

30th Anniversary Celebration

To Commemorate the Completion of our
Building Expansion in 1995

October 24, 2025



Congregation**Shalom**

Building Committee and Task List

Alan Fidler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Meetings • Contact Person with Architect
Barry Danzig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiate Mortgage • Education Committee Liaison: 2-way communication with education chair and principal
Terry Howard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track fundraising returns • Monthly update report at Board meeting
Janet Dubner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Newsletter article • Coordinate phone tree • Capture and track action items for each meeting • Congregation notification of upcoming meetings
Gerry Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define rehab requirement for existing bldg. • Avoid meeting and construction conflicts with temple calendar and events
Mitch Hyatt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day responsibility for building construction • Principal contact for construction
Mark Scolnick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering contact for all site, drainage, driveway, parking and sewer etc. • Prime representative at Planning Board with Architect / Engineer • Prime contact with Lamplighter Green
Steve Weiner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back up Chair • Keeper of all financial and legal records, archivist • Approves all payments from treasurer • Leads kitchen design effort via subcommittee
Richard Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines specific needs for function room. • Leads effort for congregational input • Committee legal representative and contract review
Brad Friedlander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines sanctuary needs and communicates regularly with Rabbi for 2-way dialogue • Insures non conflict with Jewish tradition and religious ritual



About to Break Ground

Started May 1995



Groundbreaking Activities

Temple Members, Building Committee, Builder, and Guests



Where We Spent Four Months

We needed space for services, storage and temple offices during expansion



- 40' Travel Trailer with A/C donated by a Temple member
- 48' Moving Trailer donated by Sterling Corp.



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... and for Worship

Summer services in our Air-Conditioned trailer



Our New Bimah Emerges

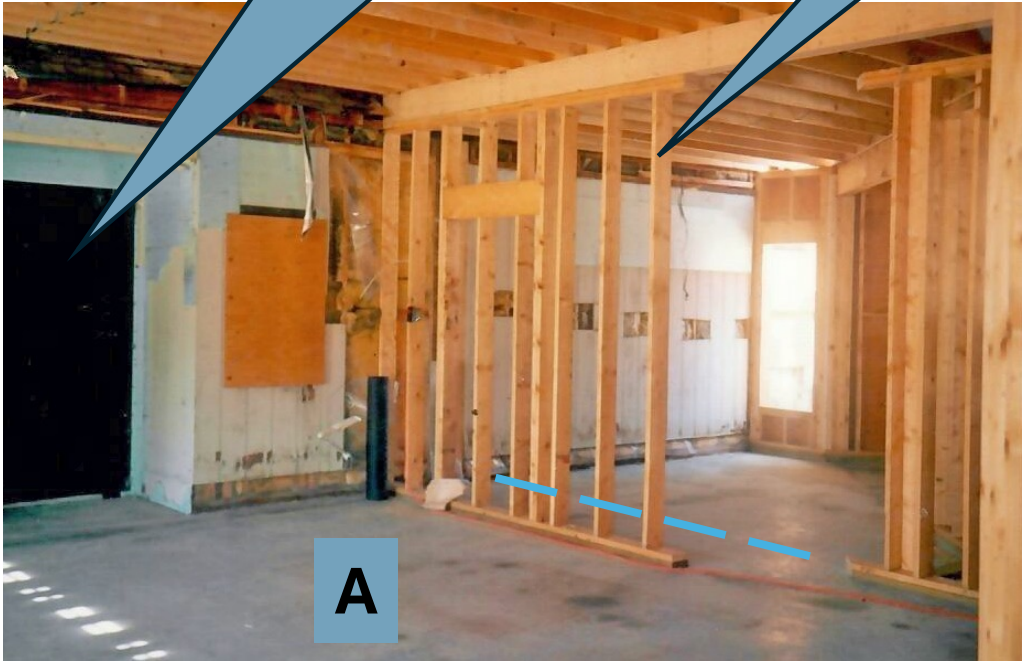


Old Meets New

The brown door was the main entrance to the original building.

Framing for Rabbi's new office

This is how this area looks today.



