

An Important Message to Our Community



We are excited to share our progress on the Building Dreams Project at Congregation B'nai B'rith. This comprehensive plan will bring major changes to our CBB campus, including:

- A brand-new **Center for Jewish Learning** focused on experiential education for all ages
- A remodeled & enlarged **Outdoor Pavilion**
- A beautiful new **Arrival Plaza**
- Accessibility improvements
- A well-designed **Leadership Hub** for our clergy and staff.

View our plans – and a video that brings Building Dreams to life – at <https://cbbsb.org/building-dreams>

Board Approval of Plans - Under the expert leadership of Martie Levy and Judi Koper, our Project Committee has worked with Blackbird Architects and Van Atta Associates (landscape architects) to develop plans and renderings. Those plans have been presented to the Board of Trustees which authorized a Capital Campaign to secure funding for the project.

Building Plan Application Submitted to SB County - Earlier this month, with the assistance of Suzanne Elledge Planning and Permitting Systems, we submitted our application to Santa Barbara County for the required County building approvals. Our application included the conceptual plans which were unveiled to the congregation in October 2020.

Projected Timeline - We expect it will take approximately 12-18 months to secure the necessary permits to begin construction. In the meantime, we are raising the needed capital for the project, fine-tuning design details, and creating a plan of operations during construction. We expect construction to begin in Summer, 2022 and be completed by Spring, 2024.



Congregational response has been enthusiastic...

"Such a well-thought-out plan for our community's future & comforting to have something so meaningful to look forward to at this time."

"Thinking about it gives me goosebumps, and this is what I hope everyone feels. Old or new, CBB gives something special to our entire community."

"I love what is planned for the space. Thank you to all of the folks that spent time visualizing what will be next for our congregation."

...& our neighbors are supportive:

"I think it is wonderful that you are investing in your infrastructure and improving accessibility and comfort for your congregation and students. I believe that one of the joys of living "on the hill" is being able to have you and your congregation as neighbors. Although I am not Jewish and worship differently, I love the fact that your property is home to so many people who are able to share their faith in such a beautiful setting."



The Building Dreams Capital Campaign

A message from our Co-chairs, Steven Amerikaner and Nancy Sheldon:

We are excited to share news and an update about the success to date to fund the project.

We are thrilled to welcome Sara Miller McCune as our Honorary Chair, and **Daniel Hochman** serving as the Shomrei Ha-Brit (Guardian of the Covenant) of the campaign. Sara is truly one of our congregation's "Tall Trees," and her generous support over many years serves as a model for an effort to draw broad and deep participation from the entire CBB community. Daniel and his family have a long and legendary history of leadership in our congregation, and he will help us ensure that our community's vision, values, and traditions are honored.

With gifts and pledges from the congregants listed on this newsletter, we have made substantial progress in meeting our goal. At this early stage, we are focusing our attention on Leadership Gifts (above \$500,000) and Major Gifts (\$25,000 - \$500,000) and expect to move into the broader Congregational Gift phase in late 2021. We will provide more detail on this progress as we complete the Major gift phase of the campaign.

We are assembling our Campaign Committee, a group of congregational leaders who will help: 1) secure donations to the project, 2) communicate and share vital information with our stakeholders and 3) plan a recognition program for our donors. These volunteers are "all in" for this project and will bring their enthusiasm and skill to the task of encouraging all families to participate in building our future.

The most current info about the Building Dreams project can be found at <https://cbbsb.org/building-dreams>

Questions or Comments?

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