

November 12, 2015

Mr. Scott D. Pavan R.A.
Deputy Borough Commissioner, Development Hub
New York City Department of Buildings
80 Centre Street, 3rd Floor
New York NY 10013

Re: BIS Job #121328919
Address: 8 West 70th Street, Manhattan
Block 1122, Lot 37

Dear Commissioner Pavan;

We are the architects for Congregation Shearith Israel, applicant for the above referenced project. We are in receipt of your comments dated October 9, 2015 in which you list several objections, specifically with reference to differences between the approved BSA drawings and the approved DOB drawings for the project.

We are working to answer each of your objections in a way that is acceptable to the Department of Buildings, to the Board of Standards & Appeals, and to our client. The process of resolving questions of this nature with two agencies and an institutional client is not quick, and it will take us a bit of time to work it out to the satisfaction of all parties.

We respectfully request that the Department of Buildings allow us a reasonable amount of time to develop a resolution. We further request that DOB not act to rescind the permit until we have had a chance to complete that process.

Please feel free to call me at 646-343-0678 or email me at swhite@pbdw.com with any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

Samuel G. White, FAIA, LEED A.P.