

# Landmarks Preservation Board

## Seattle Historic Building Data Sheet

1. Name (common or present and/or historic) Hebrew Academy (Old Forest Ridge Convent)
2. Street and Number 1617 Interlaken Dr. E. Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Year Built 1909
3. Present Owner Hebrew Academy Present Use School
4. Interim Owner(s) None Interim Use(s) Schools
5. Original Owner Sisters of Sacred Heart Original Use Boarding and Day School
6. Architect F. H. Perkins Builder S. J. Lund
7. Assessed Value: Building \$318,700 Land \$137,600 Assessors File No. 594 E 16

## 8. Classification:

☒ Building☐ Public☒ Occupied

Open to Public:

☒ Site☒ Private☐ Unoccupied☒ Yes☐ Structure☐ Both☐ Preservation work  
in progress☐ No☐ Object☐ Threatened by  
demolition

Hours \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other☐ Unknown

## 9. Neighborhood Information:

A. Compatibility With Neighborhood

Structure Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_Use Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

B. Importance to Neighborhood

Great X

Moderate \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_\_

C. Architecturally Strong Neighborhood

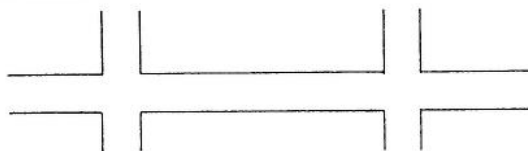
Comments Immediate neighborhood

is one of well preserved and maintained  
homes constructed in the early 1900's.  
They are typical expressions of that  
period in Seattle.

## 10. Special Research Sources (Be Specific, list name or item and where found)

Deed dated 8-6-08Seattle Times, Seattle Public Library (Main Branch) Nov. 1, 1965, p. 37.Seattle Times, Seattle Public Library (Main Branch) Nov. 1, 1950, Rotogravure Sec.  
pp. 8-9Seattle Times, Seattle Public Library (Main Branch) Sept. 28, 1956 S2 Addition

## 11. Cross Street Reference

12. Photos Attached & Photographer Photographs taken by Duane Hudson

13. Physical Description

A. Style of Architecture

Mixed/Eclectic

B. Construction Material

Clinker Bricks and Terra Cotta

C. No. of Stories

3-1/2 stories

D. Condition

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_  
Good X \_\_\_\_\_  
Fair \_\_\_\_\_  
Poor \_\_\_\_\_

E. Exterior Desecration of  
Original Design

None or little X \_\_\_\_\_  
Moderate amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Considerable \_\_\_\_\_

F. Architectural worth at  
Example of Its Style

Exceptional \_\_\_\_\_  
Excellent \_\_\_\_\_  
Good \_\_\_\_\_  
Fair X \_\_\_\_\_  
Poor \_\_\_\_\_

G. Notable Features: (Be specific, i.e., detailing, craftsmanship, proportions, materials, colors, interior, etc.  
Refer to Guidelines of Landmarks Preservation Board).

Exterior: Terra Cotta design  
Pillared entry--Corinthian pilasters  
Porch detail--Corinthian columns

Interior: Hardwood bannisters, newel posts and railings on all  
four floors  
Beautifully carved doors of chapel  
Craftsmanship of woodwork in library--dark oak  
Window design throughout building--accentuated by woodwork  
Oak woodwork  
Bronze door hardware

14. Significance

A. Major Significance

- ☒ Historical
- ☐ Architectural
- ☐ Engineering
- ☒ Cultural
- ☒ Geographical
- ☐ Archaeological

B. Level of Significance

- ☐ National
- ☐ State
- ☒ Community

C. Statement of Significance (Be specific, history, personages, events, etc.)

Convent of Sacred Heart opened April 6, 1907 at 1013 15th Avenue and moved to the Interlaken site in 1910. The name "Forest Ridge" was inspired by the once dense woods surrounding this unique property. The site was originally developed by the Interlaken Land Company, of which John E. Boyer was President. Prior to platting, it was purchased by the Academy of Sacred Heart through the negotiations of a Mrs. Giudicelli in 1908.

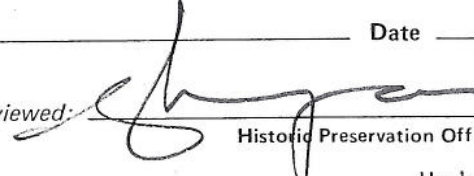
The numbers below correspond to criteria of the Landmarks Ordinance 102229:

Section 6 (1) Historical, Cultural Importance- The site was selected because it was so far removed from the "wickedness" of early Seattle. The building housed the Forest Ridge Academy from 1909 until rising enrollment forced their move to Bellevue in 1965. The structure and grounds conjure up nostalgic feelings of an era of formal and classical education. The building forms a bridge not only to Seattle's history, but also to the history of education. They style of the building can best be termed "eclectic", as it combines features of several architectural styles.

Section 6 (8) Geographic Importance- The relationship between Forest Ridge and Interlaken Park creates a significant place. Interlaken Park, without the Convent, would lose a good measure of its flavor. Preservation of the Old Convent is important because of its relationship with the park and park boulevard system which was an important part of the planning of Seattle. In 1903 the Olmsted Brothers of Massachusetts were hired by the City to search out areas for possible recreational uses. They recommended the ravine and bluff areas on the north slope of Capitol Hill. Condemnation and purchase began in 1905.

Section 6 (9) Geographic Importance- The Convent has become an established and significant visual feature of the park and to the surrounding community. The site and building were unquestionably strong factors in hastening the development of North Capitol Hill.

Surveyor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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