

## A Community Listening Session for our Building:

### Re-imagining with Tim Politis

July 24, 2018

Dear Friends,

The Facility Task Force is excited to share news of great progress toward reimagining and renovating our building! On June 19, our Board of Trustees approved Tim Politis of [line Studio](#) as our architect. The Board approved an initial expenditure for Tim and the first design phase of the proposed project. Additional funding and commitment will be considered by the Board as Tim's work proceeds.

The community listening sessions held in early 2016 and the resulting [Feasibility Study](#) gave Tim a jump-start in getting to know us and our needs, but he would like to learn more.

As part of our plan, in addition to consulting with mechanical, electrical, and plumbing professionals, Tim would like to gather even more information from our community to learn:

1. Why you chose B'nai Havurah as your spiritual home.
2. How you use space at B'nai.
3. How you and your family might be better served with different space (or use/arrangement of space) at B'nai Havurah.

**We would be very grateful if you would join Tim along with other community members on Thursday, August 2, at 7:00 pm. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to let us know you will be attending. Join us at 6:30 pm for appetizers and a drink. We are offering childcare at no cost.**

If you are unable to join us in person, we welcome you to call in to the meeting, using our conference phone. The instructions to call in are below:

Dial-in number: 319-527-2841 / When prompted, access code: 441926

There is nothing you will need to prepare ahead of time and there is no set agenda, other than the items listed above. Please plan on meeting for approximately one hour. Tim Politis will facilitate the meeting and snacks will be provided. The meeting will be held at B'nai Havurah.

We think you will enjoy getting to know Tim as much as all of us on the Facility Task Force have!

**ADDITIONAL UPDATES OF FACILITY TASK FORCE ACTIVITY:**

- Ray Merenstein of [RDM Communications](#) , who performed a Financial Feasibility Study during the Summer of 2016, has been hired to pick up from where he left off and work with us in July and August during our initial phase. Ray and the Finance sub-group are in the process of creating a campaign plan for gifts, a finance model and marketing material for the Capital Campaign. Both Ray and Tim will report to the Board, along with representatives from the Facility Task Force, at the August 21 Board meeting.
- The Building and the Finance sub-groups of the Facility Task Force have been especially busy this summer. Carla Sciaky and Dan Prendergast have been co-chairing the full Task Force until the new chair of the Task Force, Ben Honigman, will takes over in August.

We thank you for your help in providing Tim with important information that will be used to inform our possible renovation and reimagining of B'nai Havurah. Please contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

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