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## Two historic New York buildings earn 'Lucy' Awards

Keeping with its mission to preserve architectural treasures, the New York Landmarks Conservancy recently bestowed upon the owners of the Scholastic, Inc. building and the Eldridge Street Synagogue two prestigious Lucy G. Moses Preservation Awards for their respective restorations.

The ceremony was appropriately held at the Eldridge Street Synagogue, an historic marvel built in 1887 highlighted with a mélange of Moorish, Gothic and Romanesque architectural details. Joining 325 attendees at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual event, Peg Breen, president of the New York Landmarks

Conservancy, presented awards to the owners of ten cherished buildings. Breen announced honorable mentions for project contributors including the Seaboard Weatherproofing & Restoration Company, which completed the exterior restoration of two projects on the direction of the building owner's architects and engineers.

"I'm very proud of our teams ... their dedication to the quality and integrity of these projects contributed to not just one, but two awards," said Michael Y. Ahearn, president of Seaboard Weatherproofing and Restoration Company.

Recognizing preserva-

tion leaders, public officials, owners, architects, contractors, and artisans who collectively restore beauty and utility to New York's most distinctive architecture, the Lucy Awards are the New York Landmarks Conservancy's highest honors for excellence in historic preservation.

Countless land marked buildings are currently being renovated throughout the city's five boroughs, however, only ten projects were selected and lauded including the Scholastic, Inc. building and the Eldridge Street Synagogue. With two honorable mentions, Seaboard contributed to one-fifth of this year's awards.

Ahearn explained that the accolades for the renovation on the Scholastic, Inc. building is shared with architect John Hoffman and his team at Hoffman Architects, Inc. of New York City. Standing over 10 stories, the building, which dates from 1889, is home to one of the largest cast-iron façades in Manhattan.

Seaboard assisted in the restoration of penthouses, façade elements, including windows and ground floor storefronts. In order to revive the original appearance of the facade, twelve layers of paint were removed from the cast iron and pressed metal features. A recreated color scheme was applied to the façade flawlessly mimicking the original design.

The Eldridge Street

Synagogue restoration effort began in 1987 during its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Built by Eastern European immigrants who settled in the Lower East Side in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Synagogue was the first Orthodox house of worship for the Jewish community in Manhattan.

Today, the Synagogue is home to a world-renowned museum of Jewish history.

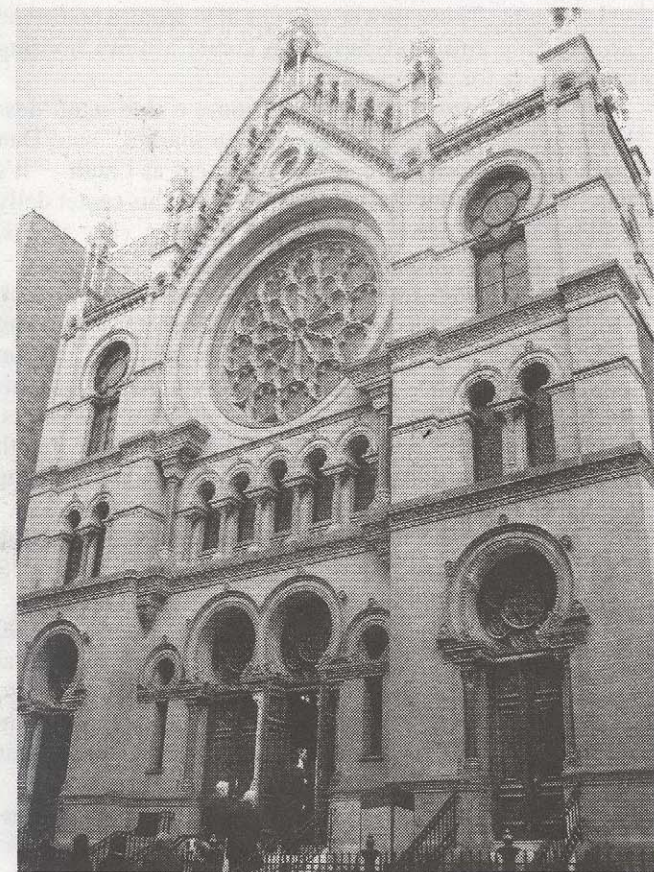
Over the last twenty years, the on-going revitalization project has received numerous Lucy Awards.

Ahearn explained that the latest award includes contributions from specialty architects Jill Gotthelf and Walter Sedovic, principal and chief operating officer of Walter Sedovic Architects in Irvington, N.Y. who together with Seaboard restored the brick and terra cotta façade which

highlights the building's unique exterior design.

Lucy G. Moses, for whom the Awards are

named, shared a wide range of philanthropic interests along with her husband, attorney Henry L. Moses.



The Eldridge Street synagogue garnered a Lucy award.