

Bernheimer Building

Individual Landmark

101-115 West 116th Street



The Bernheimer Building. Photo: Melanie Nanez

Designed in 1906 by architects Townsend, Steinle & Haskell, the current commercial Bernheimer Building at 101-115 West 116th Street was originally built as office space. The Beaux Art-style building is large in scale, with its lot at 200 feet long by 100 feet wide. Its facade once featured a cornice that wrapped around the corner of 116th Street to Malcolm X Boulevard, but today only a section on the 116th Street side remains.

Starting in 1907, the space was leased to various companies and organizations, including the Mutual Alliance Trust Company, the Garden Amusement Company, and the Sisterhood Hope of Israel religious school. Around 1911, the Mauretania Club gambling house operated on the second floor at 107 West 116th Street, and by late 1930, the Chez Jimmie nightclub was located there. Other clubs operated there throughout the 1980s.