



The Gwozdziec Synagogue Wooden Ceiling and Wall Paintings Projects

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**Gwozdziec Vault,
facing north
Photograph by A. Breier, 1913**



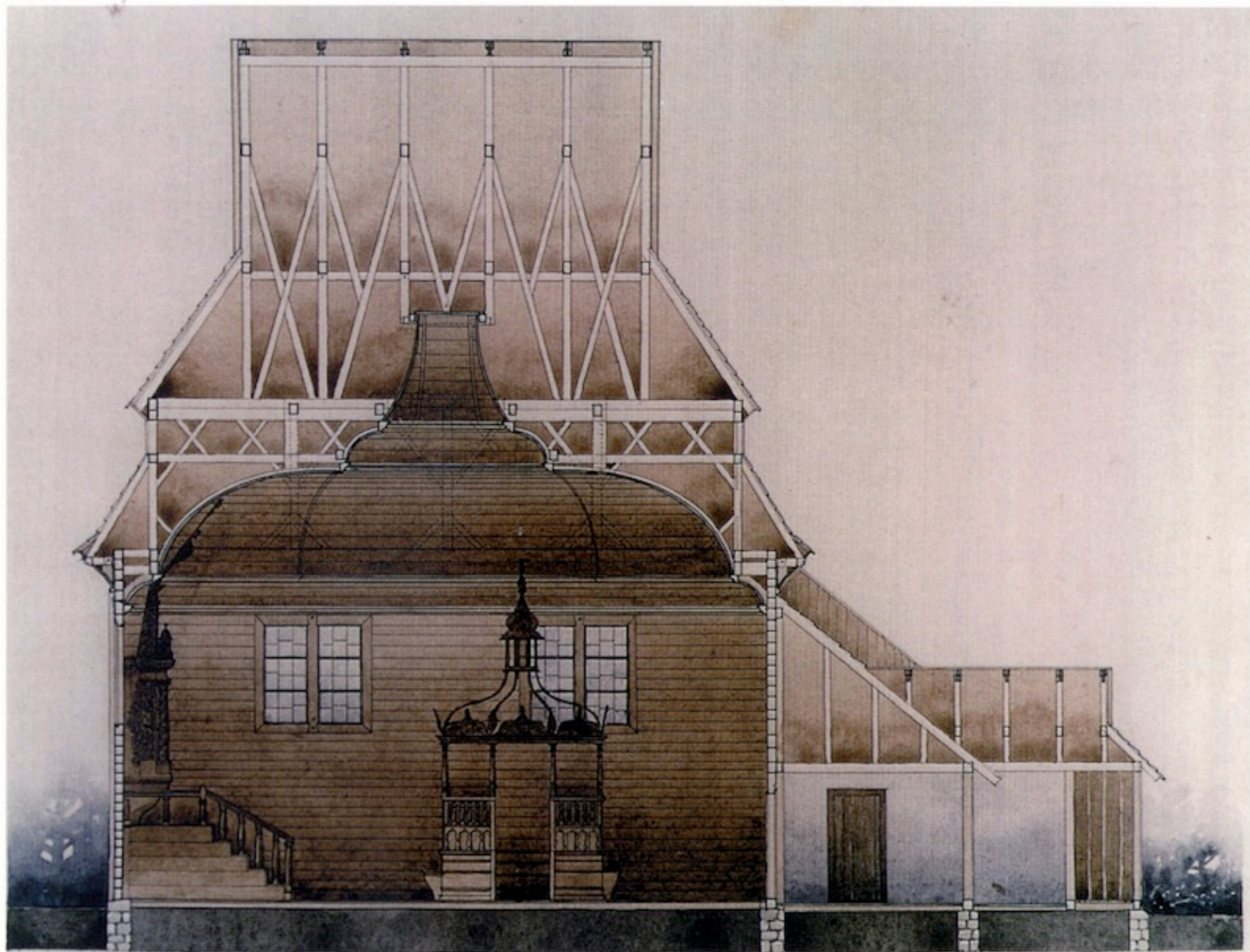
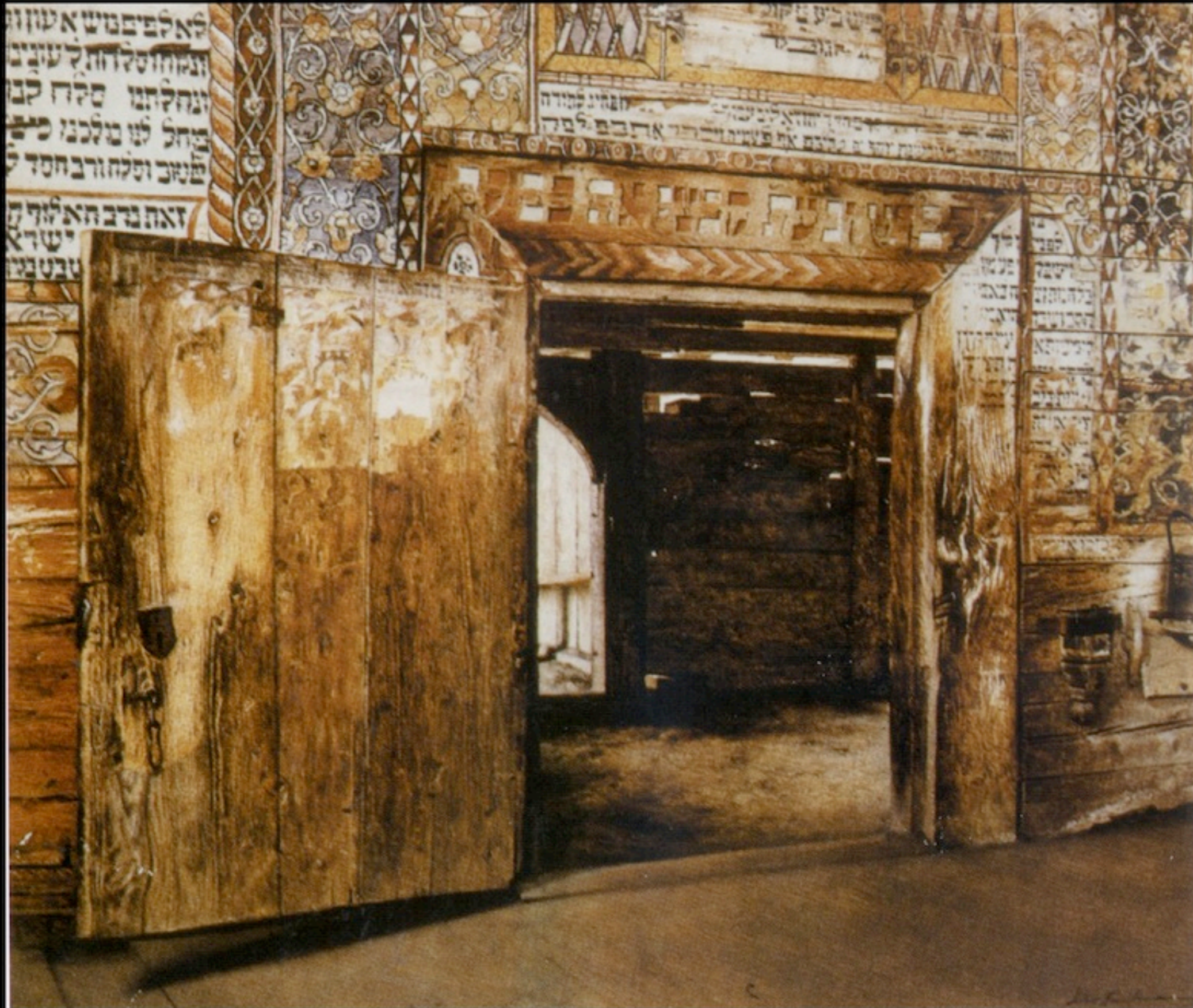


PLATE 2. Section, Looking South, Gwoździec Synagogue. (Courtesy of the Tel Aviv Museum of Art.)

