



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
270 West 89th Street
September 20, 2022**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on 270 West 89th Street, a Semitic style community house from within the Riverside – West End Historic District. This landmark was designed by Herts & Abramson, and built in 1927-1928. The application is to replace windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates that B’Nai Jeshurun is taking a cohesive approach to securing their landmark’s windows. We also appreciate that all wood & stained-glass windows are being restored in-kind at staff level.

Part of the sweetness of this building as evidenced by its period interiors on slides 27-38 is not only the scale that these divisions give the rooms but also their glow. If vision alone were the interest, a proposal with alternating clear lites might be a solution, but operability is also key. This leaves the transoms which are just for light and are fixed, and will remain so. Reinstalling a reminder of the design intent can go a long way if the sashes themselves cannot be maintained.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee suggests the colored glass be maintained wherever possible.

Thank You.