

B'nai Israel Synagogue
707 22nd Street
Galveston
Galveston County
Texas

HABS No. TX-3298

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STATE TEXAS	COUNTY GALVESTON	TOWN OR VICINITY GALVESTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) B'NAI ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE		HABS NO. TX-3298
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 707 22nd Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1870	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Fred Stewart	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The heavily altered Gothic Revival building served as a worship place for Galveston's Jewish residents in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Gothic Revival with Moorish elements.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stuccoed brick; 12th century style English buttresses support the building.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A standard brick dentil typical of the Texas-German brickmason architecture era surrounds the entire building. Door and window lintels have voluted returns. The front facade originally had thin colonettes and Moorish style minarets.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The great front traceried windows reminiscent of French Gothic and Moorish styles were removed at a later date. Handsome main doors were replaced with aluminum doors after 1962. The brick was stuccoed in 1889. 1890 additions were designed by Nicholas Clayton, famed architect		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building was sold in 1953 to the Masonic Temple.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Barnstone, Howard. <u>The Galveston That Was</u> . New York: MacMillan Company, 1966.		
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