

## **Sacred Space Search Values and Principles:**

No matter what space we land in, we can affirm certain principles about what we want our sacred community home to be. It may not be possible to achieve our aspirations perfectly and instantly, but they can still guide us to make solid plans to achieve goals step by step.

**Accessibility** - In the long term, we know we need a sacred home that is accessible both in terms of location and in terms of access for those with disabilities. Part of access may mean that we continue to offer robust online access as well.

If full access to all areas of a space under consideration is not immediately possible in a particular location, then we need to make a plan for access in the short term (i.e. scheduling certain programs in certain places), and long term (i.e. making a serious plan to modify physical space to create access).

**Functionality** – our home should be a place that works for the functions we use it for – good acoustics, beauty and sufficient space in the sanctuary, a kitchen where we can prepare serious food for community events, a space where we can have a community meal, classrooms and offices, etc. Our space needs to be attractive, clean, and safe. It needs to be reliably available when we need it.

**Growth Potential** – One of the overarching goals of B'nai at this moment is to grow and attract a younger demographic. The space we call home will have a major impact on this goal, and as we make our decision, we should prioritize the potential any space has to appeal to new members.

**Sustainability** - B'nai needs to be able to afford whatever space we call home. This may mean that we do not get everything we want right away. It may mean raising funds to purchase or renovate a space. It may mean making compromises and plans that unfold in steps over time. We also aspire to be in a space that is environmentally sustainable as much as possible.