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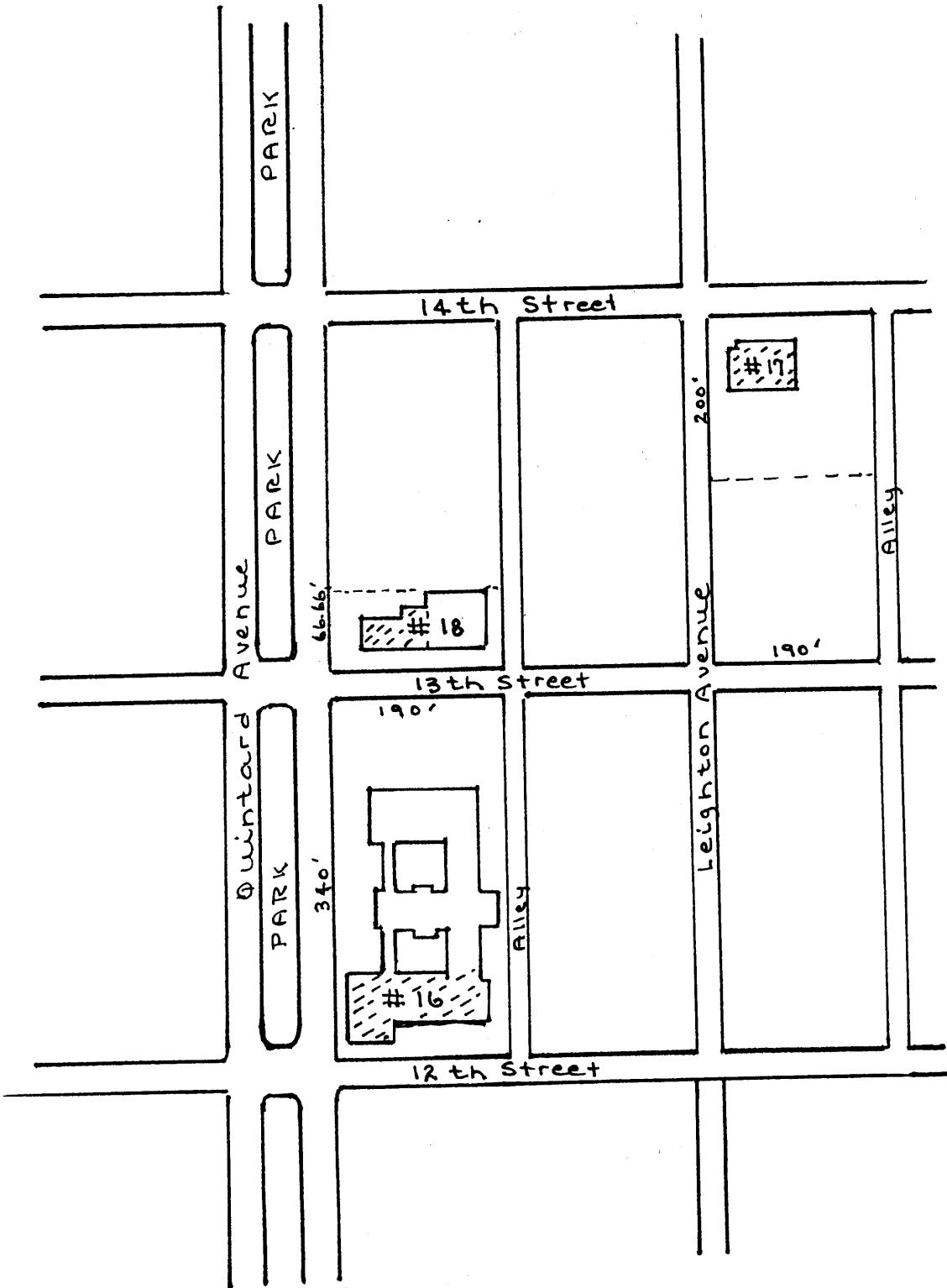
The small but distinctive temple houses the only Jewish congregation in Anniston. The group has met continuously from the time it was organized, and though never large, has been a contributing force in Anniston's development, exemplifying the brotherhood attained between Christians and Jews in the model city.

"Temple Beth-El" translated means "the House of God" and it was built and furnished at a cost of \$2,200 through the efforts of the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society, a group that numbered about 14. The women, headed by Mrs. Anselm Sterne, presented the building debt free to the congregation. Dedication services were held December 8, 1891. Even though the group was small, they held services every week under the direction of lay readers. Anselm Sterne was largely responsible for organizing the congregation in 1888 and served as lay reader for a number of years. As an indication of this relationship, a plaque in the church's library reads, "To honor Alfred Caro the Menorah on the tower is presented to Temple Beth-El by his many Christian friends in appreciation of his outstanding contributions to our community activities." The menorah was dedicated during Brotherhood Week in 1974.

Rough Sketch Map

- #16 Parker Memorial Baptist Church
- #17 St. Paul's Methodist-First Christian Church
- #18 Temple Beth-El

Anniston, Alabama



Temple Beth-El, 301 E. 13th St., Anniston, Alabama  
west elevation, about 1970

