





Kol Rinah is...















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#### **Building Sacred Community**

#### What is Kol Rinah?

Kol Rinah is our ambitious vision and nearly completed new facility that will help Kol Rinah build a sacred community today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

And Kol Rinah is so much more.

Kol Rinah is twice-daily minyanim led by our congregants.

Kol Rinah is our Chesed Committee, which supports congregants going through difficult times by calling people, sending meals, setting up homes for shiva and visiting the sick.

Kol Rinah is KoREH, creating an engaging, active, and innovative approach to supplementary Jewish education for our next generation.

Kol Rinah is our traditional Shabbat morning services with full Torah reading, opportunities for celebrating simchas, coffee bar, participatory lay-led and clergy-led prayers, Torah Talk, sermons and weekly kiddush lunch with lots of schmooze time.

Kol Rinah is our Early Childhood Center, creating Jewish connections for young children and their families as we raise a generation.

Kol Rinah is our staff, board, officers, and committees that ensure that we have the resources, smooth operations and governance we need.

Kol Rinah is our Friday night services, with a wide and sophisticated musical repertoire bringing moments of joy and introspection at week's end.

Kol Rinah is our multigenerational population, all of whom bring their own wisdom, perspectives and joy.

Kol Rinah is our multiple opportunities for engagement on the High Holidays, from learning, to different styles of services, to family gatherings, to a moment when our whole congregation gathers together to hear the shofar.

Kol Rinah is our Sisterhood and Brotherhood, creating opportunities for fellowship for male and female identified folks associated with our congregation, while serving Kol Rinah in so many helpful and generous ways.

Kol Rinah is our sweet, small and radically inclusive USY chapter.

Kol Rinah is our serious commitment to kashrut, and our professional and volunteer mashgichim (kosher supervisors).

Kol Rinah is our rich intellectual life of scholars-in-residence programs, classes with rabbis and congregants, book groups, Verein learning

# Kol Rinah is...

group, our love of Israel and our many community learning opportunities.



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Kol Rinah is our developing social justice team helping us to serve and work to make our community and world more just.

Kol Rinah is the never-ending quest to build, sustain, and improve our synagogue, going deeper, reaching higher.

Kol Rinah is striving to create, find, notice and appreciate moments of God's presence in our lives, community and world.

Kol Rinah is all of us and the web of relationships between us through which we feel seen, known, cared for, and mutually obligated to see, know and care for others.

And in the years to come, Kol Rinah will be so much more.





I've spent an enormous amount of time over the past three months in our new Kol Rinah home on Maryland Avenue. Really the only places that I've been going have been the new building and our old building. I must say that spending time in the new building

makes me more and more excited for what our future holds.

I am so very proud of the diligence, hard work and financial support we have devoted to our new facility. We will be able to welcome the surrounding community and

How amazing and lucky are we...

I envision our beautiful new

spaces as community gathering places. I see our Community Hall as a wonderful venue for art events, presentations and offerings from the entire Jewish community, movie nights, wedding and B'nai Mitzvot celebrations, galas; the list goes on and on.

How amazing and lucky are we to have built a modern facility to take us into the next generation and beyond. I can visualize our space filled with prayer, study, celebration, learning, community socialization and facilitation of the wonderful work going on in our greater community.

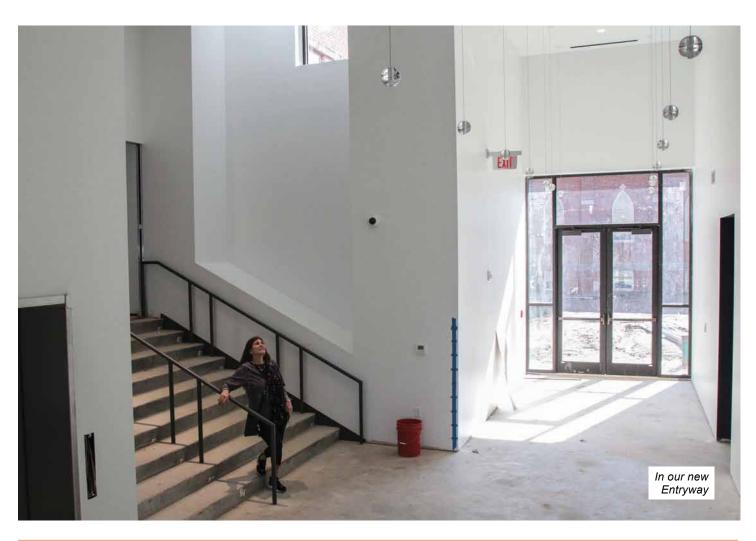
the Jewish community at large for invigorating discussion and programming. Randi Mozenter

