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Celebrate Seven to Save!

Members, New Members and Guests of the The Preservation League of New York State are cordially invited to a

Winter Cocktail Party

celebrating the announcement of the **Seven to Save** List of Endangered Places for 2010

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Museum of the City of New York
1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street**

6:30 p.m. Announcement of Seven to Save
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception and Private Viewing of MCNY's exhibition *Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future*



[Download an invitation and RSVP card](#). For further information, please call (518) 462-5658 ext. 11 or fax (518) 462-5684 or email Alexandria.Leo.

State Historic Preservation Office Honors League for Tax Credits



Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League; NYS OPRHP Commissioner Carol Ash; Arete Swartz Warren, League Board Chair; Daniel Mackay, Director of Public Policy for the League.

At a ceremony held at the Cohoes Music Hall on December 8, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Carol Ash announced the recipients of the 2009 New York State Historic Preservation Awards.

The Public Policy Program of the Preservation League was recognized for Not-For-Profit Achievement for *outstanding leadership and commitment to the development and enactment of the New York State Historic Preservation Tax Credit legislation*. A multi-year effort came to fruition when legislation expanding the New York State Rehabilitation Tax Credits was approved and signed into law in July, 2009. The new law offers financial assistance to homeowners and commercial developers.

"I'm grateful for the Preservation League's leadership in helping to enact New York's most significant new statute for historic preservation in three decades," Ash said. "The Historic Preservation Tax Credit has enormous potential to revitalize New York's communities while preserving the history and culture that make them unique." Developers who received awards at the ceremony noted that rehabilitation tax credits provided essential financial support for their projects.

NYC Synagogues Landmarked with help of Preserve New York grant

[See coverage on NY1](#)

The New York Landmarks Conservancy successfully competed for a \$20,000 Preserve New York Grant in 2008 to complete National Register nominations of ten architecturally and historically significant synagogues in Brooklyn and Queens. The 10 synagogues were selected from a list of over 100 current and former synagogues of architectural importance and integrity that were identified by the Conservancy as a part of a 2007 reconnaissance survey project. National Register designation will allow for significant funding opportunities for these synagogues from NYS Environmental Protection Fund grants to the Conservancy's own Sacred Site Program grants.



In late October, three historic Queens synagogues - Rego Park Jewish Center, Astoria Center of Israel and the Free Synagogue of Flushing - were listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A news conference was held at Queens Borough Hall on December 15, 2009 to announce the listing. With the assistance of architectural historian Tony Robins, the rich architectural and social history of these houses of worship swell the ranks of National Register listed Queens synagogues from one to four. Collectively, the three synagogues represent important chapters in the history and growth of Queens. Individually, the three synagogues are highly intact monuments, important repositories of religious decorative arts, and dynamic cultural institutions, each housing a variety of community arts and education programs. National Register listing makes these properties eligible for the New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites grant program as well as state historic preservation matching grants.

Call for Nominations

2010 Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards to be presented on May 12



The Preservation League of New York State is seeking nominations for its 2010 Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards, which recognize significant achievements in historic preservation throughout New York State. The postmark deadline for nominations is February 11, 2010. The awards will be presented during the Preservation League's Annual Meeting on May 12, 2010 in New York City at the historic New York Yacht Club.

"Too many historic buildings throughout New York State are currently vacant, underutilized, and deteriorating," said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League. "Our annual Awards program allows us to share preservation success stories that may one day serve as inspiration to others. By highlighting meaningful contributions in the field of historic preservation, we encourage high standards for other projects, foster revitalization of our historic neighborhoods and downtowns, and celebrate New York's incomparable architectural legacy."

The awards program is supported by a generous grant from the Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation of Miami, Florida.

Nomination forms will be mailed by January 1, and are available for [download as a PDF](#). For additional information on the awards please contact the Preservation League office at 518-462-5658 x17; or by email at awards@preservenys.org.

Give the Gift of Preservation!

Happy Holidays from the League!

We hope you are planning to include the League in your year-end giving, and are here to answer any questions you may have.

Your unrestricted gift to the annual fund supports the League's annual operating budget. The fund's unrestricted nature gives the League the ability to allocate money where needs are greatest, to take advantage of opportunities and to seed new initiatives.

Please call Carol Reiser directly at 518-462-5658 x19 for more information about how you can help us continue to fulfill our unique role as the statewide champion of preservation values.

You can also make your gift with MasterCard, Visa or American Express at our [secure online giving page](#), be sure to click the link for Annual Fund.



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Cheers,

Colleen Ryan, Director of Communications

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