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# PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT

between

THE CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM

and the

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

BY AND THROUGH THE NEWBURYPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION



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THIS PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT is made this 1 day of March 2014 by and between the CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM, located at 53-1/2 Washington Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts, 01950 ("Grantor"), and the CITY OF NEWBURYPORT ("Grantee"), a municipality duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and located in Essex County, Massachusetts, to be administered, managed and enforced by it agent, the NEWBURYPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION, located at 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts, 01950 ("Commission"),

WHEREAS, the Grantor is the owner of certain real property located at 53-1/2 Washington Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts, referred to as "**the Property**" and containing about 8630 square feet, more or less, comprising the Property conveyed by Greeley J Fogg, Walter Barber Somerby, George E. Hall and David C. Dickie, Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Newburyport, to said Congregation in a deed dated February 2, 1938, recorded with the Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds, book 2945, page 142, and more particularly described in Exhibit A incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto, said Property improved by a building thereon known as the Ahavas Achim Congregation Synagogue (formerly known as the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Newburyport), referred to hereinafter as "**the Building**", described as follows:

The Building consists of a two-story, wood-frame structure of Italianate style design. The Building has a three-bay principal (north) elevation and a low-pitched, gable roof with a projecting cornice, cornice returns and modest scrolled cornice brackets. The first and second stories are separated by a narrow, two-part belt course. The Building is presently sheathed in synthetic siding over wood clapboards. Synthetic siding in block form also appears to cover the second story quoins. Historic decorative wood trim and window and door surrounds remain in place. All of the windows on the principal (north) elevation and side (east and west) elevations have carved hoods with beveled edges and have bracketed frames. On the first story these hoods are squared, and on the second story they are arched. The principal (north) elevation is dominated by an exuberant arched central entrance entablature decorated with modillions, ogees and a scrolled medallion. The double doors have an arched pattern and appear to be modern replacements of earlier three-panel doors and sidelights. Above the doorframe is a metal plaque crowned with a Star of David. The entrance is flanked by 8-over-8 narrow, rectangular windows with squared hoods. Above the entrance on the second story is a tall, narrow, second story paired window with semi-circular arches and topped by an ornamented U-shaped crown with a carved keystone and terminating, engaged pendants. . Black panels set in the paired window openings have Hebrew letters representing the Ten Commandments. On either side are two tall, narrow 20-over-20 segmental arch windows with arched hoods. The east and west elevations each have four, 8-over-8 hooded windows on the first story and three 16-over-16 arch windows with hoods on the second story. The east elevation also has a narrow projecting former entry bay in the northeast corner and a small window in the southeast corner. The rear (south) elevation has a

first-story projection with a shed roof, side door and small, simply-framed window at the back. There is also a shallow, central second story projection with a gabled roof, returns and entablature. A paired rectangular framed window is centered above this just below the gable peak. The main entry on the north elevation is approached by shallow concrete steps with metal railings on each side; there is also a concrete access ramp with metal railings that leads up to the left side of the main entrance. The Building is further depicted and described in Exhibit B incorporated herein and attached hereto by reference; and

WHEREAS, the cultural, historical and architectural significance of the Building emanates from its construction in 1865, and its location as a contributing property within the Newburyport Historic District, designated August 2, 1984 and listed on State and National Registers of Historic Places. The Building is important for its associations with the social and religious history of Newburyport, and to the public's enjoyment and appreciation of Newburyport's architectural and historical heritage; and

WHEREAS, Grantor and Grantee recognize the architectural, historic, and cultural values (hereinafter "preservation values") and significance of the Building and the Property, and have the common purpose of preserving the aforesaid preservation values and significance of the exterior of the Building and the Property; and

WHEREAS, the preservation values of the Building and the Property are documented in a series of photographs and documents (hereinafter, "Baseline Documentation") incorporated herein and attached hereto as by reference as Exhibit B, which Baseline Documentation the parties agree provides an-accurate representation of the Building as of the date of this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Baseline Documentation (Exhibit B) shall consist of the following:

1. A set of six (6) exterior photographs of the Building taken in August 2013;
  - a. Photo 1: East and North (front) Elevations
  - b. Photo 2: North Elevation
  - c. Photo 3: North and West Elevations
  - d. Photo 4: West and South Elevations
  - e. Photo 5: East Elevation
  - f. Photo 6: Main Entry Detail – North Elevation
2. Newburyport Assessors' Parcel Map with Building Footprint; and

WHEREAS, the Building is in need of preservation and restoration; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee and approved as Project #13 by the City Council on June 28, 2010, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Community Preservation Fund ("Funds") was appropriated for the purpose of funding a grant for the restoration of the Building; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor and the Grantee have reached an Agreement whereby the Grantee shall provide the Funds so appropriated to the Grantor to be expended for the preservation and renovation of the aforementioned Building, under the terms and conditions set forth herein and in such other documents as the parties may execute, and the Grantor agrees to accept such Funds to be used exclusively for such purposes and under such terms and conditions ("Restriction" or "Preservation Restriction");

WHEREAS, the Grantor in further consideration of the receipt of such Funds and to ensure the preservation of the aforementioned Building agrees and desires, to impose certain restrictions, obligations

and duties upon itself, its successors and assigns, so as to maintain, protect and preserve the architectural and historical integrity of the Building;

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Building is important to the public for the enjoyment and appreciation of its architectural and historical heritage and serves the public interest in a manner consistent with the purposes of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184, Sections 31, 32 and 33 ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized to accept preservation restrictions in the name of the City of Newburyport and the Commission is a governmental body duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including the General Laws, Chapter 40C, authorized and directed by the Grantee to manage the Property and Buildings burdened by such restrictions, consistent with the provisions of the Act and to administer and enforce this preservation restriction;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor does hereby irrevocably grant and convey to the Grantee in gross in perpetuity this Restriction over the Property and exterior of the Building to be administered, managed and enforced by the Commission.