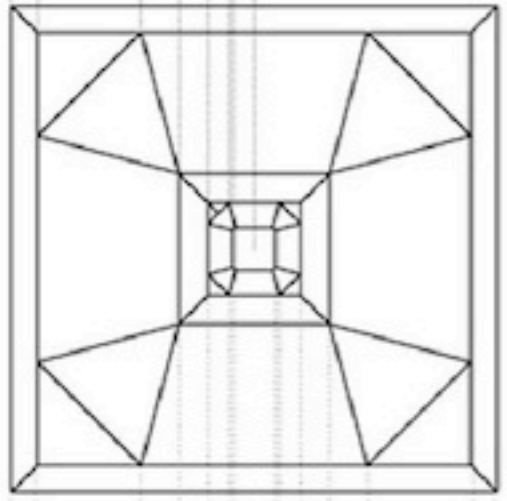
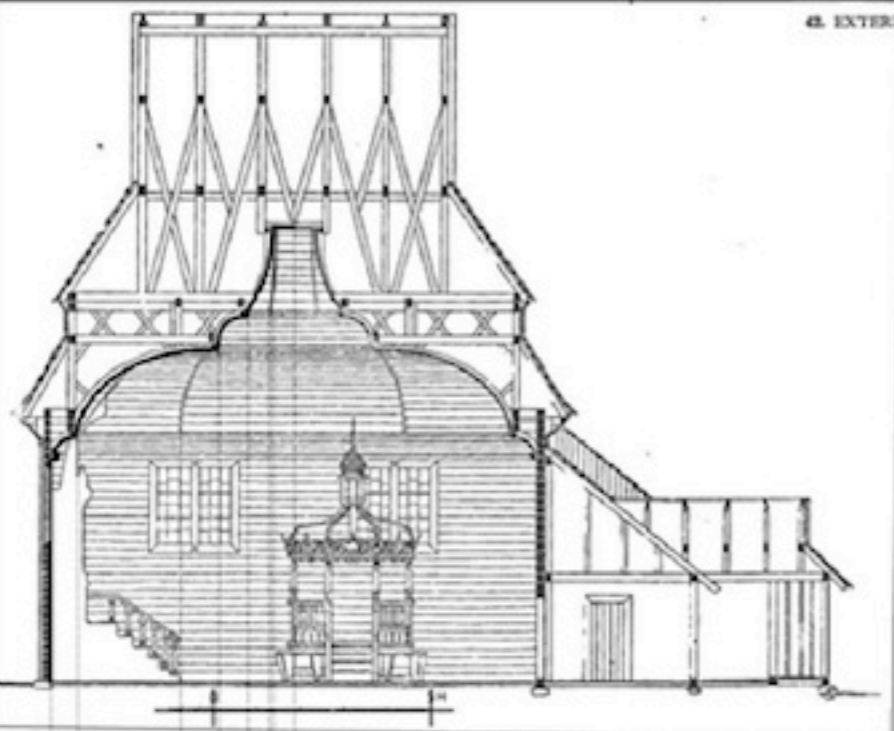


