



COURTYARD ENCLOSURE RENDERING



Building Committee Members Rob Neu, Neil Goldmacher, and Andrew Hoffman. (Aaron Casden, not pictured)



TEMPLE ISRAEL  
Congregation *Yad B'Yad* – Hand in Hand

# BUILDING OUR FUTURE NOW

*The Campaign to renovate our historic building is underway. We invite you to join us in this once in a generation opportunity.*

## SUPPORT THIS ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD OUR FUTURE, NOW

*This is a transformative moment in the life of our congregation. Your support of this project will allow Temple Israel to bring this historic renovation to fruition. We stand on the foundations of those that built before us—now it is our turn to build an even better Temple Israel for this generation and the next.*

### BY THE NUMBERS

- Total Project Cost — \$39.7M
- To Date 112 generous TI Members & Friends have contributed over \$28M

### THE PROJECT IN PHASES

- PHASE I — Renovation of the Main Sanctuary, Expansion of the Chapel & Courtyard Enclosure
- PHASE II — Enhancements of Floors 4, 5, 6
- PHASE III — Updates to Ballroom Level

*Gifts of all sizes are welcome as are pledges over a number of years. We are available to discuss planned giving opportunities as well.*

**For further information, please visit:** [www.templeisraelnyc.org/renovate](http://www.templeisraelnyc.org/renovate)

**To make a gift, request donor agreement, or discuss naming opportunities, please contact:** Rabbi Gelfand, Campaign Co-Chairs or Eugenia Edwards at 646-292-9466 or [eedwards@templeisraelnyc.org](mailto:eedwards@templeisraelnyc.org)

## OUR HISTORY

Established in 1870 Temple Israel serves as a beacon for meaningful Jewish living in New York City. From its founding on East 125th Street in Harlem as Congregation Hand in Hand, Temple Israel's mission has been to preserve the continuity of Jewish tradition and to strengthen the Jewish community. The congregation broke ground on its current building in 1964 and construction was completed three years later. With its Brutalist architecture, East 75th Street has been Temple Israel's home for more than one half century.



Main Sanctuary renovation underway.



MAIN SANCTUARY RENDERING



## MESSAGE FROM RABBI GELFAND

*“This is an historic, once in a lifetime opportunity to stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and truly make a significant difference by transforming Temple Israel into a modern 21st Century synagogue for today and tomorrow. Help us be the very best that we can be!”*



## MESSAGE FROM CARRIE & LEIGH ABRAMSON

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

Temple Israel has been our family’s religious home for 25 years. We chose this congregation to help raise our children in a Jewish, values-based community where we could engage, serve, and be inspired. Along with observing Shabbat and holidays together, this community has celebrated the birth of our children and their becoming B’nai Mitzvah and mourned with us the losses of our parents. The congregation serves members in our community and the broader world. Together, we wrote a Torah – study Torah, Hebrew, and live Jewish values. We travelled to Israel, Italy, Prague, and the South. We were embraced by the families who came before us and now reach out to welcome the families who have come after. Together, we create the “Family of Families” that is Temple Israel. Today, we need you to join us in doing something we have not done in the last 25 years – to renovate our beloved Temple so it may continue to welcome new families, like yours and ours, for generations to come.

# TRANSFORMING OUR SACRED SPACES

*An ambitious vision for the future of Temple Israel has brought us to this pivotal moment in the life of our congregation. The scope of this historic renovation project includes upgrades to all areas of TI living.*



### WORSHIP

Upon the completion of **PHASE I** of the construction, our Main Sanctuary will be visually, technologically and mechanically modernized. Our intimate Chapel will be upgraded and expanded and the newly enclosed Courtyard will be a welcoming new space for community gathering with enhanced security.



### LEARNING

**PHASE II** will take us to the upper floors of 4, 5 & 6 which houses our Early Childhood Learning Center and the hub of our Life Long Learning Department. In this phase our weathered building façade will be repaired and cleaned.



### COMMUNITY

**PHASE III** will include upgrades to the Ballroom level of the building. Carpet, lighting, wallpaper, audio visual equipment and restrooms will be upgraded and/or replaced.