

# YOUR ROUTE UP CHEETHAM HILL ROAD

While you're walking from Manchester Victoria Train Station or Tram Stop, there are loads of important Jewish historical buildings to see...

As soon as you get onto Cheetham Hill Road, look to the right. The large cream building on the corner was once Manchester Central Synagogue. The building dates from the 1840s and started life as a Methodist Chapel. The community started as a chevra (Yiddish for close-knit group) called Chevra Walkawishk in 1871, became Fernie Street Synagogue in 1892 and moved into this building in 1894. The congregation worshiped here until 1928 when they moved to a new purpose-built synagogue in Heywood Street.



On the right-hand side of the road, after you have passed St Chad's Church and crossed St Chad's Street, you'll see a red brick building still featuring a distinct Star of David window.



This is the second surviving synagogue on the road. It was called Manchester New Synagogue and the building dates from 1887. It was established by migrants from Eastern Europe who wanted to distance themselves from the Great Synagogue which was just further up the Road. Manchester Great Synagogue members were keen on 'anglicising' new arrivals to the city, but members of the New wanted to assert their distinct Jewish identity.

Over time, the differences between these two congregations faded and the synagogues ended up merging to form the Great and New Synagogue in 1964. Unfortunately, the beautiful building that was once The Great Synagogue was demolished in 1986.



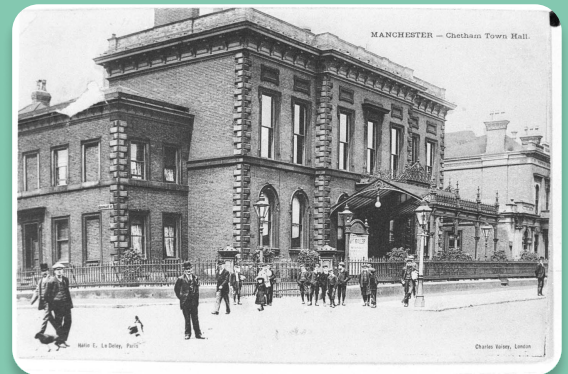


Now look across the other side of the street. Next to the Derby Brewery Arms pub, a three-story Victorian building has survived. This was once known as Zion Hall.

By the 1880s there were numerous societies based in Manchester's Jewish Communities who wanted to see the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. These organisations took many different views, some were religious, some political, others concerned with agricultural development.

In 1904, Dr Chaim Weizmann arrived in Manchester to take up a post at Manchester University. He would later become the first President of Israel. Weizmann pulled together all these disparate groups to form the Manchester Zionist Association. This building became their headquarters.

Further down the Road, crossing over Knowsley Street, the distinct building with a large iron canopy was the Town Hall when Cheetham was a township. This 1853 building was the venue for many Jewish events, weddings and meetings. The function of the building is now pretty similar - it is a restaurant and events space.



You're nearly at the museum but there is just one more building to point out. As you are about to cross over Broughton Street, look to your right.



This building, now a clothes shop, was once Frankenberg House.

It was named after the first Jewish Mayor of Salford, Isidore Frankenberg. The building was home to the first major charity set up by the Jewish communities in Manchester, The Jewish Board of Guardians. The organisation dates from the 1867 and aimed to help newly arrived migrants into the city with financial support. In 1911 the charity moved from Knowsley Street down the road to this building. It would remain here until the 1970s.

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