

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Beth El for the Next 30 Years



New sanctuary seating configuration can adapt to different settings with the use of movable partitions. Curved pews towards the bimah along with movable partitions allow for a more intimate service. Partitions can be moved for additional seating as needed.

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Perspective into new Beit Midrash library.



Perspective into the updated Chapel.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, AND AS YOU CAN SEE ALL AROUND YOU, BETH EL HAS EMBARKED ON A BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT, *BETH EL BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN*. WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THE DETAILS OF THIS PROJECT WITH YOU.

To accommodate the High Holy Days schedule and minimize disruption, the project has kicked off with the Administrative Wing including a renovation of the office space, board room, education offices and youth lounge. This will also include a newly developed Hall of History that will provide a look at Beth El's past in the context of a corridor that will provide access from the Community Court to the West Court without entering the Administrative Wing or Social Hall.

The Sanctuary is also being reimagined by removing the front section of pews and replacing it with circular pews that will surround a relocated reading table to the main floor and create a much more intimate feeling. This redesign will allow for 125 seats, allowing for us to congregate in the Sanctuary on Shabbat while maintaining the approximately 700 seats we have currently. The first pod in the Sanctuary on your right as you enter will be converted into the nursery providing easy access and adjacency for families. Additional improvements will include redesign of the choir loft, new flooring throughout and a new sound system.

A redesigned chapel will serve as a Beit Midrash which will allow for daily minyan and also serve as a true study and learning space. As part of this renovation, the adjacent meeting room will be converted to a library that will be open to the chapel and include complete internet connectivity.

The Memorial Hall will receive a facelift, including new lighting, meeting rooms and restrooms will be refurbished, the community court will be renovated with new flooring and furniture, entry systems will be replaced, and a state-of-the-art security system will be installed. Our Social Hall will also get new life with new wall coverings, carpeting and skylights sure to open up the space and provide an inviting atmosphere for social gatherings. Additionally, numerous replacements and upgrades will be made to the existing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

As the building approaches its 30-year benchmark, it was determined that this is the appropriate time to enter into this project. It is critical that we not only improve the physical structure but offer the congregation a beautiful and meaningful environment to enhance spirituality, learning and community. The project has been in the planning stages for the past few years and has the support of an overwhelming percentage of the congregation. This is evidenced by our fundraising, which has reached 85% of the project budget of \$5 million.

To ensure timely completion of the project we need your help in raising the remaining portion. Your support is critical so we can demonstrate to the congregation and the community that Beth El, our conservative synagogue, survives and thrives into the future.

To discuss how you can participate in this project please reach out to:

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*The success of this project depends on all of us.
Thank you!*