

Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ

1915 E Fir Street, Seattle

City of Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board
May 17, 2023

PROPERTY OWNER & APPLICANT
Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ

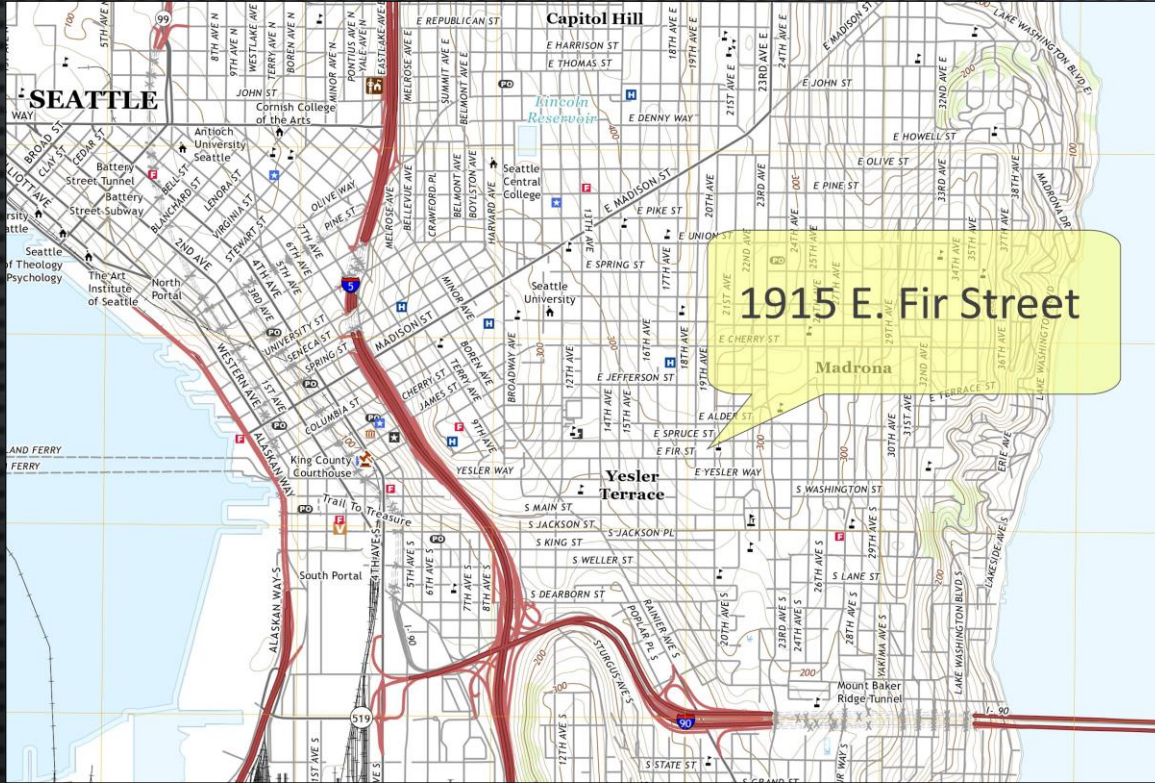


Original: Sephardic Bikur Holim

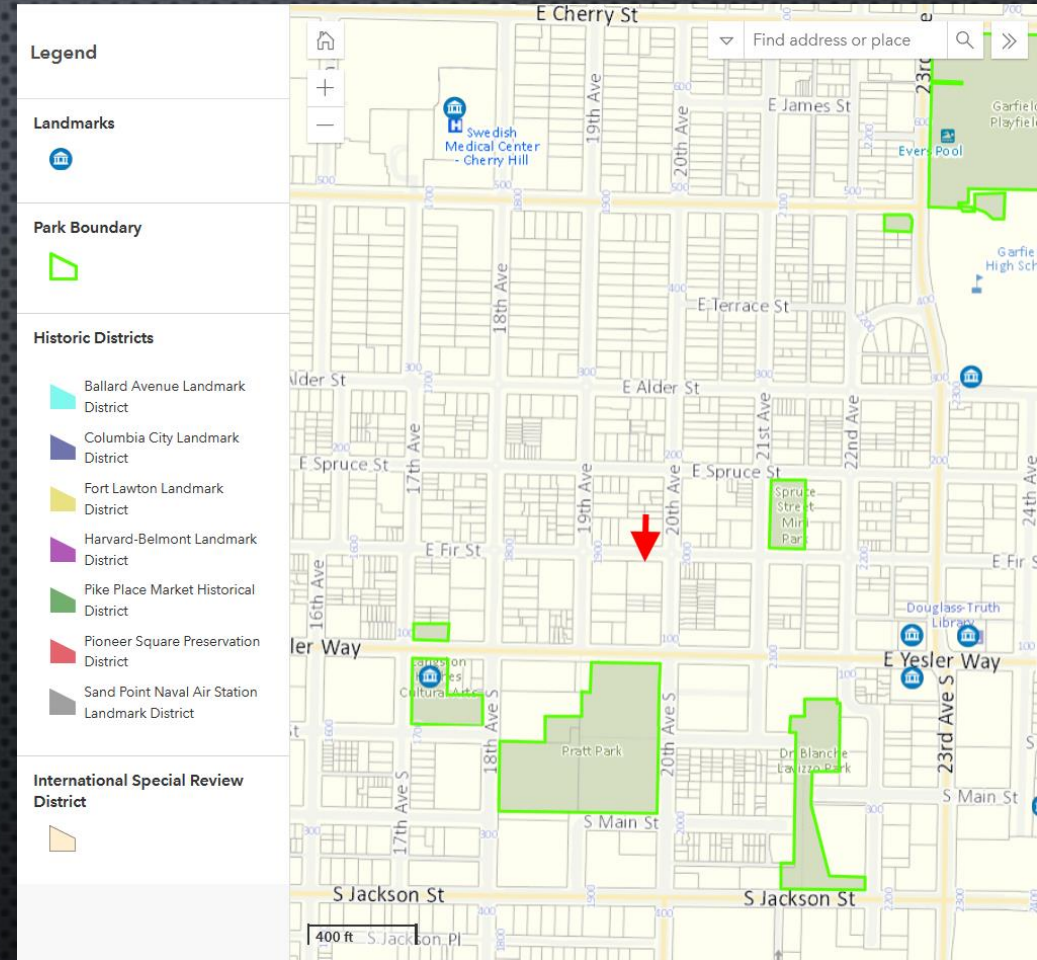