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The opportunity to create such a project presents itself once in a generation or so. That our Kol Rinah community had the vision, foresight and energy to undertake such a monumental task fills my heart and soul. Thanks to all of you for making our dream a reality.

May we all stay healthy and protected and may G-d bless us and our new home for years to come.



**Excitement is an understatement** as we watch our dream become a reality! We will soon occupy our beautiful state-of-the-art building and new sanctuary on Maryland Avenue in Clayton.

As COVID-19 continues to rage, our priority is to keep our congregation safe and healthy. We are grappling with the reality

# ...celebrate the momentous occasion...

I am so proud of our Kol Rinah Leadership team, our Board and the committees that worked

tirelessly, diligently and selflessly for so many years to make this happen. I want to especially mention the amazing professionals in our congregation, from Facilities committee vice president Dave Cooperstein and Capital Campaign chair Dan Rosenthal to Sue Albert, Blair Kweskin, and Stacey Hudson, for so generously sharing their time and expertise. Immeasurable thanks as well are due our generous donors, Rabbi Arnow, Rabbi Shafrin and Randi Mozenter, our amazing President.

I also must thank every single one of you – our congregational family. We couldn't have accomplished this without each of you.

I for one cannot wait to celebrate the momentous occasion of moving into our new home in person – as soon as we can safely come together again as a community. During this period of uncertainty and rapidly changing recommendations, we will most likely not return to the Hanley building, but instead will start Kol Rinah's next chapter in our new building.

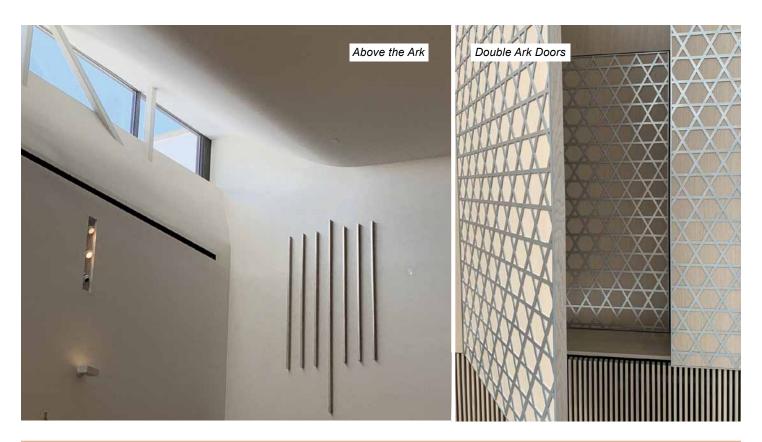
that in-person High Holiday services may not be possible. Our services will still be amazing,



with a variety of worship options. We have formed a scenario planning task force with the goal of ensuring the best possible experience for using Zoom and video streaming. We will keep you updated on all details as plans solidify.

We are currently fundraising for the video equipment that will enable online High Holy Day services and more. This investment in Kol Rinah's future will provide a permanent way for us to join together virtually for prayer and events. If you would like to help, please don't hesitate to contact me (boardchair@kolrinahstl.org).

All my best to you, our Kol Rinah family – we miss you all and hope you stay safe and healthy not just during this time but always!















#### **Jewish Education for Our Ever Changing World**

The world of Jewish education has changed in fantastic and dramatic ways in every generation. Indeed, the last ten years have seen a flowering of new ideas about what it

means to learn Jewishly, what experiences encourage spiritual growth and curiosity, and how families and communities can

work to educate not only young students, but Jewish learners at every stage of life.

