

# RENOVATION PROGRESS by Al Sheldon, President

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As you can see from the surrounding pictures, it's getting to be a very exciting time in the renovation project. We've pretty much stopped tearing down and we're starting to rebuild and add new dimensions to our Synagogue home. Things you can't see yet are also afoot. We've ordered the new seating for the Sanctuary from a furniture company in Israel and we've ordered new stainless steel kitchen cabinets, sinks and worktables from Mexico.

Our new home will have items in it from almost as many places as the members of our Congregation come. The carpet and other floor coverings are on their way. The glass doors for the new Sanctuary entry way and the two sets of double doors coming off the patio into the social hall are on order. The new wooden doors, which will look like the old wooden doors which had been at the top of the outer steps at the entrance to the Sanctuary are

on order and will be spectacular. The bottom of the new second floor has been laid and the new seismic retrofitting is complete.

Our building, which has lasted for almost 90 years so far, will be in even greater shape for the next 90+ years of its life. At the end of that time our Synagogue building will be 180 years old. Ohr Shalom Synagogue will be 100+ years old. And though few of us will see it, I'm sure the then current members will plan a remodeling that we the 2010 members will be as proud of as we are certain they will be of what we have done in 2010.

Thanks to each of you who have so far been able to contribute so that we could make the renovation happen. (And as Raulf would say, if you can give a little more, it wouldn't hurt the renovation project at all.)

Shalom.