Present: Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ

Neighborhood Context

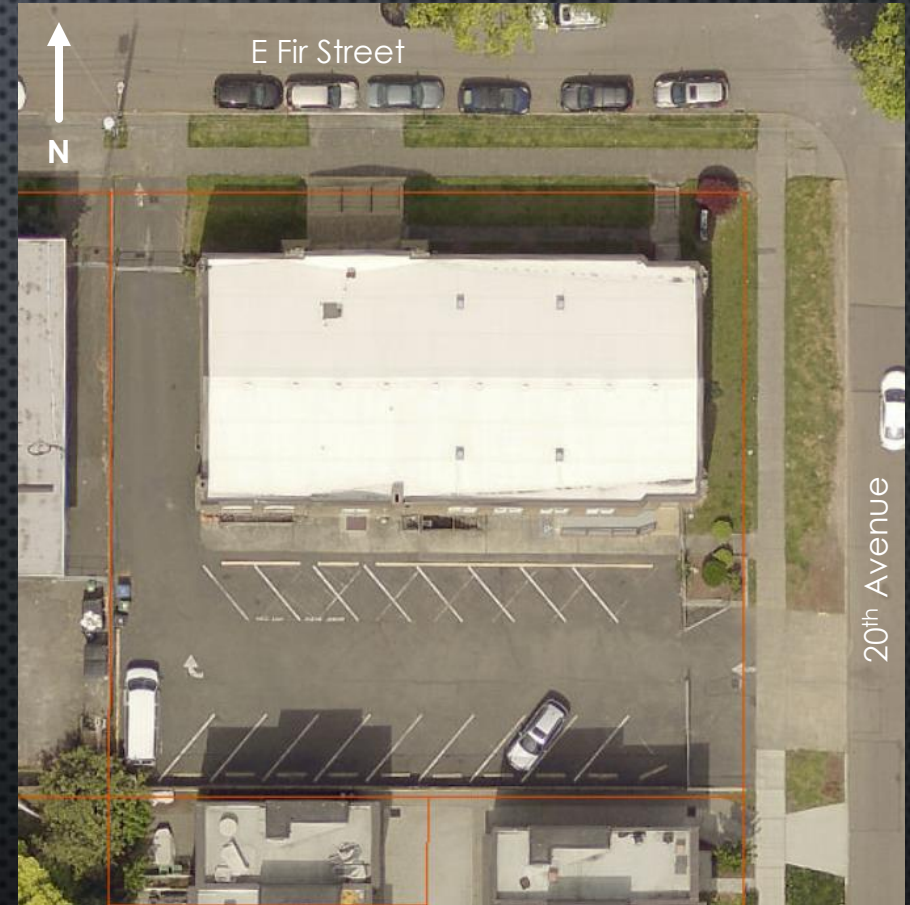
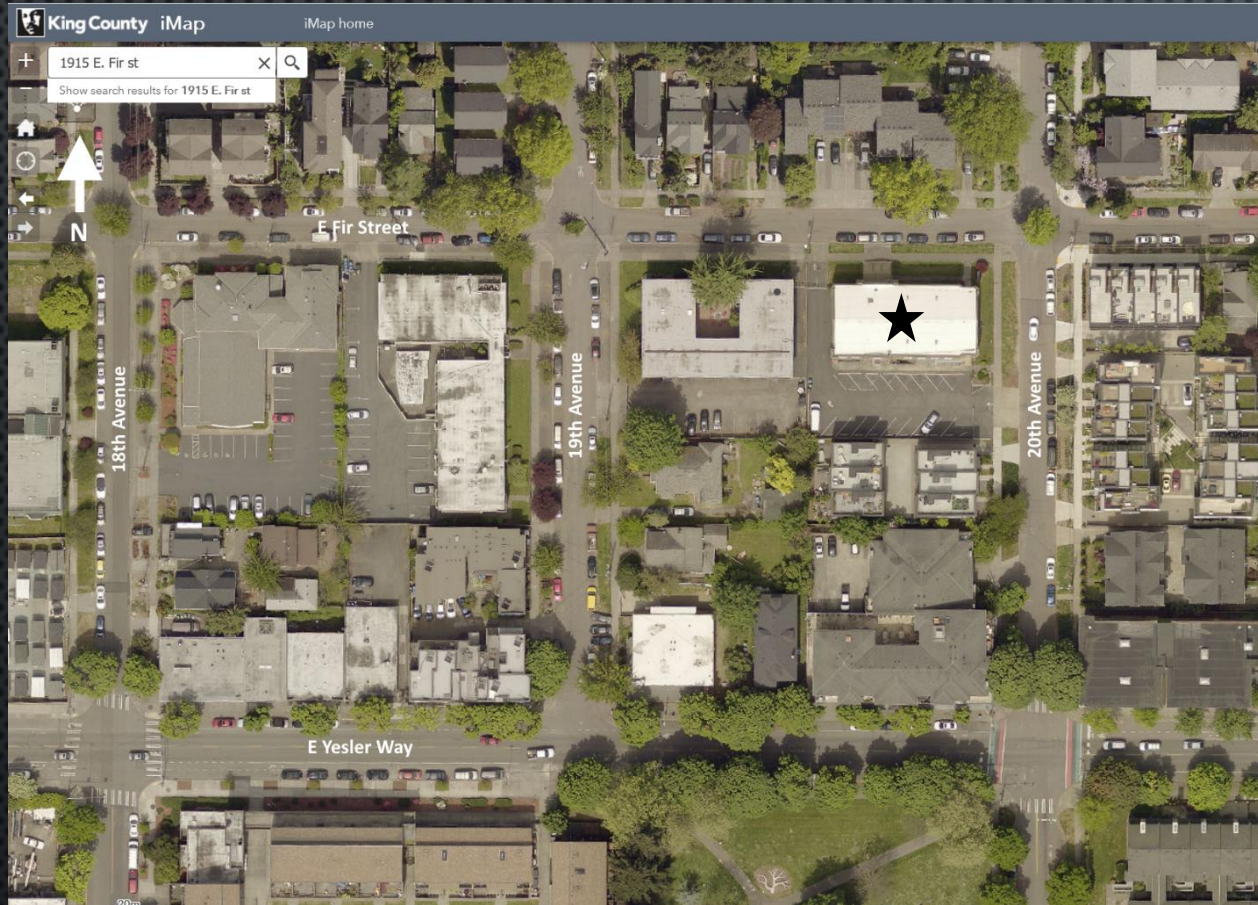


