

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING LANDMARK

FILE NO. 90-80-2

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DESIGNATING B'nai David Temple

AS A LANDMARK

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.

Be it Ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that B'nai David Temple located at 3535 - 19th St. , being Lot 63 in Assessor's Block 3597, has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes of Article 10 of the City Planning Code and the standards set forth therein.

(a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, B'nai David Temple is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 8561 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-80-2.

(b) Required Data. The descriptions of the location and boundaries of the landmark site; of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation; and of the particular features that should be preserved; as included in the said Resolution, are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GEORGE AGNOST
CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By David D. Krasnick
Deputy City Attorney

By Barry Okamoto
Director of Planning

Passed for Second Reading
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

AUG 30 1980

Ayes: Supervisors Bards, Britt, Horanzy, Hutch,
Kopp, Lawson, Molinari, ~~Renne~~, Silver, Walker,
~~Ward~~

~~Non-Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors... RENNE, WARD

Ed Boeman Clerk

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SEP 5 1980
Approved

Read Second Time and Finally Passed
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

SEP 2 1980

Ayes: Supervisors Bards, Britt, ~~Horanzy~~, Hutch,
Kopp, Lawson, Molinari, Renne, Silver, ~~Walker~~

~~Non-Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors... HORANZY, WALKER, WARD

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was
finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the
City and County of San Francisco.

Ed Boeman Clerk

John J. Sutter
Mayor

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SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 8561

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the B'nai David Synagogue and Chevra Mikvah Israel at 3535 - 19th Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on January 2, 1980, and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on April 10, 1980 to consider the proposed designation and the report of said Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Commission believes that the proposed Landmark has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and that the proposed designation would be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes and standards of the said Article 10;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, the proposal to designate the aforementioned structure, the B'nai David Synagogue and Chevra Mikvah Israel at 3535 - 19th Street, as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the precise location and boundaries of the Landmark site being those of Lot 63 in Assessor's Block 3597;

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution No. 191 as adopted on January 2, 1980, which Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Landmark should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof and as described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other materials on file in the Department of City Planning Docket LM80.2;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby directs its Secretary to transmit the proposal for designation, with a copy of this Resolution, to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of April 10, 1980

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Dearman, Karasick, Kelleher, Rosenblatt, Starbuck
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Nakashima
PASSED: April 10, 1980



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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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BUILDING NAME **B'Nai David
Chevra Mikvah Israel**
BUILDING ADDRESS **3535 19th Street**

OWNER: **Dr. Mariquita West**
BLOCK AND LOT: **3597 Lot 63 ZONING RH-3**

BACKGROUND

Original occupant/use **Synagogue**
Current occupant/use **Mikvah**
No. of stories: **2 1/2** **Mikvah**
Exterior Materials **stucco, tile, wood**
Window Type **Double-hung, stained glass**
Lobby/Public Spaces **Entrance vestibule
with double staircase to
Sanctuary**

CRITERIA

A. Architecture

Style **Eastern European Orthodox Syna-
gogues, particularly Pale of Settle-
ment.**
Type of Construction **5**
Date of Construction **Mikvah - 1908
Expanded - 1925**
Design Quality
Architect/Builder **1925 expansion
F.W. Dakin, Architect**
Interior **Very plain, understated,
utilitarian, unembellished**

B. History

(a brief narrative associating the
building with persons, events and/or
patterns of significance):
**Artifact of Orthodox Jewish
community which thrived in
the inner Mission District from
the 1890's until the 1970's.
Founders included Sugarman,
Diller, Lilienthal, Goldberg, Falk,
Abrams, Raphael, and Diller.
Center for musical Jewish children
including Yehudi Menuhin.**

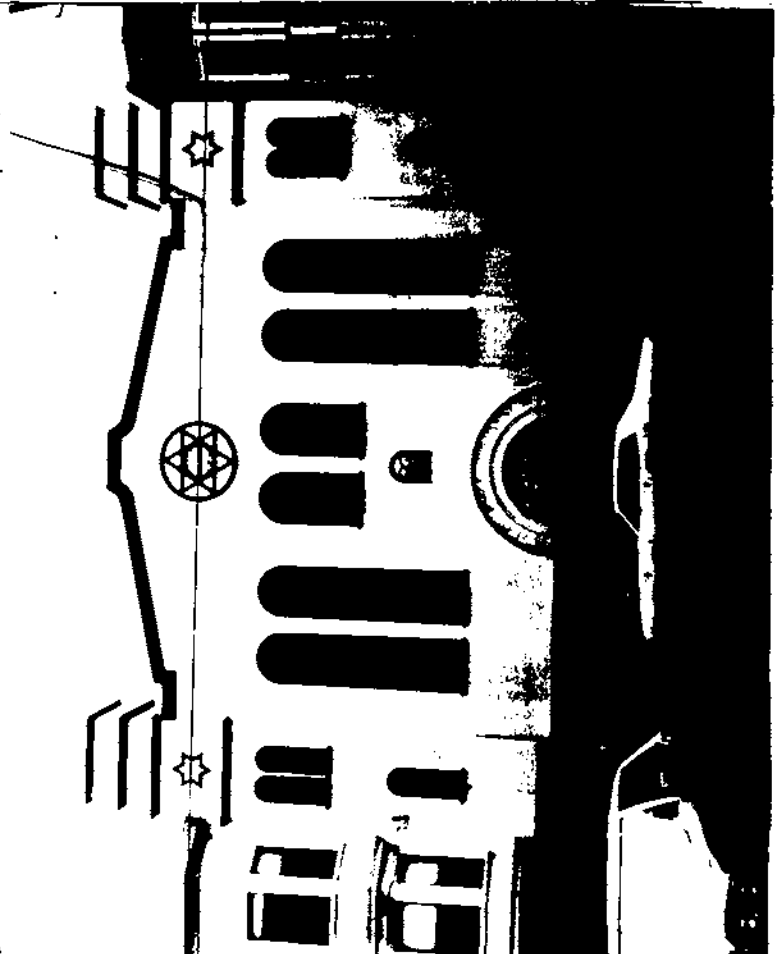
C. Environment (See Koblick narrative)

(relation to surroundings in terms of continuity, setting and/or importance
as a visual landmark)

**Blends with turn of century flats. Does not call attention to
itself. Adjoins**

D. Integrity

(cite alterations, if any, and current physical condition):
**Basically the same as 1925 with exception of paint,
acoustical ceilings, and ceramic tile wainscot at street facade.
Current physical condition sound.**



RATINGS

BCP INVENTORY	HERITAGE	HERE TODAY	LRAB VOTE 5-1	STATE LANDMARK No
Not inventoried	N/A	No	CPC VOTE 6-0	NAT'L LANDMARK No
				NAT'L REGISTER No

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

(pertaining to special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value) **B'nai David and Chevra Mikvah Israel are the last remaining visible evidence of a once large Jewish population in the Mission. The Mikvah (ritual bath) was the first to be located in Northern California and is still the only one in San Francisco. Immigrants responsible for the building of this structure came from 1880 to 1910, largely from the "Pale of Settlement," areas of Poland, Russia, and Rumania. With dispersal of this orthodox Jewish community commencing in the 30's and 40's, coupled with the requirement that orthodox Jews must walk to prayer, the membership gradually** (cont'd on back)

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from research by **Freda Koblick**
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DATE **Jan. 16, 1980**

declined so that regular services ceased in 1976. The Mikvah continues to be used until a new one is built.

The Mission district is very rich in late 19th. and early 20th. Century religious buildings but this is the only synagogue east of Twin Peaks and south of Market Street.