Entrance to the Prayer Hall, a painting by Isidor Kaufmann, 1897-98

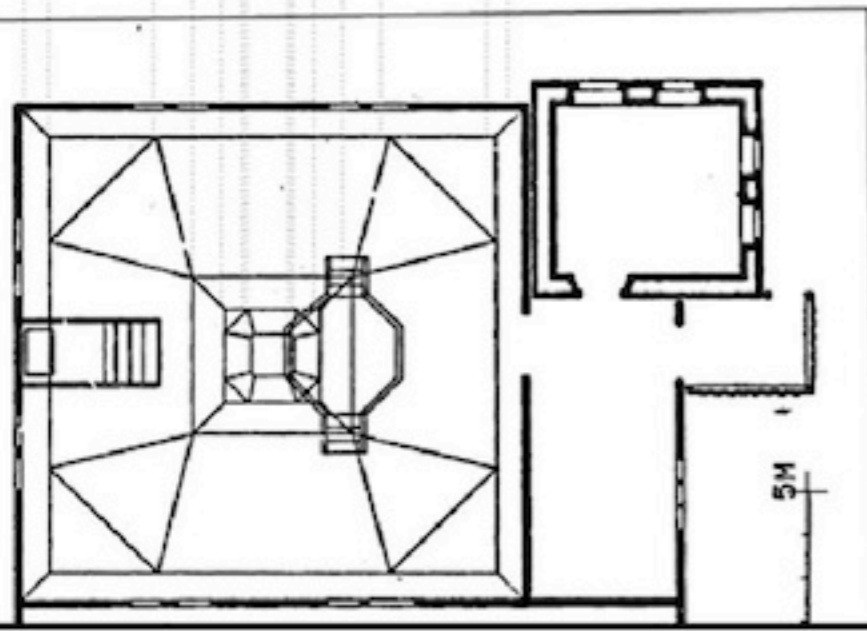
187. Gwoździec, detail
of the polychromy of the vault;
copied by A. Breier.



**North Ceiling color study.
A rendering of the original pre 1914 study by Alois Breier.**



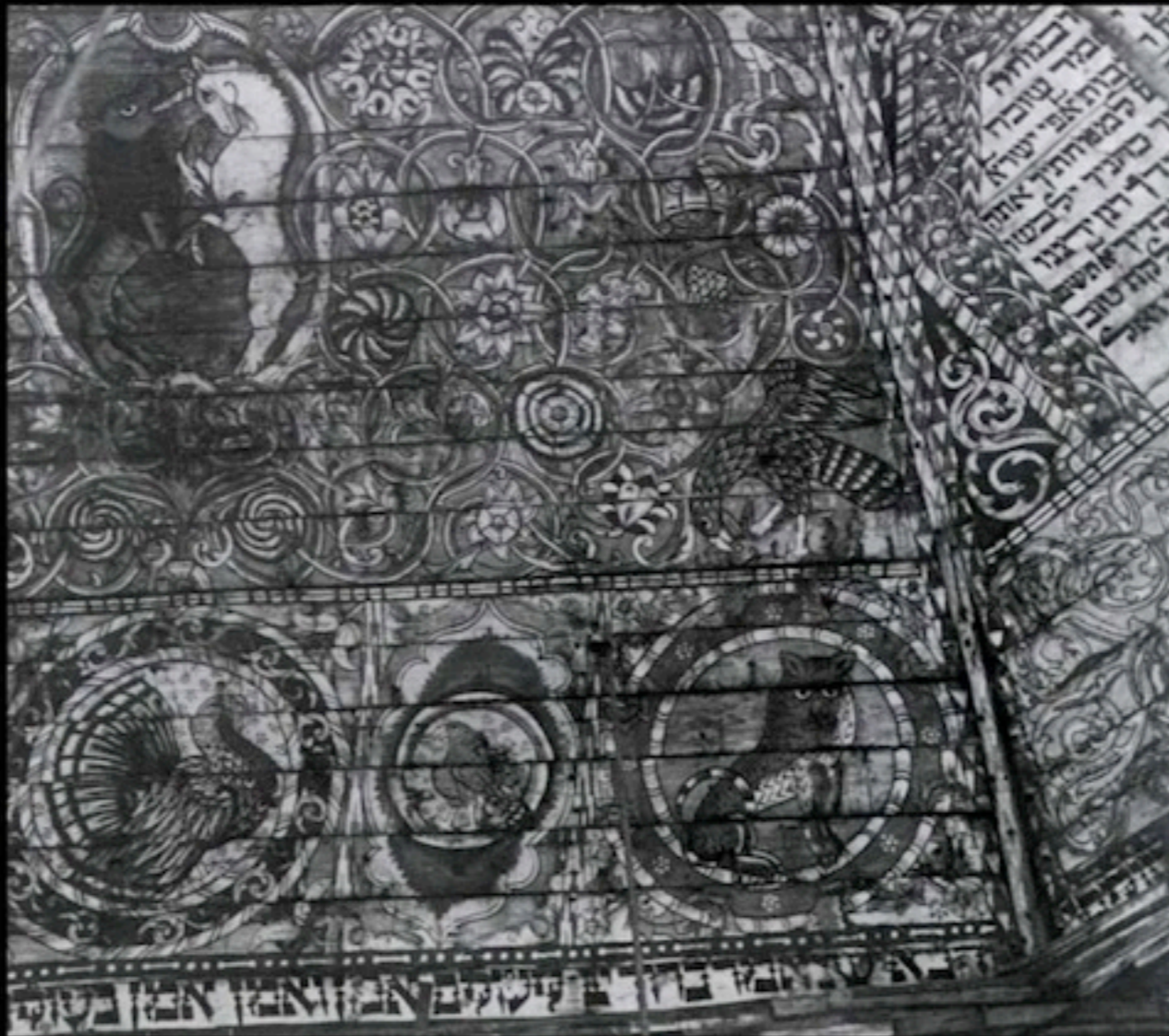
GWOZDZIEC SYNAGOGUE
CUPOLA DEVELOPMENT
Scale = $\frac{3}{32}'' = 1'-0''$