Seattle's Central District

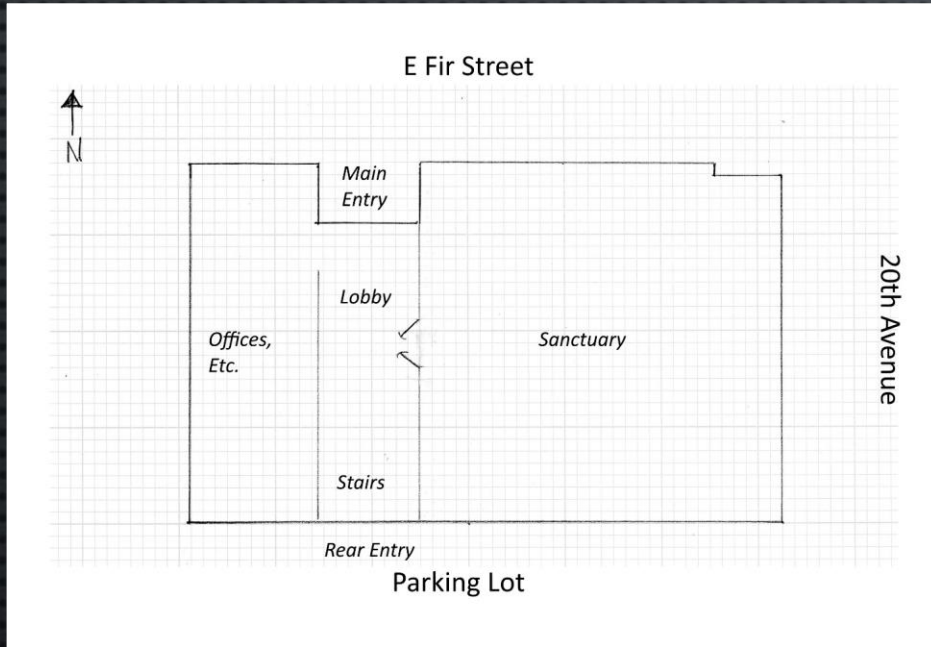


Nearby City Designated Landmarks

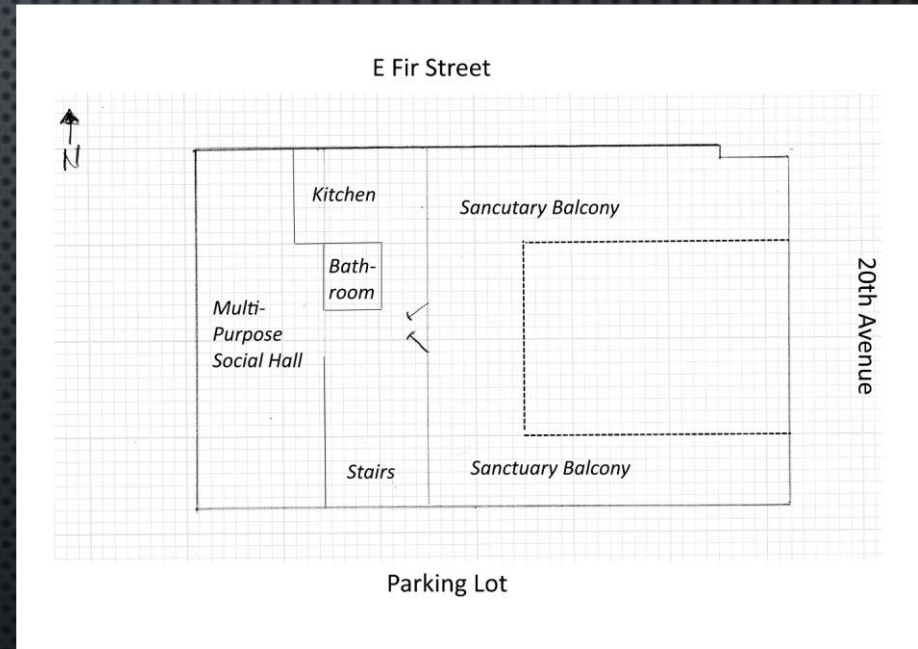
Property Information



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First Floor



Second Floor

















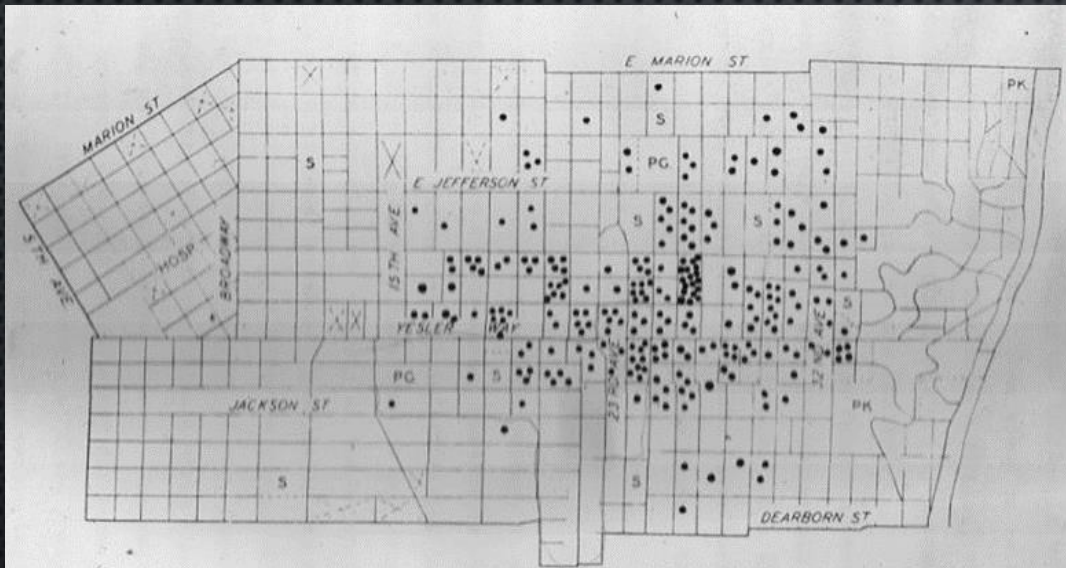
Architect: William G. Brust



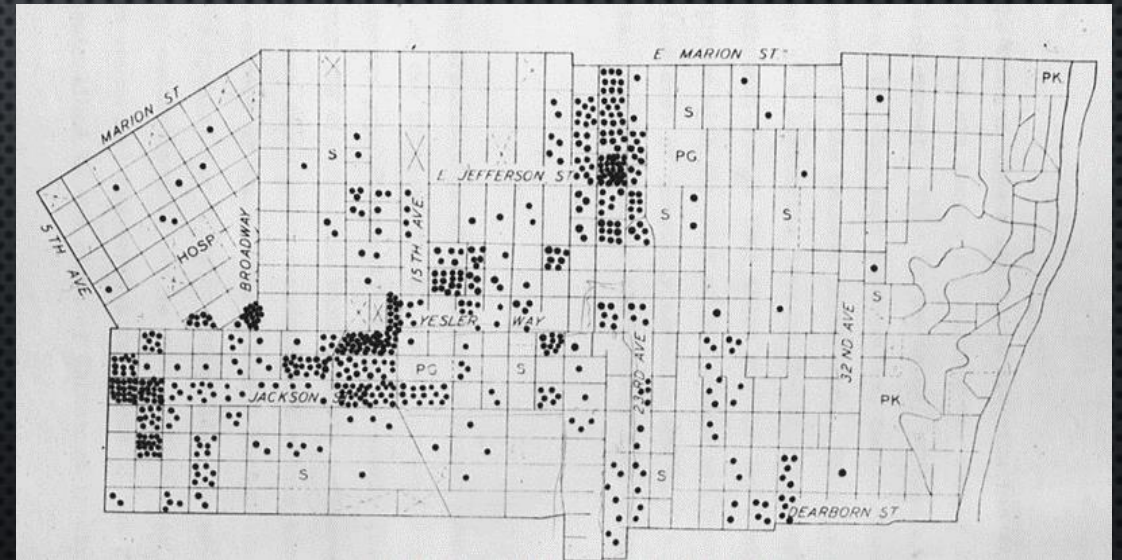
Neighborhood Context

1910-1960: vast majority of Seattle's Jewish and African American populations lived in the Central District

Distribution of Sephardic Jewish population in Central District, 1939. Each dot represents one head of household.



Distribution of African American population in Central District, 1939. Each dot represents one head of household.



Sephardic Bikur Holim

- Rabbi Abraham Maimon
- Ladies Auxiliary
