

Please help ensure that Sons of Abraham Synagogue remains a vibrant synagogue for Jewish observance and education as well as an inspiration for our entire community. Your generous support will make that possible.

Contributions are usually tax deductible. (Consult your accountant for specific details). Please fill out this form, tear it off at the perforation, and make checks payable (with "Project SOAR" printed on the memo line) to Sons of Abraham Synagogue, P.O. Box 2671, West Lafayette, IN 47996-2671.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

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___ I want to help rebuild and renew Sons of Abraham Synagogue! Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$_____.

___ I have a question about naming possibilities*, payment plans, contributing stocks and bonds, and so forth. Please contact me at the (*please check*):
___ phone number above ___ e-mail address above.

___ You may include my name when donors are listed or publicized.

___ Please list me as "anonymous" when donors are listed or publicized.

*Available for contributions of \$10,000 or more

In the Present, We Build for Both

But first, we build. This irreplaceable historic building is now in need of essential repairs and costly improvements. Rehabilitation must address structural obstacles, restoration of original architectural detail, accessibility requirements, and conformity to safety standards. It is through these initiatives that the synagogue will return to its former grace and benefit both the historically significant Centennial Neighborhood in which it is located and also the community at large.



Sons of Abraham Synagogue, located within walking distance of downtown, has been an active member of the Greater Lafayette, Indiana, community since 1889.

We can start now to restore, redecorate, renovate, and improve our lovely shul; to recover our archives (now dispersed) and help make them available for historic and genealogical study; and to rebuild our congregation.

Reminiscent of old-world architecture, Sons of Abraham Synagogue's building, at right, dates from 1916.



Appearing to be a menorah in the daytime but a kiddush cup at night, the unique stained-glass window on the west side of the synagogue is part of the original building.

We will need major commitments for funding to accomplish our goals. Please give generously to help re-establish Sons of Abraham Synagogue as a dynamic center for religious education, worship, renewal, and social action.



Sons of Abraham Synagogue

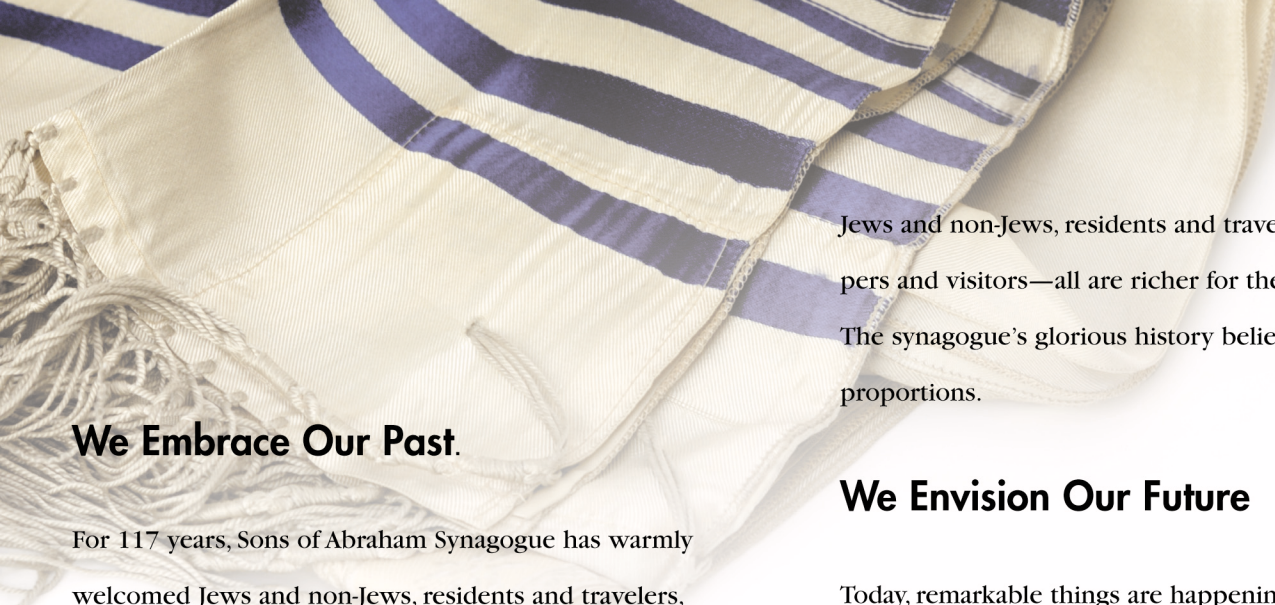
We Embrace Our Past.

We Envision Our Future.

In the Present, We Build for Both.

Your guide to binding the past and the future through historic preservation, Jewish renewal, education, and community.

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We Embrace Our Past.

For 117 years, Sons of Abraham Synagogue has warmly welcomed Jews and non-Jews, residents and travelers, worshippers and visitors.

Our synagogue has embraced those who sought refuge and others who followed remarkable new dreams. It reached out to those who came through its doors with a wealth of Jewish knowledge and to those who came seeking to learn. It was the religious sanctuary for those who helped a growing town to flourish, and it contributed to a tradition of scholarship and service. It nurtured generations of members and taught their children Jewish identity and values.



Jews and non-Jews, residents and travelers, worshippers and visitors—all are richer for the experience. The synagogue's glorious history belies its modest proportions.

We Envision Our Future

Today, remarkable things are happening at Sons of Abraham Synagogue. Project SOAR (Sons of Abraham Regeneration), a strategic, multi-year plan designed to promote development and ensure the continued success of the congregation, is well under way. In the near future, with your financial support, Project SOAR endeavors will include:

Structural Renovation: Improving the building's accessibility (especially for those with physical disabilities or who have difficulty managing steps), adding a rest room upstairs, and much more, so that the synagogue may be open to all; renovating and beautifying the building by removing paneling, replastering, and repainting the sanctuary; improving lighting; stemming leaks; rewiring; and more to ensure the building's safety and improve its appearance

Scholarship and Jewish education have always been integral components of Sons of Abraham, as this religious school photograph (left) from the 1900s illustrates.



The warm glow of lights on the bima welcomes worshippers into the sanctuary and helps set the mood for meaningful Sabbath and holiday prayer.

Membership Growth: Promoting growth and community by encouraging individuals and families (locally and nationally, through a new Web site and other means) to experience what Sons of Abraham and this community have to offer

Jewish Education: Implementing a multifaceted program of Jewish education for preschoolers, children, teens, young adults, families, and senior adults

History and Archives: Locating, organizing, cataloguing, and sharing with the larger community the congregation's rich historical archives that include oral histories, photographs, and documents

KinderKorner: Selecting, procuring, and maintaining a collection of books, media, toys, and materials for KinderKorner, an activity center specifically differentiated and designed for Jewish families with children ages newborn to 7 years

Community Outreach: Programming to promote understanding within and between the congregation and the larger community—including public programs; joint efforts with the Indiana Historical Society, the Tippecanoe Historical Association, and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society; and establishment of a social-action committee to provide assistance to the Centennial Neighborhood

Sons of Abraham proudly displays a plaque from the Wabash Valley Trust, presented in recognition of the building's historic value and beauty. The synagogue is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



Heritage, traditions, and languages are lovingly passed from one generation to the next by Sons of Abraham's dedicated and involved parents, rabbi, and educators.