Here at Kol Rinah, we have made incredible strides in how we educate our school-age children. Our Kol Rinah Education Hub (KoREH) is staffed by extraordinarily compassionate, thoughtful, and dedicated educators, focused on experienced-based learning. Together, we guide students from kindergarten through seventh grade to understand Judaism, sensitizing them to Jewish moments, milestones, celebrations, and culture by giving them these experiences in miniature. And thanks to the amazing dedication of our teachers, we were able to adapt the last two months of lessons into content that could be shared online and completed in groups over Zoom or at home with the help of parents and families.

Kol Rinah's amazing new building on Maryland Avenue has well-equipped KoREH learning rooms as well as centers and outdoor spaces to enjoy. We are also set up technologically to be able to enhance and supplement learning when we are not physically together. I have been so inspired by our community parents as they participate in our Parent Learning Track at KoREH and engage with their young learners at

home. Our wonderful faculty is constantly learning new ways to integrate Jewish ideals, concepts, experiences, and values into the everyday

...a passion for Jewish life...

lives of our students and their families.

Working together with teachers, students, parents,



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relatives, and the leadership of our community, I can see a myriad of ways a passion for Jewish life can be inculcated in our youth and families. It is that hope that pushes us to develop new ways to connect and learn with one another, no matter what barriers may exist.

During these summer months, we have been preparing for a school year at KoREH that will inspire new learning and growth, continue to build deep personal relationships, and safeguard the health and wellness of our students, staff, and families. While that may look different from previous ways we learned together, I ardently believe this is merely the latest iteration of the infinitely adaptable history of Jewish learning and life.

To register a student for KoREH, please contact me (rabbishafrin@kolrinahstl.org) and sign up online on our website at <a href="https://www.kolrinahstl.org/koreh/registration">https://www.kolrinahstl.org/koreh/registration</a>. We are excited to learn with all of you this year!

When I came for my first interview at Kol Rinah, one thing stuck out to me. This community was making a commitment to the future. The leadership and staff of this congregation took a look at the resources they have, and decided that it was important to them to make a commitment

to young families. But they took it a step further by creating a position that recognizes the fact that it's not enough

to create programming for young families, we must connect them to the rest of the kehilla. The position I ultimately took was carefully crafted to connect our youngest members and their families to the rest of the community through religious school and beyond. The new building will be a fresh start in many ways, but as we have learned these last few months, it is always about the people. I am grateful to be a part

...it is always about the people...

of a community that sees the value in building multi-generational community. My goal is to create more opportunities to connect with



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one another, from Tot Shabbat, to KoREH and beyond, and I look forward to all of your help in this endeavor.

Our Kol Rinah Early Childhood Center serves children ranging from six weeks of age through Pre-Kindergarten. Most of the families that attend the center live in the nearby neighborhoods. We take pride in the fact that everyone looks out for each other. When a child misses school, their friends

Avenue in Clayton. Right now we have seven classrooms, in our new space we will have ten. We are also excited that we will have even more play space

# Moving to Clayton presents wonderful opportunities...

will join in song to say "we wish you well". If you ask any family in our program, they will be happy to tell you that our teachers are loving and nurturing, that lessons being taught focus on learning through play, and that our children learn to be kind and compassionate toward each other.

All the positive word of mouth has grown our center to full capacity. We now have an extensive waitlist. This is the main reason we are so eager to get our new space on Maryland

for our children: two separate outdoor playgrounds (one for our younger children and one for our older children), a large indoor ECC Liz Collins
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space and green space as well. Moving to Clayton presents wonderful opportunities, including making us available for companies near our school to seek out our Center. We can't wait to grow our KRECC community!



If there's one thing that I've learned as a practicing architect and designer for the past 22 years, it's that no project can ever succeed without an amazing, committed team. The team that has brought our vision for Maryland Avenue to life has been one of dedication, leadership, and passion.

From the singular focus of the Kol Rinah Facilities Committee to our award-

... seeing our vision become a reality...

winning architectural team at Patterhn Ives, LLC and all of the consultants and contractors who came together to deliver this project, this was a team that overcame numerous challenges (including a global pandemic!) to fulfill a singular charge: To build a beautiful, spiritual, enduring home for Kol Rinah for the next 100 years.

