CONGREGATION KOL SHALOM

1909 Hidden Valley Road, Annapolis, Maryland

Located in secluded grounds off Hidden Valley Road, this 1993 project consisted of the adaptation and substantial expansion of a 4400 sq. ft., 1970's era, earth sheltered house to create a 5,500 sq. ft. synagogue and religious school building.

Halpern Architects assisted the building committee and congregation in establishing short and long term goals for their facility. Using those goals as a guideline, Halpern Architects was able to develop a feasibility study which allowed the congregation to prioritize and select the work to be performed within their budget. Halpern Architects was then commissioned to prepare construction documents for the new building which included a new sanctuary, classrooms, offices and a kitchen.

After 20 years of growth, Congregation Kol Shalom returned to Halpern Architects to assist with an expansion process. Halpern Architects assisted in a strategic planning process, which allowed the congregation to explore whether to expand on site or relocate to a new facility. Halpern Architects assisted in evaluating the suitability of existing structures being considered for the congregation's purposes, evaluating the maximum expansion which could occur on their existing site, and then assisted in narrowing their project goals to meet their mid-term needs. It was concluded to expand the existing building at their current location. Included in this process was an assessment of the condition of the existing building and identification of long term and deferred maintenance items which strategically were included within the project scope. Halpern Architects prepared a design and project schedule accordingly. The project is scheduled for completion by September 2014.







Entrance The new sanctuary

Rear of sanctuary

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