

# **Emanuel Synagogue House Committee Report**

**March 2024**

**New HVAC Units:** The two new Units (for museum office and youth lounge) and a new rooftop electrical panel have been installed. The removal and installation of the new museum HVAC unit and connections to the new electrical panel were completed and the unit was turned on and checked for heat. The contractor encountered problems while lifting the second HVAC unit and curb to the roof and the installation of the second unit had to be rescheduled. The second unit was subsequently installed and activated.

Beth Weller in the museum office reported a cold draft was present in their office space when the room warmed up and the heat shut off. The fan was found to be running in the always on mode. Attempts to change the fan mode on the thermostat were not successful. The thermostat was reprogrammed and the fan is now set to run only when the heat is on. The museum staff have confirmed they no longer feel any draft.

**Kitchen Exhaust Hood :** A loud banging noise was reported coming from the exhaust hood when the fan was turned on. A service call found pine needles, twigs and small pieces of branches sucked into the fan housing preventing the fan from rotating which in turn ruined the fan belts. The fan housing was cleaned and new big fan belts installed. The trees next to the kitchen will need to be trimmed.

**Sanctuary Door:** The new door has been installed at the sanctuary entrance. The first replacement door was rejected due to a poor color match. This door is very close in color to the adjacent door.

## **Status of Security Infrastructure Projects – Feb 29, 2024**

### **FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

All five of the FEMA 2022 security projects are complete and operational:

1. Digital Security Camera System
2. Courtyard Security Fence with manual gates
3. Security Bollards to protect the Window Wall of the Silverman Auditorium
4. Multi Carrier Cell Phone Booster System for the interior of the building
5. Chapel Window Protection

All vendor invoices related to the grant award from FEMA have been paid by the Emanuel, enabling the request for reimbursement from FEMA to be prepared.

**Building Security System Upgrade and Automation of Courtyard Fence Gates**

This project consists of upgrading the main controller for the Building Security System to allow expansion of capacity for the remote lock release function to extend to the fence gates under conditions warranting locking of the gates. Gates will also be fitted with operators to provide ADA access. Equipment is on order. Installation is expected in the April/May time frame. This work is funded by the Emanuel and is not part of the FEMA 2022 grant program.

Respectively submitted,

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