1. Purpose: It is the Purpose of this Restriction to assure that, the architectural, historic, and cultural features of the exterior of the Buildings will be retained and maintained forever substantially in their current condition or in a restored condition approved by the Commission for preservation purposes and to prevent any use or change of the Property or the exterior of the Building that will significantly impair or interfere with the Building's preservation values or alter views of the exterior of the Building.

2. Preservation Restriction: The Grantor grants the Grantee the right to forbid or limit:

- a. any alteration to the appearance, materials, workmanship, condition or structural stability of the Building unless (i) clearly of minor nature and not affecting the characteristics which contribute to the architectural or historical integrity of the Building and the Property, or (ii) the Grantee has previously determined that it will not impair such characteristics after reviewing plans and specifications submitted by Grantor in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 7, which determination shall not be unreasonably withheld, or (iii) required by casualty or other emergency promptly reported to Grantee in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 9. For the purposes of this Agreement, interpretation of what constitutes alterations of a minor nature and ordinary maintenance and repair is governed by the Restriction Guidelines, which are attached hereto as Exhibit C and hereby incorporated by reference.
- b. any other act or use that may be harmful to the historic preservation of the Building or the Property.

3. Restriction as to Expenditure of Funds: Subject to Paragraph 2 and the terms and conditions of this Restriction and such other terms and conditions as the Commission may reasonably impose to accomplish the purposes of this Restriction, the Grantor shall expend such Community Preservation Funds to rehabilitate and restore the Building.

4.1. Grantor's Covenants: Covenant to Maintain. Subject to Paragraph 2 and the terms and conditions of this Restriction and such other terms and conditions as the Commission may reasonably impose to accomplish the purposes of this Restriction, the Grantor covenants and agrees at all times to maintain the Building in the same structural condition and state of repair to that existing following the substantial completion of restoration work to be completed as a result of the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds. Grantor's obligation to maintain shall require replacement, repair, and reconstruction by Grantor

whenever necessary to preserve the exterior of the Building. Subject to the casualty provisions of paragraphs 9 and 10, this obligation to maintain shall require replacement, rebuilding, repair, and reconstruction of the Building whenever necessary in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Commission and in accordance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (36 CFR 67 and 68), as these may be amended from time to time (hereinafter the "Secretary's Standards"). It is desirable, although not a requirement of this Agreement, that the current synthetic exterior sheathing of the Building be removed at a future date, and the extant underlying wood cladding, trim and decorative features be restored and/or replaced with historically appropriate wood materials.

Grantor's covenant herein shall be limited to funds reasonably available therefore. Should the parties disagree as to the need of maintenance or the availability of funds the matter may be submitted by either party for arbitration pursuant to the Massachusetts arbitration statute then in effect.

4.2. Grantor's Covenants: Prohibited Activities. The following acts or uses are expressly forbidden except as otherwise conditioned in this paragraph:

- a. the Buildings shall not be demolished, removed, or razed except as provided in Paragraphs 9 and 10;
- b. the dumping of ashes, trash, rubbish, or any other unsightly or offensive materials is prohibited on the Property near the Building;
- c. no above-ground utility transmission lines, except those reasonably necessary for the existing Building, may be created on the Property, subject to utility easements already recorded;
- d. no additions and/or outbuildings may be attached to the Building without prior approval of the Grantor; and
- e. moving the Building to another location shall be forbidden without prior approval of the Commission.

5. Conditional Rights Requiring Grantee Approval: Subject to Paragraph 4 and the terms and conditions of this Restriction and such other terms and conditions as the Commission may reasonably impose to accomplish the purposes of this Restriction, the Grantor shall not alter the Building without prior express written approval of the Commission. Without said approval Grantor shall not make any changes to the Building, including the alteration, partial removal, construction, remodeling, or other physical or structural change, including permanent signs, and any change in material or color or any change to the footprint, size, mass, ridge-line, and rooflines of the Building. Grantor shall similarly not make any alterations to the surrounding Property that would obscure the current view of the Building, such as the installation of permanent signage or trees or very large shrubs without approval of the Commission..

Activities by Grantor to maintain the Building and the Property which are intended to be performed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.1, and which are of a minor nature, shall not require the prior approval of the Commission. For the purposes of this section, interpretation of what constitutes ordinary maintenance of a minor nature is governed by the Restriction Guidelines (Exhibit C), which are attached to this Agreement and hereby incorporated by reference.

6. Grantor's Reserved Rights Not Requiring Further Approval by the Grantee: Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 4.2, the following rights, uses, and activities of or by Grantor on, over, or under the

Property are permitted by this Restriction and by the Commission without further approval by the Commission:

- a. the right to engage in all those acts and uses that:
  - (i) are permitted by governmental statute or regulation;
  - (ii) do not substantially impair the preservation values of the Building and Property; and
  - (iii) are not inconsistent with the Purpose of this Restriction;
- b. pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 4.1, the right to maintain and repair the Building strictly according to the Secretary's Standards. As used in this sub-paragraph, the right to maintain and repair shall mean the use by the Grantor of in-kind materials and colors, applied with workmanship comparable to that which was used in the construction or application of those materials being repaired or maintained, for the purpose of retaining in good condition the appearance and construction of the exterior of the Building. The right to maintain and repair as used in this sub-paragraph shall not include the right to make changes in appearance, materials, workmanship from that existing prior to the maintenance and repair without the prior approval of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 5;

7. Review of Grantor's Requests for Approval: Grantor shall submit to the Commission for the Commission's approval of those conditional rights set out at Paragraphs 2 and 5 two copies of information (including plans, specifications, and designs where appropriate) identifying the proposed activity with reasonable specificity. In connection therewith, Grantor shall also submit to the Commission a timetable for the proposed activity sufficient to permit the Commission to monitor such activity. Within forty-five (45) days of the Commission's receipt of any plan or written request for approval hereunder, the Commission shall certify in writing that (a) it approves the plan or request, or (b) it disapproves the plan or request as submitted, in which case the Commission shall provide Grantor with written suggestions for modification or a written explanation for the Commission's disapproval. Any failure by the Commission to act within forty-five (45) days of receipt of Grantor's submission or resubmission of plans or requests shall be deemed to constitute approval by the Commission of the plan or request as submitted and to permit Grantor to undertake the proposed activity in accordance with the plan or request submitted, so long as the request sets forth the provisions of this section relating to deemed approval after the passage of time.