Additional Framing

Roof trusses and interior framing of the Sanctuary and Function Room



A Roof Over our Heads

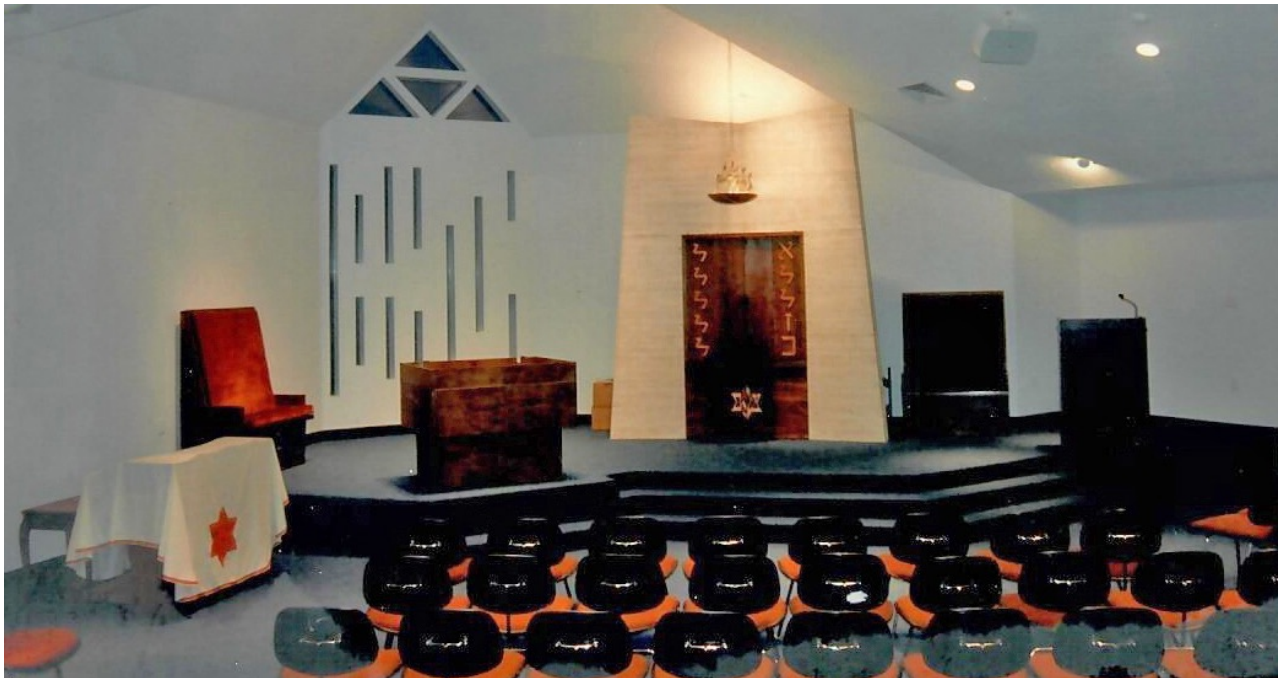
More trusses



Looking More Like a Building



All Ready for the 1995 High Holidays in our New Sanctuary



Our original chairs, as well as many other items were donated from Wang, when they moved from the Towers.

The Bemah benches were custom made for the previous bemah.

Featured in the Lowell Sun - Sept 29, 1995

[Read the full article here](#)

A new home for Congregation Shalom

Chelmsford temple expands and renovates for growing family

By VIRGINIA KIMBALL
Sun Correspondent 9-29-1995

CHELMSFORD — Congregation Shalom on Richardson Road began the new year in a new home.

Members observed Rosh Hashanah this past week in their renovated synagogue, which now has an addition with expanded classroom space and plenty of room for community events.

The addition had been a dream for years, says Rabbi Terry R. Bard, but temple members forged ahead with the project this year and, three months



Rabbi Terry Bard of Congregation Shalom, with the Chelmsford synagogue's Torah scrolls.

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the congregation, which has 87 fully pledged families and 15 affiliates.

There are usually 35 to 70 people at Friday Shabat services, Rabbi Bard says, and at the Rosh Hashanah service, we sat over 300 people. We're designed to be an open temple. Anyone can come, member or not member."

The building was designed and built to meet the religious, social and education needs of the community, he says.

The sanctuary has been completely redesigned and renovated, with many windows that allow light into the wide-open worship space.

The ark that contains the holy Torah scrolls, moved carefully from the old sanctuary area, sits at one corner of the front platform. Above the platform is a high wall of window panels that eventually will be filled with stained glass.

The sanctuary has a sliding



We Celebrated our Achievement and Collaboration

Thank-you

From the CS Newsletter , Oct. 1995, we had an informal social gathering for those members that helped build Congregation Shalom

The Congregation Shalom Building Committee would like to host an informal social gathering at the temple to say thank you to all the many members who have given of themselves during the new building program. If you have donated anything , worked on a committee, helped pack or unpack or gave us moral support , please join us for a thank you evening and deli supper on Sunday, October 22 at 6:30 PM at the Temple (Function Room A) . We look forward to all of us getting together , with no agenda or work schedule to just enjoy our building and our companionship. There is no charge but please RSVP to Neal Margie Berenson at 692- 2955 or Arthur Jane Nahabedian at 251- 4638 by 10 17.

Alan Fidler

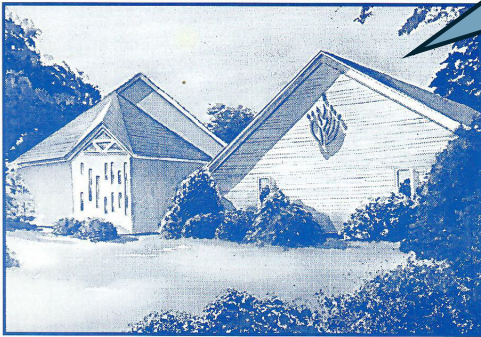


Those members that attended the thank you party were given a memento magnet. If you were a member at that time and helped in any way, we still have some here for you.



Formal Dedication and Celebration

Congregation Shalom Handbook



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For many months we ran a fundraiser with a very successful CS Handbook. Ads were sold to individuals, businesses and religious institutions in the area.

Part of the money raised was used to purchase the 175 grey cloth chairs that we still have today.

On Dec 3 we had the formal dedication open house to the community during the day followed by a Gala Dinner Dance that evening.

Our Dedication Celebration
Continues...with a

GALA DINNER DANCE



Catered 4 course dinner
Dance band with singer

Sunday, December 3, 1995
6:30-10:00 p.m.

A "Shalom" Night to
Remember



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Celebrating 2025 High Holidays in our Sanctuary



Our hard work is evident and lasting as we come together for the 2025 high holidays.

Then and Now