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Making a model of the cupola

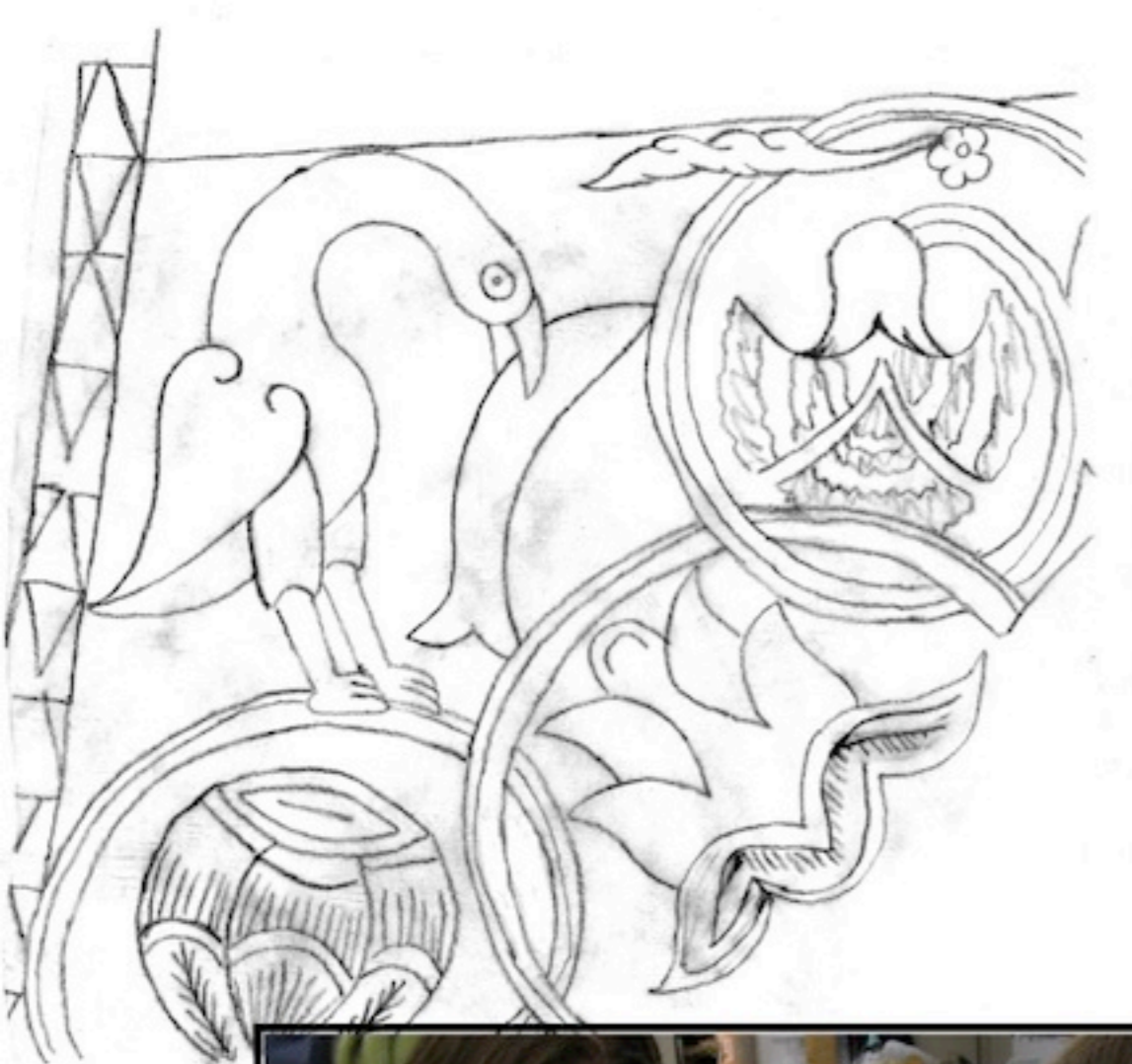


Full scale study of the composite animal from the north