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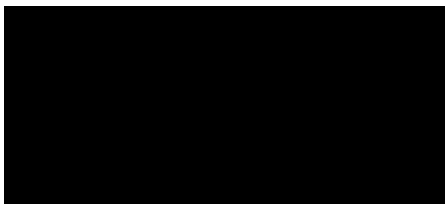
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
395-397 MARKHAM STREET  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**



Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th of April, 2001, and its special meeting held on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd, 2001, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 395-397 Markham Street (T. R. Earl Houses) (Trinity-Spadina) (Ward 19).

**Short Statement of Reasons for Designation**

The properties at 395 and 397 Markham Street are recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. T. R. Earl commissioned the semi-detached houses in 1890. Since 1937, the Shaarei Tzedec Synagogue has occupied the properties.

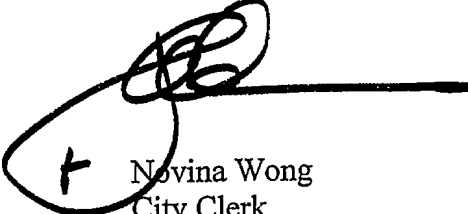
The T. R. Earl Houses (Shaarei Tzedec Synagogue) are designed in the Queen Anne Revival style. Rising from a stone foundation with windows, the houses are clad with brick and trimmed with brick, stone and wood. The asymmetrical plan features a three-storey corner tower, 2½-storey main body and a 2½-storey rear (east) wing. A cross-gable roof with shingled wall dormers, gabled dormers and brick chimneys covers the houses. The principal (west) façade of the houses is organized into three bays. At the north end, the entrance to #397 Markham is placed at the base of the tower where a round-arched door opening contains double wood doors and a stained-glass fanlight. The entrance to #395 Markham is located on the south wall beneath an open shed-roofed verandah. The main body, tower and east wing display flat-headed, segmental-headed, round-arched, lancet and Palladian-styled windows. Many of the window openings have stained glass and brick voussoirs, imposts and sills.

The properties at 395 and 397 Markham Street are located on the southeast corner of Markham and Ulster Streets. The T. R. Earl Houses are historically important as the location of the Shaarei Tzedec Synagogue, one of the oldest Orthodox congregations in

the former City of Toronto. Architecturally, the semi-detached houses are good examples of Queen Anne Revival design and important features in the College Street neighbourhood.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Committee Administrator, Downtown Community Council, 4th Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto M5H 2N2 within thirty days of the 18th of May, 2001, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 18th day of May, 2001.

  
Novina Wong  
City Clerk

  
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