



## A Space of Welcoming

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**P**AS seeks to ensure that all members of our community have the opportunity to fully participate in synagogue life. With JDAIM, Jewish Disabilities and Inclusion Awareness Month, on the horizon in February (p. 2), we are sharing some of the ways we will continue to welcome everyone into the PAS community when we return to the revitalized 87th Street building.

Many of the welcoming features in the Eli M. Black Center for Lifelong Learning will also be incorporated at 87th Street. The elevators will provide high-speed movement throughout the building, and wayfinding signage will include braille. As recommended by the Inclusion Committee, mezuzot will be placed on doorways at two heights, so our youngest members as well as those who utilize mobility devices can reach them.

While the Sanctuary is not the focus of the revitalization, it will offer improved accessibility in several dimensions. The steps and ramp that previously provided access to the Sanctuary from the lobby will be replaced by a gently graduated incline that will eliminate the need for a ramp. The sound system has been updated, and we offer assistive hearing devices as well as magnification devices and large-print siddurim. The *amud* (podium) has been rebuilt to be ADA-compliant, lowering to accommodate members who read Torah from a wheelchair or scooter. We will continue to provide access to the bimah with a ramp for wheelchairs and scooters.

The new chapel on the third floor will have a built-in ramp to the bimah. The temporary bimah used for High Holiday services in the lower level will also have a ramp. These spaces will also have ADA-compliant *amudim*.

We look forward to sharing highlights of the construction and move back to 87th Street in future issues of the Bulletin, by email, and at [pasyn.org/transition](https://pasyn.org/transition).