ceiling - for exploring scale, color, and painting methods and materials.





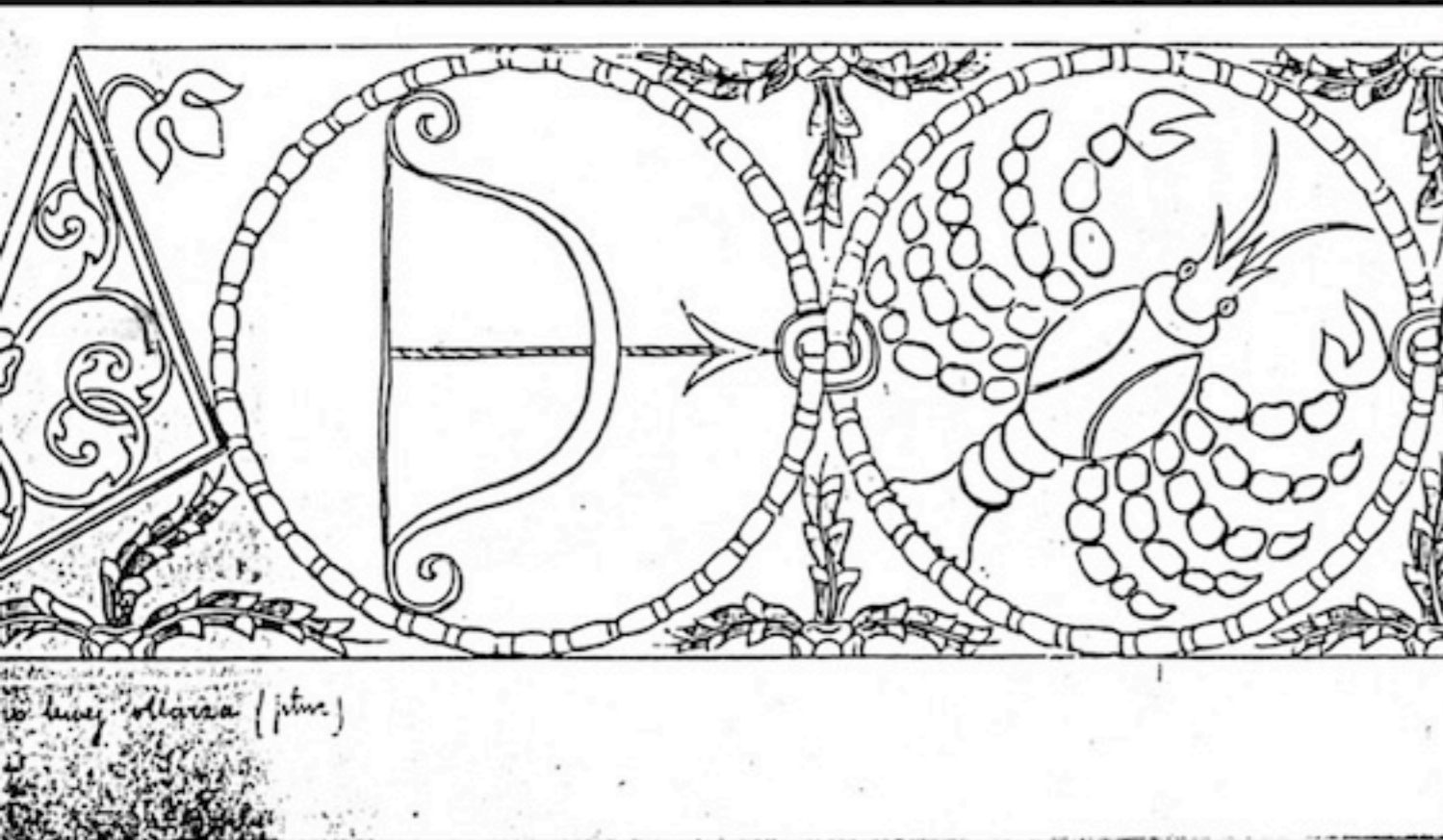
Studying and creating scale drawings the tent scallop detail .



