

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 301 East Jefferson Street
Map and Parcel: 33- 204
Census Track & Block: 1-105
Present Owner: Beth Israel Temple
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Present Use: Worship
Original Owner: Beth Israel Temple
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BASE DATA

Historic Name: Beth Israel Temple
Date/Period: 1882-1903
Style: Late Gothic Revival
Height to Cornice: 43
Height in Stories: 2
Present Zoning: B-1
Land Area (sq.ft.): 101 x 100
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 21,670 + 21,900 = 45,570

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Beth Israel Temple is an example of the late Gothic revival popular for religious buildings in the nineteenth century. The fact that Gothic architecture was seen appropriate only for Christian churches, a founding principle of the whole Gothic Revival movement, had long been forgotten by 1882 and the style was adopted by all faiths. The most prominent architectural feature of the exterior are the five low pinnacles supported by corbels and square piers. The entrance door is set into a splayed reveal under a pointed arch. Within the range of tall lance windows is contained much of the Temple's original art glass.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The Beth Israel Temple was built in 1882 on the site now occupied by the Federal Post Office on Market Street. In 1904 it was moved to its present location on Jefferson and rebuilt. The congregation dates from 1863. (City Deed Reference: 14-72).

GRAPHICS

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CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

City Records