



Congregation Beth El
Building Construction Update

A Letter from the Congregation President

February 16, 2007

Dear Members of Congregation Beth El:

At last - work has begun! Our vision for a spiritual home that reflects and enhances the character of our warm and welcoming congregation is finally on its way to becoming a reality.

Soon, we will have a repaired front entrance, newly painted walls, new carpets, a completely renovated sanctuary with multiple-purpose program and social spaces, new bathrooms and kitchen, and an energy-efficient building.

There is still much work to be done:

- * Our building design committee must continue to work closely with our architect (Don Lewis) and builder (Bob Kelly) to select movable seating and make many decisions about interior design.
- * Our social committee is working on a kitchen plan that will serve us well for many years to come.
- * Our treasurer and finance committee must work with the entire congregation to make sure pledge payments come in and to arrange for bridge financing.
- * Our campaign committee must raise the final \$50,000 to meet our goal and complete the project.

Thank you for your support and encouragement through this process. Working together, we will strengthen our ability to make our synagogue a beacon for Reform Judaism in Eastern Maine!

L'Shalom,

Gary Friedmann
President

Please Note:

Last month, we mentioned that the accessibility ramp would be unavailable during the renovation; this now has changed and it will be available. We will let you know if this changes again.