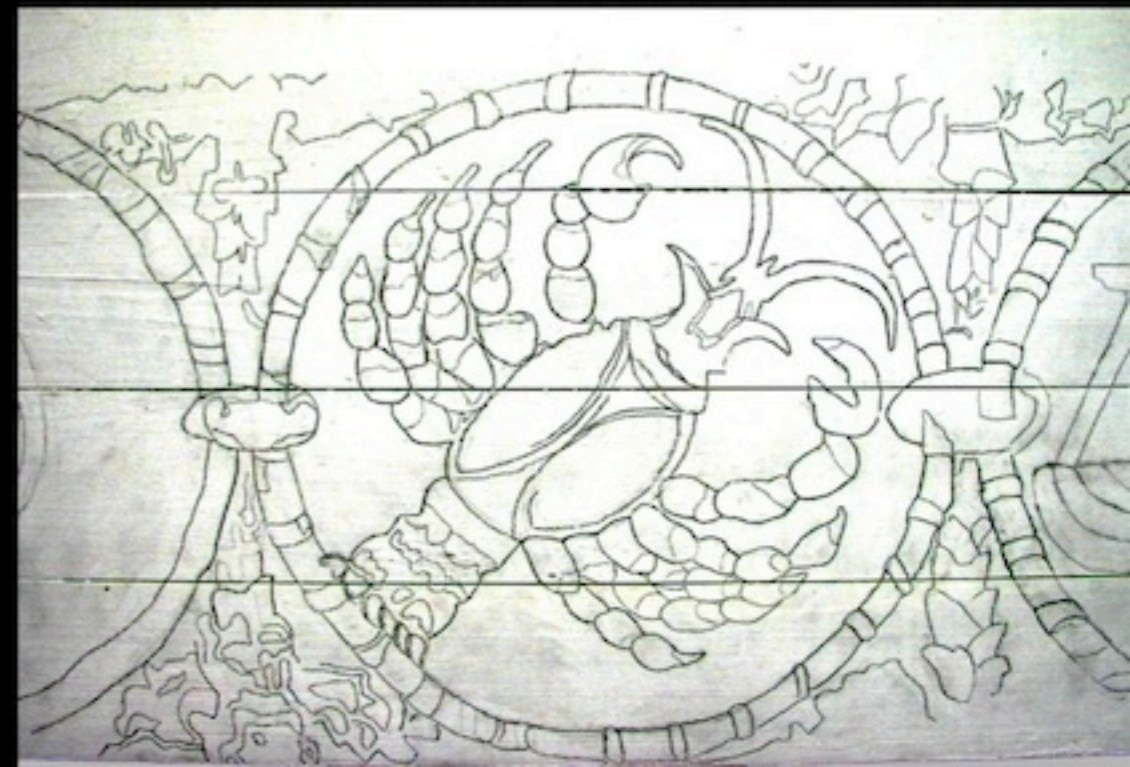
Using the drawings of floral details and animals to produce tracings.