- Building Committee
- Hired W. G. Brust, architect
- Built in two phases

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Donations of St. July Camp for the Building

Joseph Cohen	15.00	
Abraham J. Adatto	5.00	
Lea Halpern	2.00	
Mrs Joseph Caston	5.00	
Lea Luman	5.00	
Martin Albert Barokas	2.00	
David Benvenisti	3.00	
Mrs. Myrtle Cordova	5.00	
Mrs. Sam Adatto	50.00	94.00
Marco Cordova	25.00	
Shm. Messim J. Adatto	5.00	
Isaac Halpern	5.00	
Lea Azur	5.00	
Mrs. Nathan D. Benyara	5.00	
White Kasher Wash.	10.00	
Bessar Cabul	2.00	
Isaac Barokas	5.00	52.00
Minahem Altalim	5.00	
Victor Calderon	5.00	
Morris J. Cordova	5.00	
Mrs. Messim Amira	5.00	
Bertram Maimon	5.00	
Florida Fruit Co	25.00	
Jack Caston	15.00	credit 10.00
Cagle Grocery	10.00	
Samson Adatto	5.00	
Joseph Halpern	3.00	
Albert Uziel	2.00	
Hospitality Levy	5.00	90.00
		248.00
		5.00
David Benyara	5.00	253.00

SALE Via
2 Cash

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SECOND DAY

The day of dedication of Synagogue

Salomon Calvo Super	1	20.00
Morris Poliacar	2	30.00
Albert Uziel	3	20.00
Isaac Calderon	4	15.00
Isaac Calderon	5	15.00
Albert Jacob Moskato	6	15.00
Morris Poliacar Key	7	175.00
Altavard Cordova	8	100.00
Lea Altalim	9	25.00
Mrs. Isaac Asanang		5.00
Abraham Samuel Barokas	10	15.00
Altalim		5.00
Mrs. Isaac Altalim Barokas		5.00
Albert Jacob Moskato's Rimm	11	6.00
Abraham Varian	12	50.00
Mrs. Morris Poliacar	13	35.00
Morris Hanan	14	20.00
Mrs. Isaac Acrist	15	125.00
Mrs. Morris Moskato	16	150.00
Albert Jacob Moskato	17	100.00
Isaac Barokas	18	175.00
Joseph Cordova	19	125.00
Morris Fumis	20	15.00