8. Standards for Review: In exercising any authority created by this Restriction to inspect the Building; to review any construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance; or to review casualty damage or to reconstruct or approve reconstruction of the Building following casualty damage, the Commission shall apply the Secretary's Standards.

9. Casualty Damage or Destruction: In the event that Building or Property shall be damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, windstorm, hurricane, earth movement or other casualty, Grantor shall notify the Commission in writing within fourteen (14) days of the damage or destruction, such notification including what, if any, emergency work has already been completed. No repairs or reconstruction of any type, other than temporary emergency work to prevent further damage to the Building and Property and to protect public safety, shall be undertaken by Grantor without the Commission's prior written approval of the work. Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date of damage or destruction, if required by the Commission, Grantor at its expense shall submit to the Commission a written report prepared by a qualified restoration architect and an engineer who are acceptable to the Grantor and the Commission, which report shall include the following:

- a. an assessment of the nature and extent of the damage;

- b. a determination of the feasibility of the restoration of the Building and/or reconstruction of damaged or destroyed portions of the Building; and
- c. a report of such restoration/reconstruction work necessary to return the Building to the condition existing at the date hereof or the condition subsequently approved by the Commission.

10. Review After Casualty Damage or Destruction: If, after reviewing the report provided in Paragraph 9 and assessing the availability of insurance proceeds after satisfaction of any mortgagee's/lender's claims under paragraph 11, Grantor and the Commission agree that the Purpose of the Restriction will be served by such restoration/reconstruction, Grantor and the Commission shall establish a schedule under which Grantor shall complete the restoration/reconstruction of the Building in accordance with plans and specifications consented to by the parties up to at least the total of the casualty insurance proceeds available to Grantor.

If, after reviewing the report and assessing the availability of insurance proceeds after satisfaction of any mortgagee's/lender's claims under paragraph 11, Grantor and the Commission agree that restoration/reconstruction of the Building is impractical or impossible, or agree that the Purpose of the Restriction would not be served by such restoration/reconstruction and Grantor may, with prior written consent of the Commission, alter, demolish, remove or raze the Building, and/or construct new improvements on the Property, Grantor and Grantee may agree to extinguish this Restriction in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and paragraph 23 hereof.

If, after reviewing the report and assessing the availability of insurance proceeds after satisfaction of any mortgagee's/lender's claims under paragraph 11, Grantor and the Commission are unable to agree that the Purpose of the Restriction will or will not be served by such restoration/reconstruction, the matter may be referred by either party to binding arbitration and settled in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts arbitration statute then in effect, and all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances. Arbitrator shall have experience in historic preservation matters.

11. Insurance: Grantor shall keep the Building insured by an insurance company rated "A-1" or better by Best's for the full replacement value against loss from the perils commonly insured under standard fire and extended coverage policies and comprehensive general liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death and property damage. Property damage insurance shall include change in condition and building ordinance coverage, in form and amount sufficient to replace fully the damaged Building without cost or expense to Grantor or contribution or coinsurance from Grantor. Grantor shall deliver to the Commission, within ten (10) business days of the Commission's written request thereof, certificates of such insurance coverage. Provided, however, that whenever the Property is encumbered with a mortgage or deed of trust nothing contained in this paragraph shall jeopardize the prior claim, if any, of the mortgagee/lender to the insurance proceeds.

12. Indemnification: Grantor hereby agrees to pay, protect, indemnify, hold harmless and defend, at its own cost and expense, Grantee, its boards, commissions, appointees, agents, directors, employees, or independent contractors from and against any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, costs, damages, losses and expenditures (including attorneys' fees and disbursements hereafter incurred) arising out of or in connection with injury to or death of any person as a result of the existence of this Restriction; physical damage to the Building; the presence or release in, on, or about the Property, at any time, of any substance now or hereafter defined, listed, or otherwise classified pursuant to any law, ordinance or regulation as a hazardous, toxic, polluting or contaminating substance; or other injury or other damage occurring on or about the Building; unless such injury, death, or damage is caused by Grantee or its

boards, commissions, appointees, agents, directors, employees, or independent contractors. In the event that Grantor is required to indemnify Grantee pursuant to the terms of this paragraph, the amount of such indemnity, until discharged, shall constitute a lien on the Property with the same effect and priority as a mechanic's lien.

13. Written Notice: Any notice which either Grantor or Grantee may desire or be required to give to the other party shall be in writing;

Grantor: Congregation Ahavas Achim  
53-1/2 Washington Street  
Newburyport, MA 01950

Grantee: City of Newburyport  
c/o Newburyport Historical Commission  
City Hall  
60 Pleasant Street  
Newburyport, MA 01950

Each party may change its address set forth herein by a notice to such effect to the other party.

14. Evidence of Compliance: Upon request by Grantor, Grantee shall promptly furnish Grantor with certification that, to the best of Grantee's knowledge, Grantor is in compliance with the obligations of Grantor contained herein, or that otherwise evidence the status of this Restriction to the extent of Grantee's knowledge thereof.

15. Inspection: With the consent of Grantor, Grantee or its representatives shall be permitted at reasonable times to inspect the Buildings and the Property on an annual basis. Grantor covenants not to withhold unreasonably its consent in determining dates and times for such inspections.

16. Grantee's Remedies: The Grantor, for itself, its assigns and successors, expressly acknowledges that a violation of this Preservation Restriction Agreement, including a failure to expend such Funds for their intended purposes, may result in the Commission exercising its right to enforce the terms and conditions of the Restriction by seeking appropriate legal and equitable relief, including, but not limited to, restoration of the Building, repayment of the Funds, and such other legal and equitable remedies as may be available to the Commission to effectuate the purposes of this Restriction and to enforce the Grantor's obligations hereunder.

