

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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## Sites examined:

18BC138

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

### Project Justification:

This report describes the research findings of the Spring 2000 archeological investigations at 18BC138, on the interior of a standing structure at 1534 Fleet Street. The excavation was performed at the request of the owner of the property, Brian Schwartz and was funded with a non-capital grant from the Maryland Historical Trust. At the time, Mr. Schwartz was considering options to renovate the building as office space and possibly as a museum dedicated to the 19th century immigrant experience in Baltimore. This work was not required by existing federal, state, or local regulations, but was done entirely by the desire of Mr. Schwartz to preserve the historical and cultural remains associated with the property which was the site of the first synagogue in the state of Maryland.

### Project Objectives:

- Create an historic context specific to the site area, which includes a consideration of the history and development of the property.
- Locate possible archeological deposits and features associated with the construction of 1534 Fleet Street.
- Locate possible archeological deposits and features associated with earlier periods of occupation on the site, specifically Native American deposits and European and African-American settlement in the late 18th century.
- Analyze archeological materials recovered in light of the historic context and provide information concerning the property's local, regional, and national significance.
- Determine the National Register or Maryland Register eligibility of resources identified during excavation.

## Research Potential:

Additional work was conducted at 18BC138 during the summer of 2002. No final report has been written describing the work conducted that year, but the collections, field notes, samples, and photographs obtained by BCUA were donated to the Maryland Historical Society when BCUA went defunct. Whether or not the site retains any remaining research potential is uncertain.