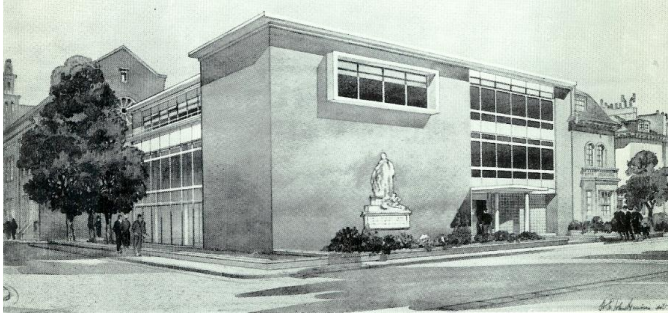


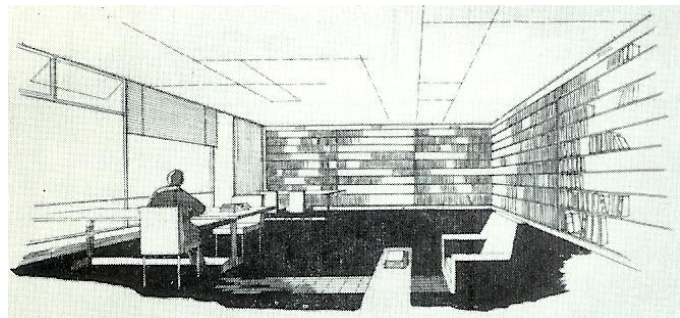
The Herbert Samuel Hall



This November will be the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the foundation stone of the Herbert Samuel Hall. The following article originally appeared in a special issue of "Venture", the magazine of the New West End at that time.

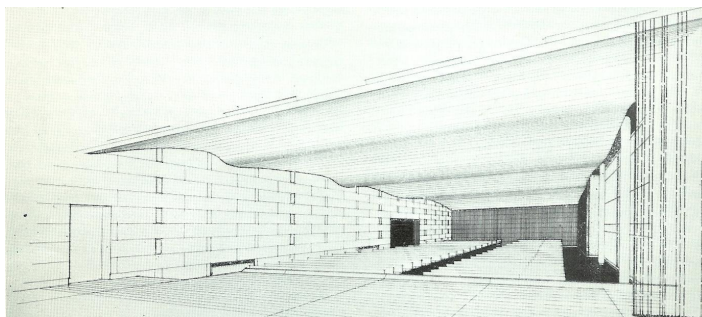
The new building is to be built on the corner site bounded by Bark Place, Orme Lane and St. Petersburg Mews, and is immediately behind the New West End Synagogue in St. Petersburg Place; it was originally the site of houses demolished by bombing during the last war.

The Hall is intended, and has been designed to cater for, a variety of uses. In the basement, there is a large Games Room with changing rooms and all facilities for both girls and boys. On the Ground Floor, a multi purpose hall with moveable stage. On this floor are also the main cloakrooms for this hall



View of the library

and the rooms on the first floor. On the first floor are the library (shown on our drawing), a committee or meeting room, a study and interview room for the use of the Rabbi; there is also a large clubroom opening onto a canteen which has its own self-contained kitchen and servery. This canteen has windows on the whole of its south side and opens onto a terrace.



View of the Main Hall from the stage

Finally, there is a self-contained flat for an officer of the Synagogue and his family which also faces south and has a balcony terrace.

A small garden has been planned around the building and the intention externally has been to design a

building both dignified and modern which is a fitting tribute to Lord Samuel.