The Kol Rinah Facilities Committee is truly unique. Comprising building industry professionals, financial experts, real estate specialists, and members simply dedicated to seeing our vision become a reality, this committee's ability to wade through congregant opinions, the realities of an everchanging building industry, municipal requirements, a tight budget, project delays, and uncertain deadlines has been remarkable. We promised Kol Rinah's Board of Directors more than eight years ago that we would build as much as we could without spending more money than we had. I'm extremely proud that we have not only successfully fulfilled that promise, but are now also able to look to the future to deliver even more.

Of course, we never would have reached this goal without the incredible team of architects at Patterhn Ives and their consultants. As soon

as Patterhn Ives won the 2018 AIA Saint Louis Design Merit Award for Unbuilt Projects for the design of Kol Rinah, we

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knew our building would be special. Kol Rinah's relationship with Patterhn Ives has truly been a partnership, solving difficult problems and challenges with elegant and cost-effective solutions, enabling Kol Rinah's new spiritual home to meet current needs and preserve the potential to expand to meet future needs, both in the short and long-term.

Our profound thanks go to the Kol Rinah Facilities Committee, to Patterhn Ives, and to the entire design and construction team for leadership, partnership, and all of the hard work that has brought us to this point. We look forward to making our new building our home.









The stain glass windows will be updated to include the names of Jewish sacred texts

Our new building is bordered by both Linden Avenue and Hanley Road so each congregant can reflect on the two legacy congregations that preceded it. We proudly anticipate our move as Kol Rinah steps forward to fulfill its mission of advancing conservative Judaism in the St. Louis community.

We are grateful for the dedication of Kol Rinah rabbis, leaders, members and non-members who have given so willingly of their time, energy, vision, and financial support in order to enable the completion of this beautiful new home.

May God continue to bless us all as we move into the future.

Jerry Nuell



Kol Rinah is privileged to have as part of our legacy magnificent works of art by two local artists of international significance and renown: the extraordinary stained glass windows of Rodney Marshall Winfield and the profound series of paintings by Edward Eugene Boccia.

Winfield's chapel windows, one depicting The Ten Commandments and one the Exodus, were originally created for Shaare

...artworks in our new facilities...

Zedek's Diamond Chapel, renamed the Guller Chapel. He received the commission soon after moving to St. Louis and joining the glass company of Emil Frei Associates. The windows, conceived of in collaboration with Rabbi Ephraim Epstein and installed in 1954, are thought to be the first three-dimensional stained glass windows ever created. The Winfield stained glass in the Guller Chapel flanking our beautiful new ark, as well as additional elements in the entry foyer and our Community Hall, are all thanks to the generosity of Sidney Guller.

Winfield went on to have a prominent and storied career as an artist, not only teaching at Maryville University but also creating prominent commissions in stained glass, metal and paint. His Space Window, containing a bit of moon rock, hangs in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and his silver and brass relief plaque commemorating the United Nations, The Brotherhood of Man, is displayed at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

Boccia, who painted in his Webster Groves studio as well as taught at Washington University in St. Louis, had

a series of 10 heroically-scaled figurative works with Judaic themes, directed and inspired by Rabbi Benson Skoff. The 18' 6"

