

**A Short History of the Temple Adas Shalom Building Committee**  
**(Modern Era)**

**Fall 2007:** A small group of concerned congregants concerned about the future of our building made a pilgrimage to Temple Beth Shalom in Annapolis to learn about their congregation's new building project. In a 3 year project, with a congregation similar to ours, they were able to raise millions of dollars and build a new sanctuary, social hall, kitchen, and expand their classrooms. The result was a beautiful new facility and a growing membership

**Dec 2007:** The initial group of congregants contacted a small group of other congregants and raised seed money to create a visual plan, develop initial concepts, and produce initial materials.

**May 2008:** The initial design concept was presented at a congregational meeting.

**December 2009:** A consultant was hired to perform a feasibility study and to help formulate a strategic plan.

**June 2010:** The Capital Fundraising Feasibility Report concluded that our membership's top priority was to improve the physical spaces for the Religious School – specifically eliminating the modular classrooms. The report also indicated we had the financial capacity for this project. The report was presented to the board, with the results guiding further committee activities.

**February 2011:** After consultation with URJ Architectural Advisory Panel to consider initial building/renovation options, including refurbishing the modular classrooms, various renovations, relocation of the entire building, etc., Gary Getz created the preliminary design proposal.

**May 2011:** Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc. (MRA) was retained to create initial schematic designs and cost estimates.

**2012 thru 2014:** Kathy Lazarski worked diligently to improve the quality and accuracy of the synagogue's financial statements. The rest of the committee chills.

**March 2015:** The building steering committee reconvened to review status of the project.

**June 2015:** Building plans and cost estimates were reviewed and updated. Synagogue financial statements were also reviewed.

**September 2015:** Support of initial key donors was enlisted.

**October 2015:** The steering committee identified additional key donors and began planning the Capital Campaign kickoff event. To date, \$923,000 in pledges have been secured.

**January 2016:** Capital Campaign Kickoff event for key donors.

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| <b>The Building Steering Committee:</b> | Kevin Bress      | Larry Levine           |
|   | Rich Foard       | David Schwaber         |
|   | Gary Getz        | Kathy Lazarski         |
|   | Charna Kinneberg | Lee Tannenbaum (chair) |
|   | Andy Klein       | Mark Wolkow            |
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