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# ISHSF Newsletter

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## WORK BEGINS!

It's long been understood that it did not make any sense to do any restoration work on the Synagogue interior until the roof had been made watertight and sound, thus preventing any further damage to the interior. This initial work awaited only the availability of funds and the resolution of certain legal issues.

It is exciting to be able to announce to you that funds for this portion of the project are now available. Accordingly, work on repair and rehabilitation of the roof was started in mid-November, and hopefully will be complete before the winter's severe weather sets in.

The general contractor chosen for this phase of the project was The Sequoia Company, headed by Jim Lydon. Jim is a small independent contractor, who, when he saw the project, fell in love with it and understood perfectly what we are trying to accomplish. He also understands the passion necessary for this project, as well as the necessity for fiscal frugality.

Simultaneously, work is being performed to restore the front and back roof sections, over the entranceway and the Rabbi's study, to their original configuration, per the original blueprints, which we have.

This work, which is being done with the funds raised and donated by former and present Board members and friends, will essentially drain our Treasury. Since additional work will be done in stages, as money permits, we are asking our friends and supporters to continue their support now so that we can carry on the complete restoration of the interior and clean up the exterior.

We have been extremely fortunate to have the assistance of Jim Judd. Jim is a Registered Professional Engineer whose grandfather was involved in the construction of the original tents and buildings of the Jewish Consumptives Relief Society. Jim and his family have been consistent supporters. Additionally, Jim is performing all of his work pro bono.

This roof rehabilitation is the second major phase to be undertaken, the first being the restoration of the tent building, which was completed in July 2007. Upon its completion, the tent was dedicated as a memorial to the Judelovitz (Judd) Family. At the brief dedication ceremony last year, a beautiful tile designed by Prof. Martin Mendelsberg of the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design was installed in a front window of the tent to commemorate the Judd family's dedication and involvement.



*dome before*



*joists exposed*



*almost finished*



*awaiting color*



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**RICH CARLSON**

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Rich Carlson. Rich was one of our original Board members, and later assumed the duties of Treasurer. Having been the Director of Facilities for the American Medical Center, he knew the location of every wire, pipe, and conduit around the Synagogue building. Rich can perhaps best be remembered for his comment, "I'm not Jewish, but I understand the significance of this." His quiet wisdom, competence, and calm demeanor are greatly missed.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We have a need for a Treasurer, and for several new Board members. If you are interested in serving, or if you know someone who might be, please telephone Bernie Goldman at (303) 987-1316.

**FUNDRAISING**

With the completion of the first two major phases of the project, which have effectively exhausted our funds, the need for additional support is critical. Major donations are of course especially desirable, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Please use the donation form below. THANK YOU!!

**Have you visited the ISHSF website?**

It gives the wonderful history of the JCRS, and the formation of the JCRS Isaac Solomon Historic Synagogue Foundation. The links contained therein will allow you to locate former patients from the JCRS Collection at the University of Denver's Penrose Library, as well as news and information regarding our accomplishments. The address is [www.jcrs-synagogue.org](http://www.jcrs-synagogue.org)

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