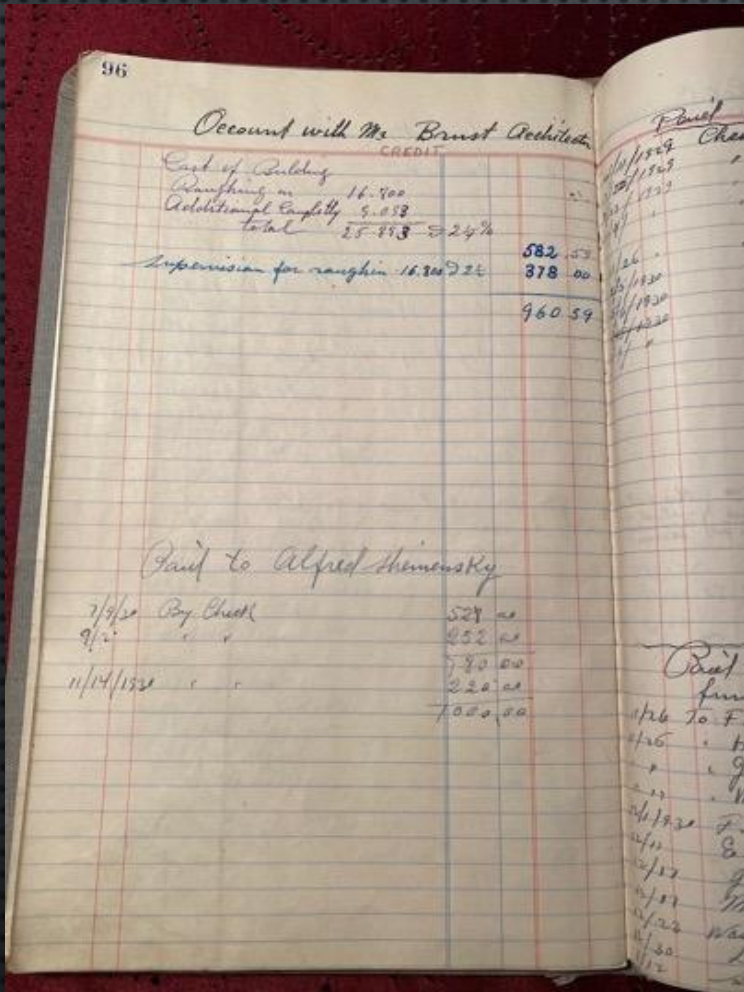
Donations for the 9 Pins of Synagogue

Pin 1	500.00
Pin 2	250.00
Pin 3	250.00
Pin 4	200.00
Pin 5	150.00
Pin 6	250.00
Pin 7	100.00
Pin 8	250.00
Pin 9	65.00

Cancelled

Ledger showing community donations for the building campaign. (Courtesy Al Maimon)

Sephardic Bikur Holim



Ledger showing payments to architect W. G. Brust. (Courtesy Al Maimon)



Seattle Times, July 8, 1929.



Seattle P-I, Sept. 30, 1929.



Clippings from La Vara, a national Sephardic newspaper.

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Wedding ceremony, 1957. (Courtesy David Maimon)

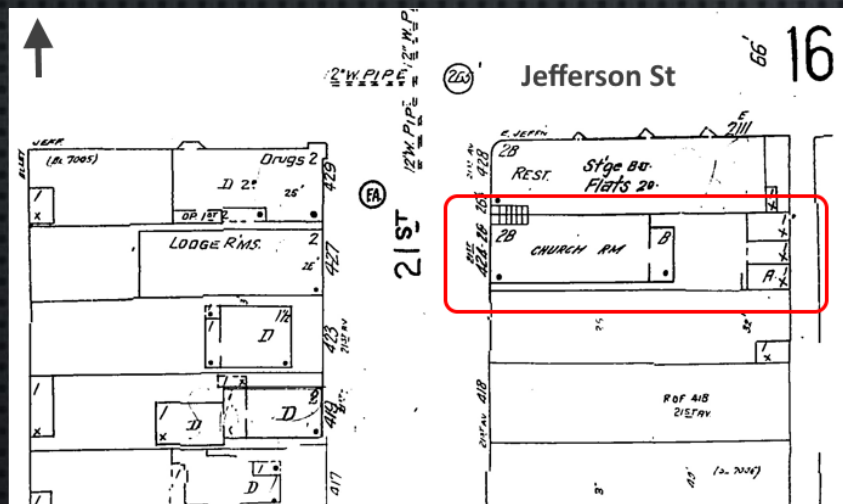


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Sephardic Bikur Holim men's group, 1953. (UW Special Collections)

Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ

1926 Articles of Incorporation
Lafayette E. Tolliver
Storefront church, 21st & Jefferson,
approx. 1940 to 1963



Sanborn Co. Map, 1941



Tolliver's congregation, 424 21st Ave., 1940s. (Courtesy Rose Wallace-Croone)

Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ

Churches of God Plan Convention

The Washington State Convention of the Churches of God in Christ will be held Monday through June 29 in the Fir Street Church of God in Christ. Bishop Van Goodlow, state executive, will preside. The denomination's senior bishop, O. T. Jones of Philadelphia, also will attend. Prayers for the sick and infirm will be offered nightly. The host pastor is Bishop L. E. Tolliver.

Seattle Times,
June 20, 1964.

Sunday School Convention Dates

The annual Washington State Sunday school convention of the Church of God in Christ will be held Wednesday through Saturday at Tolliver Temple Church, 1915 E. Fir St., with Bishop L. E. Tolliver as host pastor. J. A. Blackwell, state Sunday school superintendent, and Mrs. Gloria M. Smith, state field representative, will preside. A feature at 6 p.m. daily will be a laboratory school.

Seattle P-I, May 1,
1965.



District #2 gathering at Tolliver Temple, 1976.
(Courtesy Rose Wallace-Croone)

Page 16 Washington State Convocation, 1969 Seattle, Washington
TOLLIVER'S TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - SEATTLE,



1st Row - Min. F. Morris, Min. J. Winston, Second Row - L. Dennis, L. C. Jones, Min. J. Holin, Third Row - E. Malone, and Pastor James.



Elder & Missionary
F. L. James



1st Row - Missionary Jenkins, Mother M. Turner, Missionary James, 2nd Row - Sister M. Jones, Church Secretary, Missionary Young, and Missionary D. Jones; Not shown Mother M. Bedford and Mother Frances McGraw.



Front row--L. to R.: Sister Sandy Cravens, Pamela Bolter, Nell Jenkins, Fay Weaver, Ruby Jenkins, Mary Dennis, Dorothy Jones, and Erna Wallace. Second row--Jean McGraw, Debra Ruffin, Glinda Smith, Patricia McGraw, Alice Winston, Gladys Ross, and Dorothy Moody. Third row--Jack Jenkins, Ronelle McGraw, Joe Brown, Elder F. L. James, Pastor, Charles Ruffin, Lewis Frazier and Curtis Burns.

Greetings to the saints of God everywhere! Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity. We are indeed grateful to God for His everlasting love, His unlimited mercy and unspeakable joy. The spirit of peace exists among us.

Elder F. L. James, Pastor

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GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT NUMBER - 2



Eld. L. Green District Superintendent



Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, District Missionary
GOSPEL O. D. SINGERS



Musicians Nell Jenkins, Ronelle McGraw and Jean McGraw



Back Row: Jean McGraw, Elerie Harris, D. Jenkins, B. Perryman, Nell Jenkins. Front Row: Ronelle McGraw, Charles Ruffin and Wayne Perryman.



D. Jones, Sec. of Missionaries



Bertha Tony
Treasurer
Women's Dept.



E. Malone
Finance Board



A Russel
Devotional
Leader



Lic Jones
Treasurer

WA State Convocation Souvenir Booklet, 1969. Tolliver Temple Collection.

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Tolliver Temple, 1979. (Courtesy City of Seattle)



(Top) Sunday School, 1975.
(Bottom) Wedding ceremony, 2001.
(Courtesy Rose Wallace-Croone)

Landmark Designation Standards

- (A) It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, a historic event with a significant effect upon the community, city, state, or nation; or
- (B) It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation; or
- (C) It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation; or
- (D) It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or a method of construction; or
- (E) It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder; or
- (F) Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City.

Seattle Landmarks Preservation Ordinance (SMC 25.12.350)

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