

Celebrating 100 Years by Ensuring Our Legacy

Temple Israel of Nantasket Capital Campaign

With participation from Temple Israel, Temple Beth Sholom, and the Nantasket Youth Center



Temple Israel of Nantasket

Temple Israel at 100

Temple Israel is about to be 100 years old! We are among the oldest continuously operating synagogues in Massachusetts. We serve both the Jewish summer and year-round communities of Hull, and neighboring communities as well. We began as a summer shul, and we have also provided

a sanctuary for our neighbors, Temple Beth Sholom. We are an egalitarian congregation and we pray using Siddur Sim Shalom, but we serve families of all backgrounds. We are a living example of l'dor v'dor – generations of the same families have worshipped at Temple Israel. Every year our Temple family grows as we welcome new members who have embraced summer life in Hull and their experience at Temple Israel. No matter what time of year, our presence is critical to Jewish life in our community. Temple Israel is an historic Jewish landmark with a history and a future worth protecting!



Our History



One hundred years ago, a group of Nantasket summer residents gathered together in their summer homes to worship on Shabbat. Their dedication to prayer and Jewish community laid the foundation for what would become a landmark in the summer lives of generations to follow. Within only six years of their first Shabbat together, this group of visionaries built Temple Israel. Standing tall on Hadassah Way and Samoset Avenue, Temple Israel, with its beautiful turrets, stained glass windows, and magnificent sanctuary,

has served summer families ever since. Our founders understood the relationship between worship and community – for the last 100

years, the Temple Israel congregation has shared memories of summer life through connections to its beloved synagogue. And for over sixty years, Temple Israel has been honored to serve as the warm weather sanctuary for our friends at Temple Beth Sholom, who have also come to love the remarkable experience of praying in a beautiful sanctuary amidst sea breezes over the rooftops of Nantasket. Temple Israel also supported the construction of the Nantasket Youth Center, which served both summer children and the families of Temple Beth Sholom for many years.





In Our Sanctuary and Vestry Now



Temple Israel opens its doors for the six warmest weather months of the year, from April through October. Daily minyanim, Shabbos services with weekly speakers, lifecycle celebrations, weekly kiddushes in summer, community dinners, Torah study, Temple Beth Sholom Shabbat services and special events, yahrzeit services when there is a need, and High Holiday services that bring the congregations of Temple Israel and Temple Beth Sholom together one more time until "next summer," make April through October very busy months.

TI is an all-volunteer effort, so expenses are relatively low, with members of our Temple family contributing expertise and manpower in all matters pertaining to Temple life, from planning weekly services and kiddushes, to arranging upkeep and maintaining bookkeeping, to writing our weekly e-newsletter and managing our website.

Membership dues, the generosity of additional annual contributions by

Temple Israel members, and reimbursements by Temple Beth Sholom for their share of expenses have been adequate to sustain our operating budget. The challenge now is to meet the needs we face in repairing and renovating the building.

Making Us Strong at 100

Today, as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Temple Israel congregation, we are keenly aware that time has taken a toll on the structure of our shul. In order to prevent further damage, maintain our ability to be an important home to the Jewish community of Hull, and serve the needs of congregants from over 40 communities, many repairs must be made in the immediate future. The first order of business is to attend to the envelope of the building. For



years we have been patching the exterior walls and the roof, which are in need of significant repair to stop further leaking and water damage. One turret received attention in 2011, and the remaining three must be attended to now. With those repairs behind us, we will be able to repair the cracks on the sanctuary ceiling. Maintenance and modernization of other important areas will follow. The electrical system must be updated, and emergency lighting and an alarm system are required to ensure the safety of our congregants and our building. The restrooms, last replaced some 40 plus years ago, are crumbling and do not meet the needs of congregants with walkers or wheelchairs. Our heating system, installed decades ago, is inoperable. Our vestry experiences humidity levels that must be addressed to prevent slipping on the floor and other issues associated with high levels of moisture. And to make worship in Temple Israel possible for those unable to climb our front steps, we must incorporate an elevator and become handicapped accessible.



This Capital Campaign is Our Legacy to the Community



Our LEGACY to the NEXT generation requires these improvements so that Temple Israel can **regain** the solid footing necessary to maintain the same service to the Jewish community that our founders implemented almost 100 years ago. In 1913 they had the foresight to build a place that would establish and grow Jewish community beyond anything that could be sustained in any single living room. It is now OUR

turn to support, repair, and maintain

this important place of worship which has given so much to so many from Hull, the South Shore and the Boston suburbs, and from many states across the country. Summer residents, year-round members of the community, and even those who have prayed only once in our synagogue *know* what we feel deeply—Temple Israel is a remarkable place to worship, and it is our obligation to our community and our congregations to care for it.



Temple Israel Capital Campaign Budget

| Handicap Accessibility, Elevator Lift Kitchen Remodel, Plumbing | \$75,000 \$75,000 |
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| Walkway, Lighting, Emergency Lighting, | |
| Sprinklers, Waterproofing, Outside grading | \$100,000 |
| 3 Turrets and outer roof repairs | \$75,000 |
| HVAC System | \$75,000 |
| 2 Restroom Remodels | \$50,000 |
| Ceiling Repairs (inside structural repairs) | \$40,000 |
| Electric | \$30,000 |
| Vestry Flooring | \$20,000 |
| Alarm System and security | \$15,000 |
| Sub Total | \$555,000 |
| Planning, Architect, Engineering (10%) | \$55,000 |
| Campaign Budget | \$3,000 |
| Total | \$613,000 |

In addition to repairing the building, we would like to be able to leave an endowment for the next 100 years.



"All my life I have enjoyed food and shade provided by those who came before me. As my ancestors planted for me,
I plant now for my children and my children's children."
-The Talmud

How to Support the Campaign to Restore and Maintain Temple Israel

Our campaign committee would be honored to talk with you about your gift to the capital campaign. Please contact:

Gifts of Cash

You may make a one-time donation or contribute over a period of three to five years. Please make checks payable to Temple Israel of Nantasket.

Securities, Real or Personal Property, Gifts from Charitable Annuities or Trusts

Please contact us and we will work together to make your donation a reality.

Planned Gifts

Bequests will help sustain Temple Israel in years to come. Please contact us to learn more about planned giving.

Wall of Recognition

We look forward to creating a beautiful wall of recognition to acknowledge the generosity of those supporting the renovation of Temple Israel of Nantasket.

With your help, we will rejuvenate Temple Israel for our congregations, our children, and generations to come.

Please join us in supporting this historic Jewish landmark,