

Groundbreaking Confirmed

\$8 million already raised with only 10% of the congregation approached... One family puts forth an exciting CHALLENGE GRANT

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You are probably aware that Temple Emanuel is in the midst of a capital campaign to transform our sacred spaces. You may have noticed improvements outlined in the New Emanuel Campaign's master plan already underway, including:

- In 2008, overgrown landscaping hiding the Clark Drive building was removed and replaced with myrtle and miniature pomegranate plants.
- In 2009, the HVAC system and roof in the Clark Drive building were replaced. The iconic mid-century stained glass windows in our sanctuary were revealed beginning the process of adding light to a dark room.
- In 2010, the worn finishes in the Bess Maltz Center were renovated with new carpet, wall panels, and padded chairs in preparation for this space becoming our primary sanctuary while the main sanctuary is under construction.

You may also recall Rabbi Aaron's recent Kol Nidre sermon when he mentioned that 2010 would be our last High Holy Days in our purple sanctuary seats. It is now official; we will begin work to transform the sanctuary, Hoffman Hall, and surrounding sacred spaces at our Graffiti **Groundbreaking celebration on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 PM in Hoffman Hall.** (For more information see page 19).

Come celebrate with our clergy as we say thank you to the 87 families who have contributed \$8 million dollars towards the New Emanuel Campaign. Because of their support this project has moved from vision to reality.

Special thanks are due to two families who have exhibited extraordinary leadership and generosity through their commitment of \$1 million each to the New Emanuel Campaign. To **Toni & Bruce Corwin** and **Lisa & Josh Greer**, we say thank you for your belief in restoring the beauty of our facilities and ensuring Temple Emanuel has a strong foundation for many generations to come.

It is with special pride that I also want to report an amazing gift offered by **Sheryl & Jon Sokoloff**. The Sokoloffs, who were the first family to support the New Emanuel Campaign, will donate an additional \$500,000 – bringing their total contribution to \$1 million – once \$9.5 million has been raised. This **challenge grant** means that every dollar donated from this point forward will both support our project goals and will help us realize this generous gift of \$500,000.

While we are still in the Major Gifts solicitation phase of our campaign, I look forward to working with the Campaign Steering Committee and Major Gifts Committee to realize 100% support from the entire Temple community. Speaking of our Committees, a special thank you to **Sue Brucker** and **Scott Stone**, our Campaign Co-Chairs, as well as **Scott Shlechter** and **Marcie Zelikow** for dedicating numerous volunteer hours to ensure this transformation is both inspirational and within budget.

