

SHS Building Improvement Plan

A. Our VISION for Building Improvements and Enhancing the SHS Experience

Society Hill Synagogue helps you become the Jewish person you seek to be.

Our goals are to improve our religious, education, meeting, and outdoor spaces so that they are welcoming, safe, and modernized to meet our needs for Jewish observance, engaging programs, and lifelong learning. As a connected and caring Kehillah (community) קהילה, we strive to expand and enhance our facilities to improve the SHS experience for our members and position our shul for growth.

B. Building Improvement Plan Summary

Our building facilities must support the needs of our diverse congregation. Our prioritized list of improvements include:

1. ***The redevelopment of 430 Spruce Street to serve as an education hub*** for the Sunday and Hebrew Schools, the Playschool, and for Adult Education;
2. ***The redevelopment of a portion of 430 Spruce Street to serve as a lobby annex*** that includes a new elevator and restrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We hope to make it easier for all of our members and guests to access our Sanctuary and other spaces on the first and second floors of our historic building;
3. ***The renovation of the Social Hall*** to preserve and improve the engaging “big open space” of the Playschool, while allowing easier room transformations to accommodate for Simchas, adult-focused events, and occasional all-school gatherings.
4. ***The creation a vibrant outdoor space*** that includes landscaping the side and rear yards of the 418 and 430 Spruce Street properties so that they can be used for play, religious, or social events. We also plan to construct a covered passageway leading to a new side entrance to the Social Hall.
5. ***The improvement of signage and lighting*** to enhance safety and accessibility, as well as ***the upgrading of audio-visual technologies*** to enrich classroom learning.

These improvements will help SHS:

- Expand the variety of classes and services offered by the Playschool;
- Schedule simultaneous Sunday & Hebrew School classes (one drop off and pick up);
- Schedule Adult Education and meetings during Sunday & Hebrew School;
- Create a more vibrant outdoor space;
- Improve our facilities to help make our buildings more welcoming, attractive, and functional for our congregants and guests.

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