

The Main Dutch Synagogue “ Bouwmeesterstraat “
september the 6th 2009.



The Main Dutch Synagogue :
Bouwmeesterstraat (near Americalei)
2000 Antwerp -South

Concert of Jewish liturgic-music
by Head Cantor at 2 p.m.

visits: from 10. a.m. to 5 p.m.
free entrance
guided tour every hour.

Street Car: 24- 9 -

The Central Israëlite Consistory was established
right after the independance of the Belgian
State. This institution was founded with the aim
to promote a” Belgian Jewry” . Soon afterwards,
Antwerp Jews introduced a demand for the right
to get a Jewish Tempel.

On December the 22nd 1891, as the cornerstone
of the Dutch Synagogue was laid, members of
the board of the Israëlite Community of Ant-
werp had a very good reason to be proud .

The Synagogue was eventually inaugurated on
September the 7th 1893, one day ahead the eve of
Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. This
event was a real source of pride for the jewish
community. This brought along too a golden age
for the Antwerp Jewry.

The Dutch Synagogue, also known as the Syna-
gogue of the Bouwmeesterstraat, an impressive
building in grand art-deco style. This prayer-
house has been inspired too by the synagogues of
Toledo. It is one of the monuments that made
Antwerp one of the most beautiful cities in

Europe. The many synagogues of Antwerp show
a strong jewish identity.
There is a very specific jewish religious activity
in Antwerp. But jewish activity in the Antwerp
economy, industry & finance has devolped too,
unbroken.

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