In the event Grantor is found to have violated any of its obligations, Grantor shall reimburse Grantee for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with Grantee's enforcement of the terms of this Restriction, including all court costs, and attorneys', architectural, engineering, and expert-witness fees. Grantor shall, at its own expense and with approval of Commission, reverse any actions or activities which violated this restriction and altered the Building.

Nothing in this Restriction shall impose upon the Commission any duty to maintain or require that the Building be maintained in any particular state or condition, notwithstanding the Commission's acceptance hereof. Enforcement of the terms of this Preservation Restriction shall be at the discretion of the Commission. Any election by the Commission as to the manner and timing of the exercising of its right to enforce this Preservation Restriction or otherwise exercise its rights hereunder shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such rights. By its acceptance of this Preservation Restriction, the Commission does not assume any liability or obligation relating to the condition of the Building or the Property, including compliance with hazardous materials or other environmental laws and regulations.

17. Notice from Government Authorities: Grantor shall deliver to Grantee copies of any notice of violation or lien relating to the Buildings or Property received by Grantor from any government authority within five (5) days of receipt by Grantor. Upon request by Grantee, Grantor shall promptly furnish Grantee with evidence of Grantor's compliance with such notice or lien where compliance is required by law.

18. Notice of Proposed Sale: Grantor shall promptly notify Grantee in writing of any proposed sale of the Property and provide the opportunity for Grantee to explain the terms of the Restriction to potential new Grantors prior to sale closing.

19. Runs with the Land: Except as provided in Paragraphs 9 and 10, the restrictions, obligations and duties set forth in this Restriction shall run with the Property and shall inure to the benefit of the Commission and all parties claiming by, through or under the Commission and shall bind the Grantor and all parties claiming by, through or under the Grantor. The rights hereby granted to the Commission constitute the perpetual right of the Commission to enforce this Preservation Restriction Agreement. The Grantor hereby covenants for itself to stand seized and hold title to the Property subject to the terms of this Restriction. This Restriction shall extend to and be binding upon Grantor and Grantee, their respective successors in interest and all persons hereafter claiming under or through Grantor and Grantee, and the words "Grantor", "Grantee" when used herein shall include all such persons. Any right, title, or interest herein granted to Grantee also shall be deemed granted to each successor and assign of Grantee and each such following successor and assign thereof, and the word "Grantee" shall include all such successors and assigns.

Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Grantor of the Property shall have no obligation pursuant to this instrument where such Grantor shall cease to have any Grantorship interest in the Property by reason of a bona fide transfer. The restrictions, stipulations and covenants contained in this Restriction shall be inserted by Grantor, verbatim or by express reference, in any subsequent deed or other legal instrument by which Grantor divests itself of either the fee simple title to or any lesser estate in the Property or any part thereof, including by way of example and not limitation, a lease of all or a portion of the Property.

20. Assignment: Grantee may convey, assign, or transfer this Restriction to a unit of federal, state, or local government or to a similar local, state, or national charitable corporation or trust that qualifies under the Act, and whose purposes, inter alia, are to promote preservation of historical, cultural, or architectural resources, provided that any such conveyance, assignment or transfer requires that the Purpose for which the Restriction was granted will continue to be carried out. Grantor shall give prior written approval of such conveyance, assignment, or transfer by Grantee, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

21. Alternate Designee: Grantee may, at its discretion, remove and replace the Commission as its designee to administer, manage, and enforce this Restriction, provided that any new designee is qualified as such under the Act and other applicable law.

22. Recording and Effective Date: Grantee shall do and perform at its own cost all acts necessary to the prompt recording of this Restriction which shall become effective upon its being duly executed by the Grantor, the City of Newburyport, and the Newburyport Historical Commission, its being approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and its being recorded with the Southern Essex County District Registry of Deeds.

23. Extinguishment: Grantor and Grantee hereby recognize that an unexpected change in the conditions surrounding the Property may make impossible the continued Grantorship or use of the Property for the

Purpose of this Restriction and necessitate extinguishment of the Restriction. Such a change in conditions may include, but is not limited to, partial or total destruction of the Building resulting from casualty. Such an extinguishment must meet all the requirements of the Act for extinguishment, including public hearings by the City of Newburyport and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to determine that such extinguishment is in the public interest. In the event of a sale of the Property, net proceeds of sale shall be paid to Grantor.

24. Condemnation: If all or any part of the Property is taken under the power of eminent domain by public, corporate, or other authority, or otherwise acquired by such authority through a purchase in lieu of a taking, Grantor and Grantee shall join in appropriate proceedings at the time of such taking to recover the full value of those interests in the Property that are subject to the taking and all incidental and direct damages resulting from the taking. All expenses reasonably incurred by Grantor and Grantee in connection with such taking shall be paid out of the recovered proceeds. Such recovered proceeds shall be paid to Grantor.

25. Interpretation: The following provisions shall govern the effectiveness, interpretation, and duration of the Restriction:

- a. Any rule of strict construction designed to limit the breadth of restrictions on alienation or use of the Property shall not apply in the construction or interpretation of this Restriction and this instrument shall be interpreted broadly to affect its Purpose and the transfer of rights and the restrictions on use contained herein.
- b. This instrument may be executed in two counterparts, one of which is to be retained by Grantor and the other, after recording, to be retained by Grantee. In the event of any disparity between the counterparts produced, the recorded counterpart shall in all cases govern. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, each counterpart shall constitute the entire Restriction of the parties.
- c. This instrument is made pursuant to the Act, but the invalidity of such Act or any part thereof shall not affect the validity and enforceability of this Restriction according to its terms, it being the intent of the parties to agree and to bind themselves, their successors and their assigns in perpetuity to each term of this instrument whether this instrument be enforceable by reason of any statute, common law or private Restriction either in existence now or at any time subsequent hereto.
- d. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to authorize or permit Grantor to violate any ordinance or regulation relating to building materials, construction methods or use. In the event of any conflict between any such ordinance or regulation and the terms hereof Grantor promptly shall notify Grantee of such conflict and shall cooperate with Grantee and the applicable governmental entity to accommodate the purposes of both this Restriction and such ordinance or regulation.

