An East Village Synagogue Gets Neighborhood Support

AT RISK OF DEMOLITION Congregants, elected officials, Jewish community leaders, preservationists, and longtime area residents gather outside of Congregation Mezritch Synagogue at 415 E. 6th St. yesterday afternoon to denounce plans to demolish the East Village’s last operating “tenement synagogue.” The executive director of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, Andrew Berman, said, ‘This tenement synagogue embodies the aspirations of a generation of poor immigrants who came to New York and the Lower East Side to begin a new life in a new world and went on to transform our city and our country. To lose this piece of our city’s history would be a terrible shame.’ The group is requesting that the Landmarks Preservation Commission consider the designation of Adas Yisroel Anshe Mezritch Synagogue a landmark.