

Long Range Planning Committee 2006-2007

The Long Range Planning Committee focused our efforts this year on an assessment of various options for updating, augmenting, or substantially expanding our facilities to meet the future needs of the congregation. After a series of meetings in conjunction with the House Committee co-chairs, the Executive Administrator, the Administrative Vice-President, and the President of TJC, among others, we researched and considered the feasibility of a range of options. These included simply freshening our current facility cosmetically and addressing the need for infrastructure replacement in the foreseeable future; augmenting our kitchen, social hall, gift shop, storage office, and classroom facilities in the main building and storage, bathroom, and other rehabilitation priorities in the school building with the construction of new space and realignment of existing space allocation; or undertaking an ambitious capital campaign to add significantly to The Jewish Center by adding a new social hall, entrance lobby, and sanctuary in addition to the augmentation and upgrade of existing facilities.

As we were engaged in investigating the costs associated with these three levels of refurbishment or expansion, the Executive Committee undertook its own review of the priorities for The Jewish Center in the near term and farther into the future, culminating in a survey that the Executive Committee circulated for input first to the Executive Committee itself and then to the Board. The Executive Committee asked the Long Range Planning Committee to suspend its endeavors until the Executive Committee has concluded its discussions concerning the mission and priorities of The Jewish Center. We have respected that request and are awaiting a new charge from the elected leadership before continuing our efforts to collect data and to present options to the Executive Committee and to the Board for consideration in determining the current and future physical plant needs of The Jewish Center in relation to the programmatic priorities that will be determined by the Executive Committee for review by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
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