

Phase 1 Restoration Work Within Our Main Sanctuary
Proposal for Congregational Approval at June 12th, 2022 Congregational Meeting

Since late June of 2021, following the removal of the majority of the pews, our main sanctuary has been in a state of flux. During the past several months, a “Working Sanctuary Group”* has been diligently working to identify options that run the gamut from targeted repairs to a broader updating and rededication of the entire space into a contemporary multi-use space that re-inspires its warmth, welcoming, and modern Jewish feel.

Through the efforts of the Working Sanctuary Group, a small group of OZ donors have been inspired to contribute \$63,000, the amount needed to fund a narrow group of targeted repairs. This work, designated as “Phase 1” of a larger sanctuary renovation, will consist of:

- Removing the remaining pews, and tearing out the existing carpeting throughout the entire sanctuary (including the bimah);
- Prior to leveling the floor, contractors will construct a trench under the floor and electricians will run all electrical wires and cables to the Rabbi’s lectern (on the bimah and the floor, to accommodate different service needs);
- New carpeting will be laid, consisting of high grade commercial quality carpet squares on the floor (both resilient and, if damaged, easily replaceable) together with rich pile carpeting on the bimah. In both cases, drawing upon the vibrant color scheme of the Lost Mural, the carpet colors will be Royal blue.
- To accommodate diverse numbers and configurations, pews will be replaced with chairs. For reasons of cost as well as intimacy (where gatherings are small), the plan is to have 30 upholstered wooden chairs (handmade by a local woodworker), with another 40 metal (stackable) upholstered armchairs (similar to those rented for the High Holidays last year) that can be moved in or out of the space as needed.

MOTION: The OZ Congregation agrees (seconding the Board’s approval at its May, 17th, 2022 meeting) to accept the donors’ generous offer to undertake the Phase 1 work described above [Note: The objective is to have this work done prior to the 2022 High Holidays] within the budget stipulated.

PHASE ONE WORK AND BUDGET

locally-constructed wooden upholstered chairs	30 @ \$500	\$15,000
Hon metal upholstered armchairs*	40 @ \$100	4,000
Remove carpet in sanctuary; remove carpet adhesive to prepare for floor concrete leveler; pour concrete leveler to level floor (4 men/24 hours each)	4 workers for 24 hrs	6,000
Materials for demolition		610
Build concrete trench for electrical chase line/cable wiring and pour concrete to cover trench; include concrete saw rental and materials		3,140
Permit/dump fees	(estimated)	2,000
Lift and move Ark	(estimated)	3,000
Electrician to install wiring and cables	(estimated)	1,500
Install replacement carpeting: commercial squares on the floor & pile on Bimah		19,000
A/V system designer	(estimated)	1,000
SUBTOTAL		55,150
%15 overrun contingency		8,273
TOTAL		\$63,423

*contingent on to successful storage plan for both these chairs AND the white chairs on racks

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