If any court or other tribunal determines that any provision of this instrument is invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed to have been incorporated herein automatically to conform to the requirements for validity and enforceability as determined by such court or tribunal. In the event any provision invalidated is of such a nature that it cannot be modified, the provision shall be deemed deleted from this Preservation Restriction as though it had never been included herein. In either case, the remaining provisions of this instrument shall remain in full force and effect.

26. Amendment: If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this Restriction would be appropriate, Grantor and Grantee may by mutual written agreement jointly amend this

Restriction, provided that no amendment shall be made that will adversely affect the qualification of this Restriction or the status of Grantee under any applicable law. Any such amendment shall be consistent with the protection of the preservation values of the Property and the Purpose of this Restriction; shall not affect its perpetual duration; shall not permit any private increment to any person or entity; and shall not adversely impact the overall architectural and historic values protected by this Restriction. Any such amendment shall be effective when the requirements of the Act with respect to amendments have been met and the amendment is recorded in the Southern Essex County District Registry of Deeds. Nothing in this paragraph shall require Grantor or Grantee to agree to any amendment or to consult or negotiate regarding any amendment.

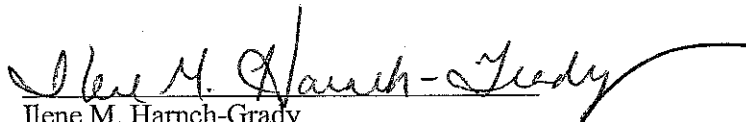
27. Release: This Preservation Restriction is intended to be a restriction in gross in perpetuity and may only be released, in whole or in part, by the Grantee pursuant to the procedures for release established by the Act and otherwise by law, including approvals following public hearings by the City of Newburyport and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to determine that such a release is in the public interest.

28. Archaeological Activities: The conduct of archaeological activities on the Property, including without limitation survey, excavation, and artifact retrieval, may occur only following the submission of an archaeological field investigation plan prepared by the Grantor and approved in writing by the Grantee and the State Archaeologist of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (M.G.L. C. 9, Sec. 27C, 950 C.M.R. 70.00).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor sets its hand and seal this 24 day of March, 2014.  
By:

**GRANTOR:**

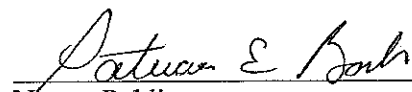
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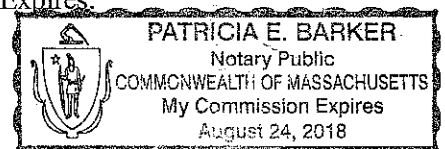
  
Ilene M. Harnch-Grady  
President, Board of Directors  
Congregation Ahavas Achim

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss.

On this 24 day of March, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Ilene M. Harnch-Grady, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (a current driver's license) (a current U.S. passport) (my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that s/he signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:



ACCEPTANCE BY THE NEWBURYPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Linda Smiley

Linda Smiley, duly authorized  
Chair, Newburyport Historical Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

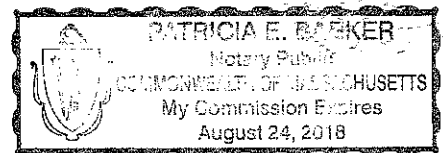
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On this 3 day of April, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Linda Smiley, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (a current driver's license) (a current U.S. passport) (my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that s/he signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes as duly authorized Chair of the Newburyport Historical Commission.

Patricia E. Barker

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

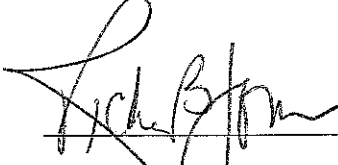


**ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT**

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Newburyport, Massachusetts, hereby certify that at a meeting duly held on MARCH 31, 2014, the City Council voted to approve and accept the foregoing Preservation Restriction Agreement for the preservation of the historic resources of said City and being in the public interest pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184, Section 32.

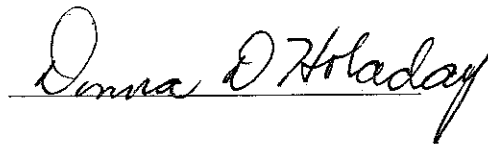
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

By its Clerk

  
Richard B. Jones

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing preservation restrictions have been approved and accepted by the City of Newburyport

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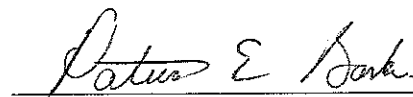


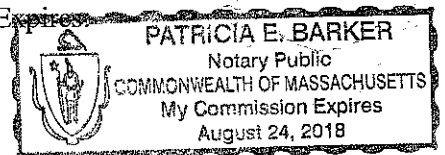
Donna D. Holaday, Mayor

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss.

On this 9th day of April, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Richard B. Jones, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (a current driver's license) (a current U.S. passport) (~~my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal~~), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that s/he signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes as Clerk of the City of Newburyport.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires

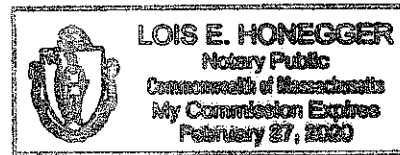


COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, Donna D. Holaday, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (a current driver's license) (a current U.S. passport) (my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes as Mayor of the City of Newburyport.

Lois E. Honegger  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:



APPROVAL BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The undersigned Executive Director and Clerk of the Massachusetts Historical Commission hereby certifies that foregoing preservation restriction has been approved pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, chapter 184, section 32.