Photograph of Zodiac signs on upper north vault and Drawing from original documentation



Drawing of Zodiac Cancer sign for half scale model





Making pigment formulas and color boards to determine and standardize the colors for the entire painting based on archival color studies.

Wall painting study, North Wall
Source unknown,





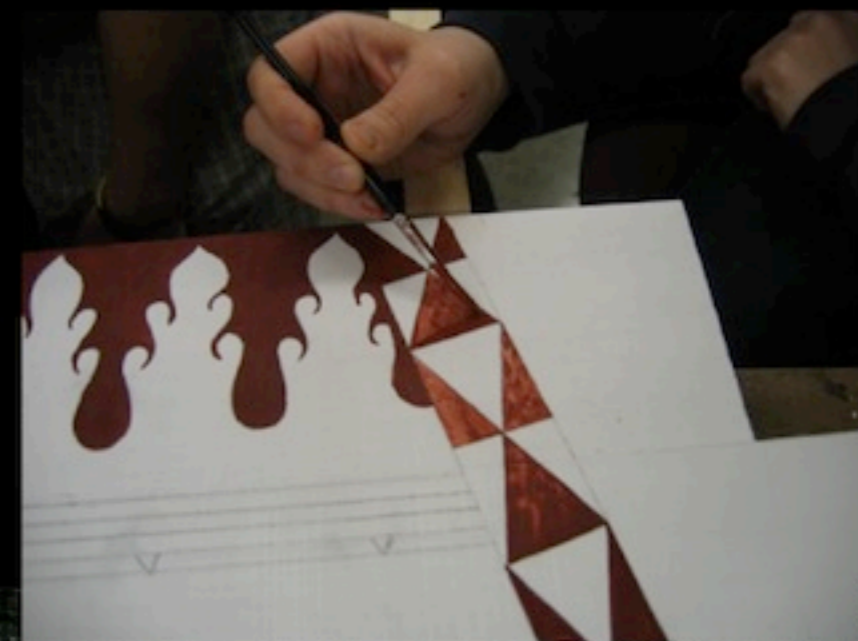
Painting the South Ceiling



Photograph of the South Ceiling from 1914



Painting the scallop motifs and boarder details.





Learning calligraphy for the Hebrew text









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Gwozdziec North Ceiling 1/2 scale replica painting and team
Handhouse Studio and Massachusetts College of Art, 2005



Gwozdziec South Ceiling Painting replica and team

Handhouse Studio and Oberlin College, January 2006



Gwozdziec West Ceiling Painting replica, cupola model and team
Handshouse Studio and Mass Art, March 2007



Gwozdziec East Ceiling 1/2 scale replica painting and team
Handhouse Studio and Massachusetts College of Art, 2008



Gwozdziec Pendentive Ceiling 1/2 scale replica painting and team
Handhouse Studio and Oberlin College, 2009



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