

As my final term as Vice President of Building and Land comes to a close, I reflect on the accomplishments the committee has made to improve the look and feel of our synagogue. In the 2009/2010 fiscal year, the Building and Land Committee, with the assistance of the Aesthetics Committee accomplished the goal of significantly enhancing the overall appearance with the carpeting and painting of the social halls and sanctuary.

During the most recent fiscal year, we continued this focus by making the purchase of new banquet chairs a priority. With the help of Aesthetics Committee, new chairs were selected to replace the old and outdated mauve chairs. The new chairs were recently delivered and used for the first time during the Magic of Torah event. The committee's other priority for the year was addressing the need for more memorial plaques as the existing memorial boards have all been filled. The committee spent a significant amount of time deliberating on the various options including the location of the boards, the appearance, etc. and ultimately decided on a solution that provides room for expansion and an appearance consistent with the existing boards. The first two new memorial boards were recently installed in the galleria. Most recently, the committee approved a much needed refurbishment of the pews in the sanctuary. The plan is to reupholster the seats and also cut the pews into smaller sections, allowing for easier reconfiguration in the sanctuary to accommodate more intimate services, such as the fusion service. This project will substantially be funded by a generous donation from a congregant family.

Refurbishment hasn't been the committees' only focus this year. Earlier in the year, an electrical short caused by the rain started a fire in one of the ECE bungalows. Thanks to the work by David Brook and the help provided by Temple congregant Mike Mamroth, the damage was repaired with improved fire safety with minimal out-of-pocket cost to the synagogue.

I would like to thank my committee members for their commitment, their input, and their support. Special thanks to Neil Drucker for his help taking minutes during our meetings. I would also like to thank the Aesthetics Committee members for their help guiding the decisions of the Building and Land Committee. Thanks to David Brook for acting as liaison between the Building and Land Committee and the Aesthetics Committee and implementing the committees' decisions. Finally, I want to express my thanks to Carlos Venegas and his staff for all the work maintaining the Aliyah campus. The synagogue is really fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working staff.

Respectfully submitted,  
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