

ARCHIBALD STREET



OF VERMONT  
 Commission for Historic Preservation  
 Montpelier, VT 05602

HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY: Chittenden  
 TOWN: Burlington  
 LOCATION: 253 Archibald St.  
 COMMON NAME:  
 FUNCTIONAL TYPE: church  
 OWNER: Ahavath Gerim Congregation  
 ADDRESS:  
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
 Yes  No  Restricted   
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 Local  State  National

SURVEY NUMBER:  
 NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:  
 78-A-225  
 UTM REFERENCES:  
 Zone/Easting/Northing  
 U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:  
 PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
 Ahavath Gerim Congregation  
 ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
 PRESENT USE: synagogue  
 ORIGINAL USE:  
 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:  
 BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:  
 PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
 Excellent  Good   
 Fair  Poor   
 STYLE: Gothic Revival  
 DATE BUILT: 1887, veneered and re-  
 modeled, 1902

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:  
 Structural System  
 1. Foundation: Stone  Brick  Concrete  Concrete Block   
 2. Wall Structure  
 a. Wood Frame: Post & Beam  Balloon   
 b. Load Bearing Masonry: Brick  Stone  Concrete   
 Concrete Block   
 c. Iron  d. Steel  e. Other:  
 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard  Board & Batten  Wood Shingle   
 Shiplap  Novelty  Asbestos Shingle  Sheet Metal   
 Aluminum  Asphalt Shingle  Brick Veneer  Stone Veneer   
 Bonding Pattern: common Other:  
 4. Roof Structure  
 a. Truss: Wood  Iron  Steel  Concrete   
 b. Other:  
 5. Roof Covering: Slate  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Shingle   
 Sheet Metal  Built Up  Rolled  Tile  Other:  
 6. Engineering Structure:  
 7. Other:  
 Appendages: Porches  Towers  Cupolas  Dormers  Chimneys   
 Sheds  Ells  Wings  Bay Window  Other:  
 Roof Style: Gable  Hip  Shed  Flat  Mansard  Gambrel   
 Jerkinhead  Saw Tooth  With Monitor  With Bellcast   
 With Parapet  With False Front  Other:  
 Number of Stories: 1 1/2  
 Number of Bays: 3 x 6 Entrance Location: center  
 Approximate Dimensions:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:  
 No Threat  Zoning  Roads   
 Development  Deterioration   
 Alteration  Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:  
 Positive  Negative   
 Mixed  Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Massing - Gable end orientation. Rectangular block. Stone foundation is exposed in 2 1/2' then the brick starts. Entrance deck on facade. Cropped eaves. North elevation is clapboarded.

Fenestration - 2 centered lancet windows, rowlock voussoirs, segmental arched openings for cellar windows. Oculus windows.

Entrance - 2 centered arched opening. Double doors.

Enrichments - 6 pointed star in oculus in facade.

Note - Building is in need of structural repair, especially the brick work. (repoenting)

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

On the National Register (1/31/78). Formerly a frame building, it was veneered in brick. The north gable end of the temple is frame showing how the building originally appeared.

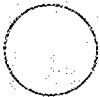
It was the first Synagogue built to house Burlington's large and tightly-knit community of immigrant Polish and Russian Jews, who began to arrive c. 1880. Originally a simple frame structure built on the foundation of an old stone shed, it was veneered and remodeled in 1902, indicating the growing size, maturity, and affluence of the congregation. In the 1950's Ohavi Zedek, an orthodox built a new synagogue on North Prospect St., and the Conservative Ohaveth Gerin congregation took over the old building.

1887  
Ohaveth Gerin

REFERENCES:

1890, Sanborn maps, directories, Myron Samuelson, History of the Jewish Community of Burlington, 1976, p. 61-76.

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Land  Woodland   
 Scattered Buildings   
 Moderately Built Up   
 Densely Built Up   
 Residential  Commercial   
 Agricultural  Industrial   
 Roadside Strip Development   
 Other:

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DATE RECORDED:

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1904

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Massing - U shaped plan. Additions on east elevation not in keeping with original architectural character. Projecting eaves with exposed rafters. Brick base corbelles in and main block rises from this base.

Fenestration - 1/1 wood and aluminum sash. Rowlock flat arches.

Entrance - Bricked up and entrance porch has been removed. New entrance through addition.

Enrichments - Standing soldier brick sill course with band of stretchers above and below the soldier bricks projecting. Palladian motif above former entrance. Date plaque additions built 1954 & 1966.

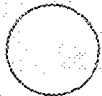
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Built shortly after the turn of the century, this school was made necessary by the tremendous growth of the far North End as a residential area, c. 1890-1910. It was named after H. O. Wheeler, an attorney who served as superintendent of schools from 1880-1912, three decades of great change in the city.

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