



TEMPLE BETH DAVID

The Visionary View:

A Newsletter about the Temple's Upcoming Plans

Honoring Heritage, Embracing the Future

Dear Devotees and Friends,

It is with profound respect for tradition and a spirit of joyful anticipation that we present the first edition of a new *Temple Newsletter: The Visionary View*, dedicated entirely to the exciting plans taking shape for our sacred space. The Temple has long served as a sanctuary—a place for reflection, community, and celebration of spiritual heritage. As we look to the months and years ahead, we are thrilled to share our vision for growth, connection, and renewal.

Renovations and Enhancements

In our commitment to ensuring the Temple remains a welcoming and inspiring haven for all, there are changes to our physical building.

- **New Entrance Door:** As NSSA now occupies the classrooms and offices at the back of the building, the new TBD entrance is in the courtyard to the breezeway lobby area. A newly paved walkway is on the western side of the parking lot, where a new gate will be installed with appropriate signage. The TBD canopy has been moved to the new entrance. If you need to drop someone off that is challenged with mobility, you can park for up to ten minutes on the entry driveway side of the building (nearest Rabbi Klafter's office) to allow entry from that door.



TBD Canopy moved to our new entrance to the breezeway area

- **New Security System:** A new security system has been installed by NSSA. This requires that all TBD adult members will receive new access cards. Watch for information about when to pick up your new cards. These cards will buzz a member in at the new entrance *only*. Your old access cards will not work.
- **Renovation of the Breezeway area:** While we are still able to utilize the previous offices and classrooms, we will begin the design of the new offices and bathrooms that will be in our current Breezeway area. Planned construction will be in the summer of 2026 for this initial renovation.



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- **Future redesign of the Social Hall and adjoining space:** Plans for the next phase of renovation will be taking place in 2026, with planned construction to take place in the summer of 2027.
- **The Sanctuary:** The heart of our Temple will undergo careful consideration for modernizing our space, while maintaining our heritage, where restoration is planned to preserve its artistry and improve its ability to be a warm and welcoming home for Temple Beth David.
- **Enhanced Accessibility:** New bathrooms, ramps, and signage will be installed to ensure the Temple grounds are accessible and inviting for everyone—regardless of age or ability.

Clergy Transition

As both Rabbi Klafter and Rabbi Halpern will be retiring in June of 2026, we are working this fall to search for and finalize a contract for an Interim Rabbi for July 2026-June 2027. The goal of an Interim Rabbi is to assist us in transitioning from what we have all experienced in the past, to where we want to take TBD into the future. It is never easy to navigate change, so making this transition smooth is a key component for our future.

Opportunities for Involvement

The energy and warmth of our Temple come from the hearts and hands of our devotees. As these plans unfold, we welcome everyone to participate—whether by joining one of these critical planning committees (Construction, Interior Design, Clergy Search, Communications), volunteering your time, or simply sharing your thoughts with us.

You will be invited to smaller update meetings that will encourage those ideas, as well as answer any questions. **Your voice matters in shaping our future. If you are interested, please reach out to Beverly Wolcott at lbjrde@aol.com.**

Looking Forward Together

In the months ahead, we will provide regular updates on the progress of these projects. We invite you to follow our newsletter, visit our website, and stop by the Temple to witness the transformation firsthand. Together, we honor the legacy of those who built this sacred place and lay a foundation for those who will find solace here for generations to come.

May the Temple continue to shine as a beacon of peace, wisdom, and unity for all.

With blessings and gratitude,

The Temple Board and Steering Committee