already earned a reputation

for his Expressionist diptychs

and polyptychs when he was commissioned in 1970 by Brith

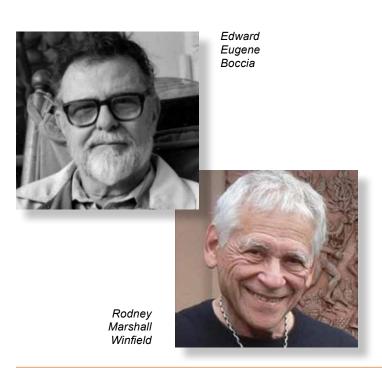
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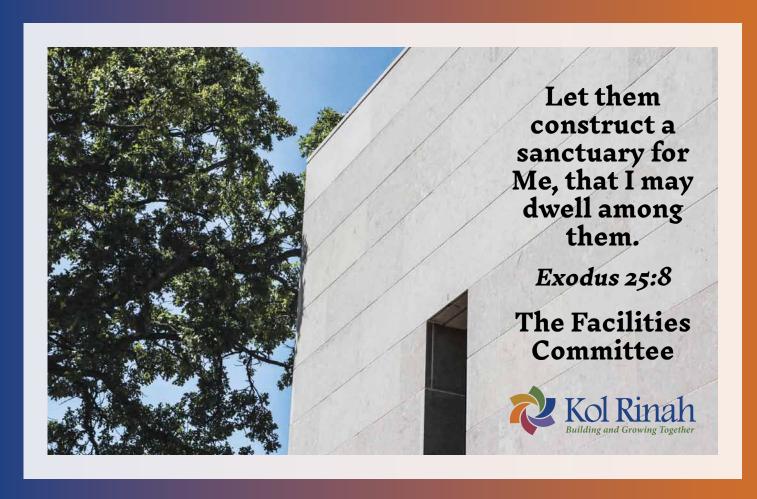
tall paintings lit up the walls of the BSKI Allen Sanctuary. His paintings today are found in more than 600 public and private collections and religious institutions worldwide.

The Boccia paintings, newly framed, restored and cleaned, are currently being installed in our new Community Hall, with each painting to grace an arch of its vaulted ceiling, thanks to the generosity of The Samuel Honigberg Foundation, the Sabin and Samuels families, Margaret and Dr. Martin Israel, Phyllis Hyken, Elaine Kaufman and Mark Silvermintz.

It is now our honor to preserve and display these significant artworks in our new facilities. Many thanks are due to our donors, Facilities Committee and Capital Campaign Committee, who provided the leadership and work to ensure these works of art will provide our community with inspiration and enjoyment for decades to come.







As always, the Kol Rinah Sisterhood will continue to generously support the many facets of our congregation as we move into our new home. L'Chaim!



Sisterhood

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With many thanks to all who work so hard for the Kol Rinah community.



Mary Berger and Family

#### Campaign Update as of 6-15-2020

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many, great progress has been made readying 7701 Maryland Avenue for occupancy as our new spiritual home. We hope you are as excited as we are!

...strengthen our future...

what we have been able to achieve thus far still needs to be narrowed. We hope to continue to raise the funds that will complete our vision for our new home.

We have achieved great things

so far, but we are by no means

finished. The gap between our

full vision for the location and



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Thank you all for working and giving to make our dreams a reality! If you would like to make a pledge, please reach out. No amount is too small, and every pledge will serve to strengthen our future home.

## Phase One Fundraising Achieved:

- 1. Full renovation of the Community Hall space
- 2. Construction of:
  - ⇔ Our new sanctuary

  - ☆ KoREH classrooms, meeting rooms, and the Sara Myers Room
  - **⇔** The Memorial Alcove
  - ☆ The large pre-services gathering space
- 3. Exterior improvements: parking, lighting and landscaping (required by Clayton).

To date, Phase One pledges total \$6,495,107. That exceeds our Phase One Pledge Goal of \$6,416,000!! And we have already collected 63% (\$4,171,318).

We also have received generous pledges outside of our Phase One campaign.

- 1. One pledge included:
  - ☆ Painting/staining all existing brick to match our new look
  - □ Upgrading exterior lighting
     □

  - \* Replacing original building windows
- 2. Several pledges are earmarked for finishing top floor Administration Offices. (For over half the projected costs.)

#### Phase Two Fundraising:

We have also received pledges for Phase Two. The scope of this phase consists of:

- ⇔ Boccia paintings & Winfield stained glass installation
- seats to our Sanctuary capacity.

We continue to work hard to ensure we can provide our congregation and community with the best facilities we can. Even now, during these challenging times, Kol Rinah's leadership is working hard to fulfill the promise of our new home.





It is a true honor to serve as Board Chair of our amazing Kol Rinah board of 2020. I am grateful to each one of you for bringing your passion, intellect, insight, experience and resources to our board. May our virtual meetings become in-person meetings soon so we can raise a glass and say L'Chaim!

Mazel Toy and a huge thank you to our Rabbis, President, board and our entire congregation. It is because of each of you that we can all look forward to celebrating, praying, learning and being together as a community soon in our beautiful new home.

