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Rosh-Pinah Flats, 311 Pigdon Street, Princes Hill

Heritage overlay: HO329 City of Yarra Property Number: 217080

What is significant?

The Rosh-Pinah Flat block at 311 Pigdon Street, Princes Hill was created in 1940 for Rose and Normern Shnider. The place has a fair integrity to its creation date (part balcony enclosure).

Fabric from the creation date at the Rosh-Pinah, Flats is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The Rosh-Pinah Flat block at 311 Pigdon Street, Princes Hill is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Princes Hill and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The Rosh-Pinah flat block is significant as a large two-storey stuccoed building set on a corner site, with parapeted and hipped terra-cotta clad roofs, steel framed windows, bold curved architectural forms, original fence - all designed in the Moderne style.

'Rosh Pinah also represents the Jewish presence in North Carlton and adjacent areas, as an early phase of modern European emigration into Melbourne in the 1930s. (Refer to the North Carlton Precinct H0326, for the Kedimah in Lygon Street.)'.

References:

Municipal rate books:

VPRS 5708/P0004 City of Melbourne / Victoria Ward Rate year/Rate no./Occupier/Owner/Description /NAV 1941; 2439; Felman Sam; Shnider Normern, 342 Melbourne Rd, Newport; 311 Pigdon St. Brick Flat No 1. 5 rms.; 90 2440; Lever Joseph; Shnider Normern, 342 Melbourne Rd, Newport; 311 Pigdon St. Brick Flat No 2. 5 rms.: 90 2441 ; Lawson Stanley; Shnider Normern, 342 Melbourne Rd, Newport; 311 Pigdon St. Brick Flat No 3. 5 rms.; 90 2442; Waks Jacob; Shnider Normern, 342 Melbourne Rd, Newport; 311 Pigdon St. Brick Flat No 4. 5 rms.; 90 2443; Smedra Simon; Shnider Normern, 342 Melbourne Rd, Newport; 311 Pigdon St. Brick Flat No 5. 5 rms.; 65 2444; Pearl Abraham; Shnider Normern, 342 Melbourne Rd, Newport; 311 Pigdon St. Brick Flat No 6. 4 rms.; 60 2445; Senator Max; Shnider Normern, 342 Melbourne Rd, Newport; 311 Pigdon St. Brick Flat No 7. 4 rms.; 60 1940; 2426; Jurburg Samuel ; Jurburg Samuel crossed out to read Shnider Nomern and Rose: 311 Pigdon St. Wood house 7 rms. 66 x 100: 60 1939; 4828; Jurburg Samuel; Jurburg Samuel; 311 Pigdon St, Wood house 7 rms.; 60 Melbourne or Victorian directories:

South Side 1944/45; Rosh-Pinah Flats

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Other references:

VPRS 11202/P1, Unit 352 Date; Application; Cost; Description 20 November 1939; 20858; £4,300; Erection of building 20 November 1939; H2355; Erection of fence

VPRS 11200/P/0004 Unit 462 Application 20858 Proposed Flats, Princes Hill for N. Shnider ESQ Architect A. Ikin, 6 Merton St, Caulfield Date Received 20/11/1939 Wight 2001:

`The large bulky form of this block of flats is highly unusual in this precinct of predominantly highly intact 19th century style houses, mostly single storey terraces. It is distinguished in its own right as an example of the latest phase of development in the precinct, but primarily for its social significance. Designed in the Moderne style, `Roshe Pinah' (sic) represents the Jewish presence in North Carlton (sic) and adjacent areas, as an early phase of modern European emigration into Melbourne in the 1930s. (Refer to the North Carlton Precinct H0326, for the Kedimah (sic, Kadimah) in Lygon Street.)'