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**Re: Congregation Shearith Israel  
Block 1122 Lots 36, 37  
Manhattan  
BSA Cal. No. 74-07-BZ**

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I respond to your letter to me dated October 30, 2007 as follows:

Request for Authorization to DOB Files

For the reasons stated previously, my client will not consent to your request to authorize your numerous and unidentified clients access to the entirety of the Synagogue's DOB files. To do so would eviscerate a sensible policy established by Mayor Bloomberg intended to protect and secure from undue risk of terrorist acts certain structures deemed by civil and law enforcement authorities to be sensitive sites. In addition to the reasonableness *per se* of the Mayor's policy, your request for access to restricted materials on behalf of an association and "various [unnamed] residents," would, if honored, make a mockery of this security measure.

Request for Reconsideration Documents

Request for Explanation of DOB Notices of Objections

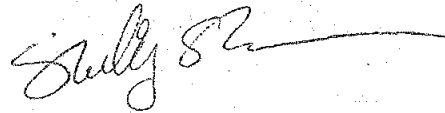
Request for Explanation as to Why BSA not Consider This to be a New Application

Inherent in these three requests are assumptions with which we cannot agree. CSI has filed with the BSA all DOB documentation that the BSA considers germane to this application. Accordingly, we do not concur with your statements that questions or discrepancies remain outstanding. To the extent the BSA determines during the course of the pre-hearing staff review or during the public hearings that additional information or explanation is desirable, the applicant will be asked to submit such information, and copies of that submission will be made part of the public record and simultaneously made available to the customary additional parties.

As of this date, we are unaware of any such BSA determinations that either discrepancies exist or that germane documentation is missing.

To the extent that a party other than the BSA believes that material germane to the Board's consideration of the application has not been provided, that party is of course free to assert that belief in its testimony at the BSA public hearing. I believe, based on my own experience with the fairness of the Board's public hearings, that you can be confident that should the Board ask for additional material, adequate time would be provided to permit all parties sufficient opportunity to review the additional material.

Very truly yours,



Shelly S. Friedman

cc: Hon. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg  
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