

## EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT - JANUARY 2023

**A GENERAL NOTE ON FRESH AIR /VENTILATION IN OUR BUILDING** - Every room or area in the synagogue building is receiving fresh outside air during occupied periods. The maximum recommended amount is 25%, and this is what our equipment is designed for. At any higher air intake rate, the equipment would not be able to heat or cool the air sufficiently to function properly.

At the beginning of the Covid Pandemic, all our HVAC units were checked and adjusted for maximum outside air. This has not changed. Compared to the average home which usually has no provisions to bring in outside air, the air in the synagogue is safer and cleaner. Our high ceilings, and the ample size of the rooms give the advantage that we are able to spread out as much as we wish, and be breathing clean fresh air. The fact that some people feel cold in the sanctuary, is partially due to the fact that the fans are constantly bringing in outside air, which must also be heated.

Maybe.....we should consider more gatherings and attendance in the synagogue, and even allowing for smaller parties to use our facility???

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

**NAA** - We have received \$10,000 from Keystone Leasing to be used towards replacement of the air conditioning in the Sanctuary and Koret Hall. Thank you .

**FEMA 2022 AWARD** - We have been awarded \$150,000 to be used for security improvements. Tom Mastronarde is heading the project, which includes a cell phone service extender for the entire building, video and camera replacement, and exterior security improvements for the Meeting/Playground Area near the school. Bids are being solicited for this work, in conjunction with FEMA requirements.

**FEMA 2021 AWARD** - The Exterior Lighting Upgrade and the Emergency Public Address System Installation have been completed. Bids are presently being solicited for replacement of the existing audio only intercom/door release system with an audio/visual/door release system, in conjunction with FEMA requirements.

**FEMA 2023 SECURITY APPLICATION** - The next application will be out in a few weeks. Anyone with project ideas for security related improvements is encouraged to contact Kobi, Ken, or Reesa.

### **PROJECTS:**

**PARKING LOT REPAIR** - We have had the "surface dip" in the parking lot inspected, and it has been recommended that because of the freezing conditions, repairs be postponed until Spring, when permanent repairs can be made. There is a second solid layer of solid pavement about 2" below, and the Caution Cone will remain as a warning to motorists.

**ELECTRONIC YARZEIT DISPLAY IN SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL** - On Order. Don Miller is coordinating purchase for the Ritual Committee, and the House Committee will coordinate installation.

**SANCTUARY AND KORET HALL** Replace Rooftop HVAC Systems for Sanctuary and Koret Hall. Equipment is on order, and delivery and installation is expected for Spring of 2023.

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**MEETING/PLAYGROUND AREA** - Plans are being formulated to create an outdoor Recreation/Gathering area near the existing playground. Reesa has formed a committee to develop the scope and costs, and is interviewing landscape architects and designers for budgeting purposes. Tom is obtaining quotes for submittal to FEMA for the security improvements which will be needed to secure the area. Possible fund raiser by selling engraved paving bricks for the walkway or patio. While this is not a House Committee project, we will assist Reesa and Tom in whatever way we can.

**REBATE FOR SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT** - We have received a rebate for the installation 17 of energy efficient air conditioner/heat pumps in the school building, totaling approximately \$5,000. As the Museum contributed approximately 40% of the initial cost, the rebate has been shared with them on the same basis.

**SIGNAGE** - Additional signage is being ordered for the rear parking lot, in order to control excessive and careless speeding.

Thanks to Kobi, Joseph, Rick, Tom, Alan and Joyce for your help and support. We welcome additional assistance and expertise on any House Committee project.

Howard Smith, Chair

Emanuel House Committee