

LIVNOT U'LIHIBANOT — TO BUILD AND BE BUILT

With the sun becoming slightly more cooperative in recent weeks, the construction has moved into a new phase. The roof shingles are being installed, the walls are being wrapped with waterproofing material and the interior spaces have become well defined.

While the construction team finishes building the structure and its various systems, we will have a host of opportunities to help put the finishing touches on all aspects of the building and site.

As we develop ways for congregants to assist in building our new home, this project's motto—“*Livnot u'lihibanot: To Build and To Be Built*”—truly depicts these projects and events that will bring us into closer contact with the building itself.

Here are some of the projects that we're planning for the coming months:

- In April, the Nursery School will be painting tiles for accents in the restrooms (the photo shows one of our Nursery School kids coming up with his tile design!)
- Kee Tov will be furnishing the youth lounge and kitchen
- We'll have several work parties to build pendant lights and sconces
- A work party will assemble the desks and shelf units in the administrative wing
- The Nursery School and Religious School classrooms will be set up
- We will install mezuzot on our doors and Yahrzeit plaques in the sanctuary
- Existing pews in good condition will be reused as interior benches in the building
- We will display artwork, photos and signs throughout the building
- We'll install commemorative bricks on a series of garden walls
- Exterior garden benches will be placed
- We'll build a rock/planting cascade near the Outdoor Terrace using rocks excavated from the building site.



We'll also have ongoing projects, such as ritual and educational gardens and creek bank projects. Given the varied nature of these projects, there will be many opportunities for us “to build and to be built,” both individually and as a congregation.

Next month, I'll discuss how the design of our new home will allow us to incorporate the latest technology in our programs and operations. In the meantime, as you pass the site, you'll see the windows and siding being installed to create the structure's exterior skin.

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