

Investing in our Physical & Spiritual Home 30 years on Macada and Jacksonville Roads

In 2016, our congregation is celebrating 30 years in our communal home on the corner of Macada and Jacksonville Roads in Bethlehem, Pa. This milestone provides an opportunity to ensure the future of Brith Sholom through capital improvements to meet our physical and spiritual needs.

Our Physical

The current space in the synagogue and chapel buildings continues to meet the needs of our congregation; however, after 30 years there are specific features of the buildings which require restoration. From the distinctive wooden exterior to the unique windows in the main sanctuary, restorative work is needed to ensure that the space in which we pray is maintained for many years to come.

Areas targeted for restoration:

- Repair building leaks
- Stain and waterproof exterior
- Replace damaged wood
- Upgrade kitchen appliances



Our Spiritual

Nothing could be more central to our spiritual well-being than the study of Torah. But like buildings, Torah scrolls also age and either need to be repaired or replaced. We are embarking on doing both — restoring two of our Sifrei Torah and we are also commissioning the writing of a brand new Torah Scroll in honor of the 30th anniversary of the building of our synagogue.

Areas targeted for rejuvenation:

- Refurbish two of our Torahs
- Commission a new Sefer Torah to replace one that is beyond repair

To ensure the future of our physical space and enhance the spiritual well-being of the congregation, we are embarking on a two-year capital campaign to raise \$175,000.

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Our Physical



A Place to Call Home

Congregation Brith Sholom has served the religious and communal needs for Conservative Jews throughout the



Lehigh Valley for more than 125 years. Our first synagogue was built in 1889 and served the community for nearly four decades. In the 1920's, a small group of visionary leaders then developed and carried out plans for a new building that would house both the synagogue and a community center at the corner of Brodhead and Packer Avenues on the south side of Bethlehem. The Brith Sholom community center was built in 1924 and was the center of Jewish activity for nearly 60 years.

The need for the community center came into question in the early 1980's, and then in 1983, we sold the community center building to Lehigh University. Included in the sale

agreement was a 5.6-acre wooded lot on the corner of Macada and Jacksonville Roads, which, in 1986, became the new home of our congregation.

Since our founding in 1889, we have been the beneficiary of dedicated and visionary leadership which enabled our membership to thrive. The move 30 years ago from the south side of Bethlehem to our current location demonstrated extraordinary foresight in meeting the present-day needs of our congregation.

Thirty years ago we moved to our location on Macada Road. Congregants and dignitaries joined Jack Shaffer at the groundbreaking, which took place on August 19, 1984.



Our Spiritual



Spiritual Continuity

Our congregation adheres to the tenets of Conservative Judaism and provides a religious, spiritual and communal home for our members. We seek to bring relevance to the beliefs and practices of our religious traditions and, through our many programs, activities, committees, and educational initiatives, we offer our members the opportunity to experience, study, and appreciate our rich heritage.

Our members are passionate about their community and committed to learning and spiritual growth.



Shabbat services are a cornerstone for our congregation, with the sanctuary often over-flowing with congregants attending and participating in the service. From chanting Torah to preparing the Shabbat kiddish, we are active participants in our community.

The purpose of Torah is to learn, teach, observe and to fulfill the commandments leading to deeds of kindness, respect, and love.



Rabbi Michael Singer teaches congregants during a Torah reading class.

Your Gift

Contribution levels to the 30-Year Anniversary Campaign are listed below. This is a two-year campaign and the level of giving is based on gifts made through December 31, 2017

Levels of Giving

- The Books of Moses (\$36,000)
- The Commandments (\$15,000)
- In the Beginning (\$7,200)
- Priestly Benediction (\$5,000)
- Sh'ma and V'ahvtah (\$3,600)
- Parsha (\$1,000)
- Aliyah (\$360)
- Words of Wisdom (\$180)
- Banim vi Banot (\$36)
for children under 18

Each and every donor to the campaign will be invited to join our scribe in writing a letter in our new Torah.



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