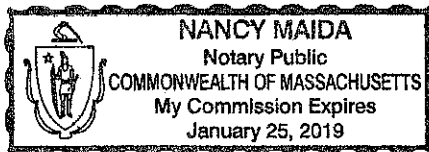
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

By: Brona Simon  
Brona Simon  
Executive Director and Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, Brona Simon, Executive Director and Clerk, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (a current driver's license) (a current U.S. passport) (my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes.



Nancy Maida  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: January 25, 2019

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Legal Property Description**

Land in said NEWBURYPORT with buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows, viz:-  
Beginning at the Northerly corner thereof at the junction of Washington and Olive Streets, thence running Southwesterly by said Olive Street one hundred fifteen and one-half (115.5) feet, more or less, to land formerly of Alexander Caldwell; thence Southeasterly by the last mentioned land sixty-six (66) feet, more or less, to land formerly of John A. True; thence Northeasterly by the last mentioned land one hundred fifteen and one-half (115.5) feet, more or less, to Washington Street; thence Northwesterly by said Washington Street sixty-six (66) feet, more or less, to Olive Street aforesaid and the point begun at.

Source: Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds, Book 2945, Page 142

# EXHIBIT B-1: BASELINE DOCUMENTATION PHOTOGRAPHS

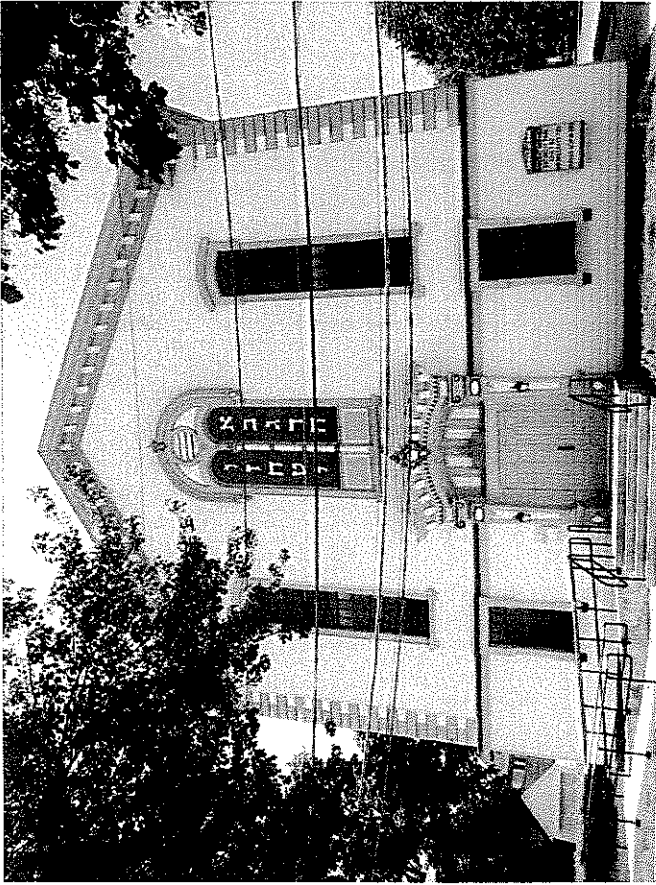


Photo 2. North Elevation



Photo 4. West and South Elevations

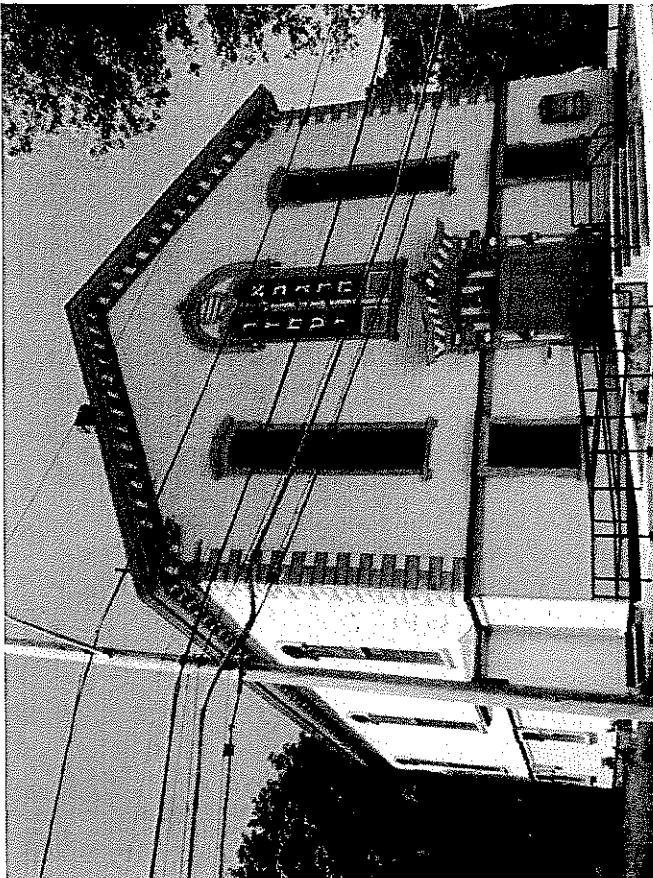


Photo 1. East and North (front) Elevations

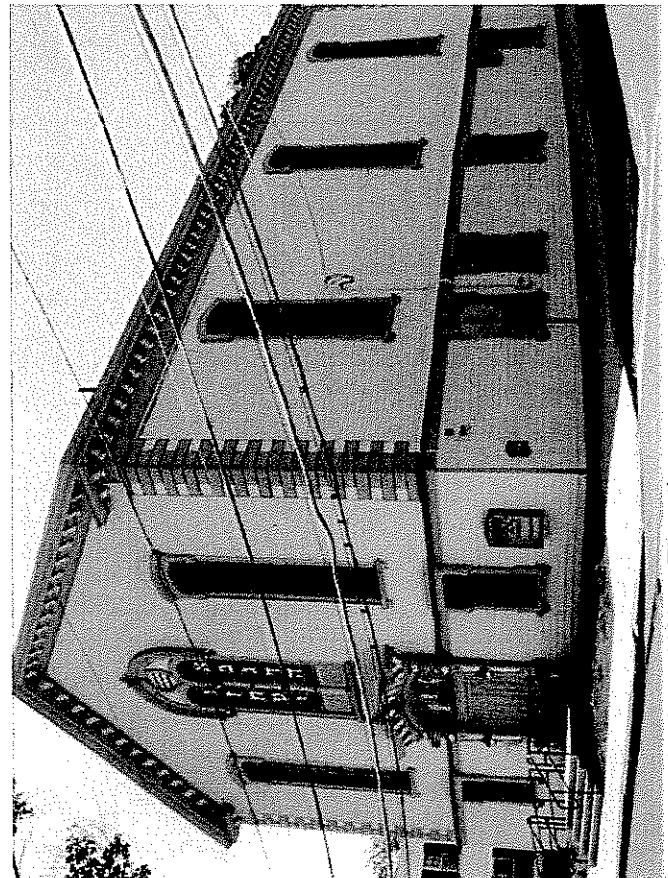


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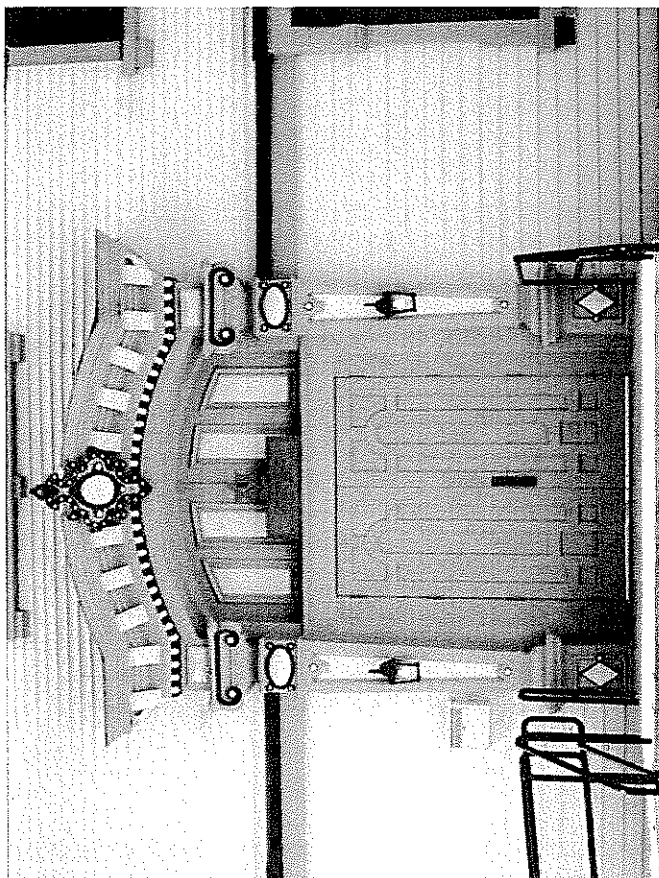