Eli & Sherri Sadon





Thank you to all the wonderful people who make this community a fantastic place to live, work, raise our children, and call home.

You are Kol Rinah.

You all inspire us each and every day. It is a blessing and a privilege to work together with you to build a brighter future.

Much love, Scott, Jessica, Amitai & Nadav Shafrin

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Mazal Tov on creating Kol Rinah's new home. We are opening doors to the future.



Margaret & Martin Israel

The move to our new building is a once-in-ageneration endeavor that will provide a secure Jewish presence for decades to come. It has been a rare and special privilege for me to work with so many wonderful colleagues whose dedication has inspired me and whose efforts have made today possible. Thank you all for your support and generosity.

Zei Gezundt, Randi Mozenter & Larry Friedman



# Hazak Hazak V'Nitchazek as we continue to go from Strength to strength Karen & Paul Rader



A SPECIAL THANK
YOU to all the
volunteers who
have worked so
hard to make our
new congregational
home a reality.



Don, Betty, Brian and Lori Siegel

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At Last! We Have Our Building!



David Geller & Nira Asher Geller

Where would we be without the talent, time, and dedication of our **Facilities Committee led by VP and Chair David Cooperstein!** 

## **Facilities Committee Members:**

- Barbara Shamir Blair Kweskin
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Mazel Tov! Gary Kodner & Peggy Nehmen



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In honor and memory of Barry Pessin.

With love Carol Pessin, Adam & Jane, Zac & Elizabeth, Abby & Joe, Eleanor & Ben and Family



It has been an honor
to work with so many
dedicated and talented
volunteers on this project.
Todah Rabah for all you
have done, over so many
years, to make this happen!
May we go from strength
to strength, together in
our new home.



Elisa Israel

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A new home for Kol Rinah!
Our community accomplishment.
Congratulations and Thank You!



Marc & Penny Alper

To Rabbi Arnow and Rabbi Shafrin for keeping us together and as connected as possible at morning and evening minyanim and for Torah Talk on Fridays, and to Wendy Love Anderson and the many others providing learning classes throughout the week and on Sunday mornings.

Thank you, Micki Kingsley



In honor of Rabbi Arnow, our leadership, and our generous congregants who made this dream a reality!

אם תרצו, אין זו אגדה

Gina & Michael Bernstein and Family



Congratulations

Kol Rinah
leadership and
support committees.
Phase I near
completion, a new
home soon!



Carole, Tony & Joey Granillo

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KUDOS to all whose selfless work makes Kol Rinah a success!



Abe Horowitz

Looking forward to the opening of our new synagogue and many meaningful future simchas. Special wishes in honor of Myron's 75th birthday and our 55th anniversary.

Randee & Myron Jacobs



Thank you DAVE COOPERSTEIN and the Facilities Committee for all your devoted work. You are AWESOME!



Florence Cohn

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May we go from strength to strength.

Thank you.



Marsha & Steve Birenbaum

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Congratulations To All



Stephen & Nancy Keyser

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Thank you to the Facilities Committee, the Capital Campaign Committee and the Kol Rinah Board, on your nine years of dedication and hard work in making our dream a reality. The building looks amazing.



Joel Schwartz

Thank you for your dedication to the success of Kol Rinah.

Stanley & Jean Margul



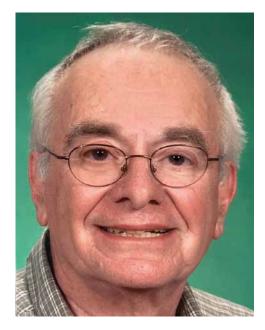
Mazel Tov to our new Kol Rinah. It's a reality come true.



Jackie & Harvey Fenster

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## In Memory of Bill Solomon, Barbara Bianco



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Our deep appreciation and thanks to our dedicated and devoted Kol Rinah Rabbis, Staff, Board of Directors, Committee Members and Fellow Congregants for their patience, persistence, and generous donations in making our Maryland Avenue facility Dream become a Reality.



Fred & Linda Makler

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From Dream to Vision to Reality.

Todah Rabah



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Another 50 Years!

Sidney Guller and Family

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