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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980 CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE
PROPERTY AT NO.56 MARIA STREET (KNESSETH
ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE)

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

To: ~~Kneseth Israel Congregation~~ ~~Kneseth Israel Congregation~~
~~8 Burnham Road~~ ~~277 Gilmour Crescent~~
~~Toronto, Ontario~~ ~~Toronto, Ontario~~
~~M6B 3E3~~ ~~M6P 3B6~~

Ontario Heritage Foundation ✓

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of
the City of Toronto has passed By-law No.65-82 to designate
the above property. (File 2161).

DATED at Toronto this 16th day of February, 1982.

Roy V. Henderson
Roy V. Henderson
City Clerk

No. 65-82. A BY-LAW

*To designate the Property at No. 56 Maria Street
of architectural value and of historic interest.*

(Passed January 15, 1982.)

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as No. 56 Maria Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historic value or interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto, known as No. 56 Maria Street.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto.

ARTHUR C. EGGLETON,
Mayor.

ROY V. HENDERSON
City Clerk.

Council Chamber,
Toronto, January 15, 1982.
(L.S.)

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of Lot 36 on the north side of Maria Street according to Plan 833 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No. 63).

SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons for the designation of the Property at No. 56 Maria Street.

The Knesseth Israel Synagogue at 56 Maria Street is designated on architectural and historic grounds. Built in 1911 and known as the "Junction Shule", it was the centre of the Jewish community of West Toronto. The design, by architects Ellis & Connery, features three similar facades, each with a wheel window of eighteen segments representing Life (Chai) below an arched gable parapet. The interior is traditional in plan with fine carved oak woodwork in the central Bima and gallery railing. The pictorial murals are unique in this, the oldest surviving synagogue building still in use as a synagogue in Toronto.