Photo 6. Main Entry Detail – North Elevation

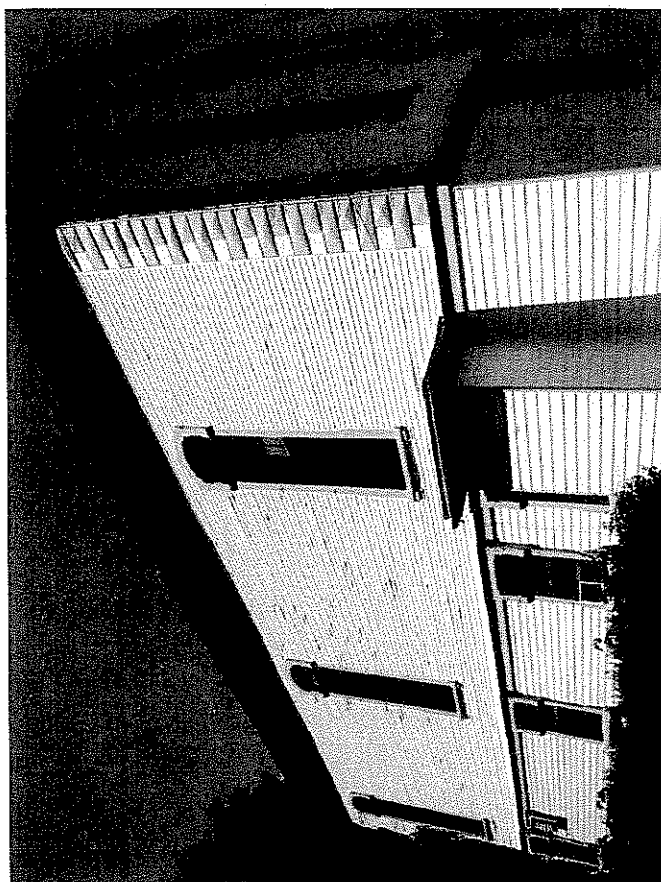
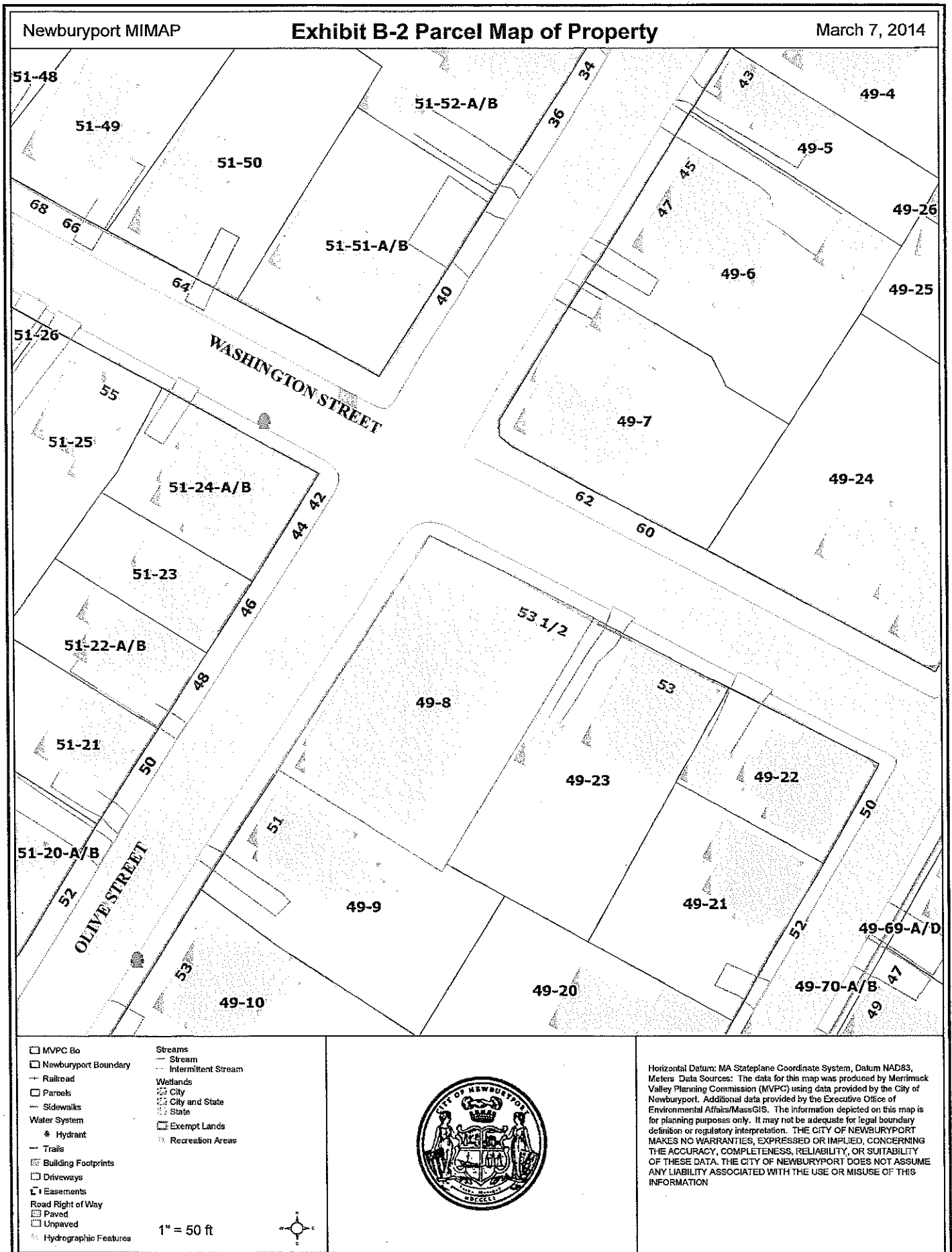


Photo 5. East Elevation

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## EXHIBIT C

### RESTRICTION GUIDELINES

#### ATTACHMENT TO PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT AND CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM

The purpose of the Restriction Guidelines is to clarify paragraph three of the terms of the preservation restriction, which deals with alterations to the Property. Under this section permission from the Peabody Historical Commission is required for any major alteration. Alterations of a minor nature, which are part of ordinary maintenance and repair, do not require Commission review.

In an effort to explain what constitutes a minor alteration and what constitutes a major change, which must be reviewed by the Commission, the following list has been developed. By no means is this list comprehensive: it is only a sampling of some of the more common alterations, which may be contemplated by the property owner.

#### PAINT

Minor - Exterior or interior hand scraping and repainting of non-decorative and non-significant surfaces as part of periodic maintenance.

Major - Painting or fully stripping decorative surfaces or distinctive stylistic features including murals, stenciling, ornamental woodwork, stone, masonry, decorative or significant original stucco or plaster.

#### WINDOWS AND DOORS

Minor - Regular maintenance including caulking, painting and necessary reglazing. Repair or in-kind replacement of existing individual decayed window parts.

Major - Wholesale replacement of units; change in fenestration or materials; alteration of profile or setback of windows. The addition of storm windows is also considered a major change; however, with notification it is commonly acceptable.

#### EXTERIOR

Minor - Spot repair of existing cladding and roofing including in-kind replacement of clapboards, shingles, slates, etc.

Major - Large-scale repair or replacement of cladding or roofing. Change involving inappropriate removal or addition of materials or building elements (i.e. removal of chimneys or cornice detailing; installation of architectural detail which does not have a historical basis); altering or demolishing building additions; spot repointing of masonry. Structural stabilization of the property is also considered a major alteration.

#### LANDSCAPE/OUTBUILDINGS

Minor - Routine maintenance of outbuildings and landscape including lawn mowing, pruning, planting, painting, and repair.

Major - Moving or subdividing Building or Property; altering of property; altering or removing significant landscape features such as gardens, vistas, walks, plantings, walls, fences; ground disturbance affecting archaeological resources.

#### HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING/ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING SYSTEMS

Minor - Repair of existing systems.

Major - Installing or upgrading systems which will result in major exterior appearance changes (i.e. exterior ducts, piping, ventilators, HVAC units); the removal of substantial quantities of original materials in the course of construction.

Changes classified as major alterations are not necessarily unacceptable. Under the preservation restriction such changes must be reviewed by the Commission and their impact on the historic integrity of the premise assessed.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the Commission in writing when any major alterations are contemplated. Substantial alterations may necessitate review of plans and specifications.

The intent of the preservation restriction is to enable the Commission to review proposed alterations and assess their impact on the integrity of the structure, not to preclude future change. Commission will attempt to work with property owner to develop mutually satisfactory solutions, which are in the best interests of the Property.