



THE NEW REFORM TEMPLE- RENOVATION FOR THE FUTURE

NRT Mission

The New Reform Temple is a dynamic congregation that embraces a progressive and inclusive vision of Reform Judaism. While remaining deeply connected to our roots, we create opportunities for spiritual enrichment, continuing Jewish education and community engagement. We thrive on thoughtful respect for diversity of expression.

WHY RENOVATE THE NEW REFORM TEMPLE

- No Elevator—current access to lower level is via admin's office or outside steps and pathway (both worn down). No way to get to religious school if a person has any mobility challenges.
- One very small bathroom only on the main floor, No ADA compliant bathrooms in the building.
- No seating accommodations in the sanctuary for anyone with mobility challenges.
- No sprinkler system.
- Original windows—extremely energy inefficient.
- Lower level is outdated and rarely gets used.
- Mediocre AV system. Pandemic has underscored and highlighted the value of having a commercial grade AV system.
- HVAC and electrical have not been updated in 50 years.
- The current first floor layout is not inviting for social interactions before and after services and religious school.

PLANNED SCHEDULE AND FUNDRAISING GOALS

- Beginning construction in early 2021 (dependent on reaching fundraising milestone)
- Complete construction in time for Rosh Hashanah, September 6, 2021
- Budget is **\$2MM-2.4MM**



NRT MISSION / OUR ROOTS

■ **Founded in 1967** to create an institution based on Classical Reform Judaism

- Jews practicing Judaism as they personally see fit, respectful of tradition but not necessarily dictated by it
- Our **founders** were **Paul Uhlmann, Jr. (Chairman), Peggy Benjamin, Kenneth Baum, Kitty Berkowitz, Virginia Brown, Carol (Gilbert) Meyers, Richard Goldman, Harold Melcher, Betty Slegman, Arthur Stern, and Helen Jane Uhlmann**
- Established in the current location with updates and additions such as
 - **Krasne Room**
 - **Marion and Henry Bloch Religious School**
 - **Krasne Garden**
- Yet, **no major facelift or review of infrastructure in over 50 years**

NRT MISSION / WHO WE ARE / VALUES

■ Who we believe NRT is today:

- Dynamic congregation of 200 families embracing a progressive and inclusive vision of Reform Judaism
- Deeply connected to our roots, we create opportunities for spiritual enrichment, continuing Jewish education and community engagement
- Meaningful, dignified services led by Rabbi Alan Londy
- Musicians, Becky and Nathan Bliss, add their special talents to our congregational life

■ What we believe NRT values are today:

- Believing that every Jew must find their own unique connection to Judaism
- Building a community which welcomes Jews by birth and by choice
- Welcoming the young and the old, and cultivating life-long learning for all
- Inviting to all singles, families, races, and genders
- Establishing strong ties with Kansas City secular and religious communities
- Advocating for social justice and encouraging civic engagement

NRT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS & CONTINUED GROWTH

We continue to focus on our mission and welcome a new generation of leaders and members

- Friday night Shabbat Services have been part of our tradition since Day 1. Weekly attendance on Zoom Shabbat services now regularly exceeds 150 people
- Active Social Justice program including involvement with:
 - Mannheim Gardens
 - Jewish Family Services
 - Operation Breakthrough
 - The Children's Place
- During the Pandemic we shifted to all on-line Shabbat Services and High Holiday Services
- Despite the Pandemic, enrollment in the Religious School is up over **20%** from 2019-20
- An inaugural year Hebrew program has 10 students
- 8 new members since June, on pace to be our biggest number of new members in at least 5 years
- An active Adult Education program featuring weekly Torah study

RENOVATION - BUILDING FOR NRT'S FUTURE

The renovation will **align our building with two of our core principles**, (1) inclusion & (2) to serve as a cornerstone community for the next generation of Reform Jews in KC

Facility Upgrades / Inclusions

- Expand vestibule to provide a welcoming place for Religious School parents to congregate
- Improve building accessibility on all levels with an elevator for those with limited mobility
- Complete ADA compliance
- Improve general infrastructure, safety and energy efficiency improvements
- Upgrade HVAC, windows, electrical system and security, sprinkler system installation

Facility for the Future

- Improve community space
 - Make Krasne Garden more inviting to serve as an additional location to congregate socially
 - Reconstruct and modernize lower level
- Provide enhanced Audio-Visual capabilities – Pandemic has highlighted the importance of remote broadcasting
- Add new AV to Marion and Henry Bloch Religious School classrooms to facilitate teaching and learning

OUR PLANS TO DATE

- Renderings shown are illustrations
- No decorative decisions have been made
- Floor plans shown reflect our most current thoughts and are subject to change

OUR NEW NRT – ENTRY



OUR NEW NRT – DOORS OPEN



OUR NEW NRT – DOORS CLOSED



OUR NEW NRT – STAIRWELL WITH TREE OF LIFE



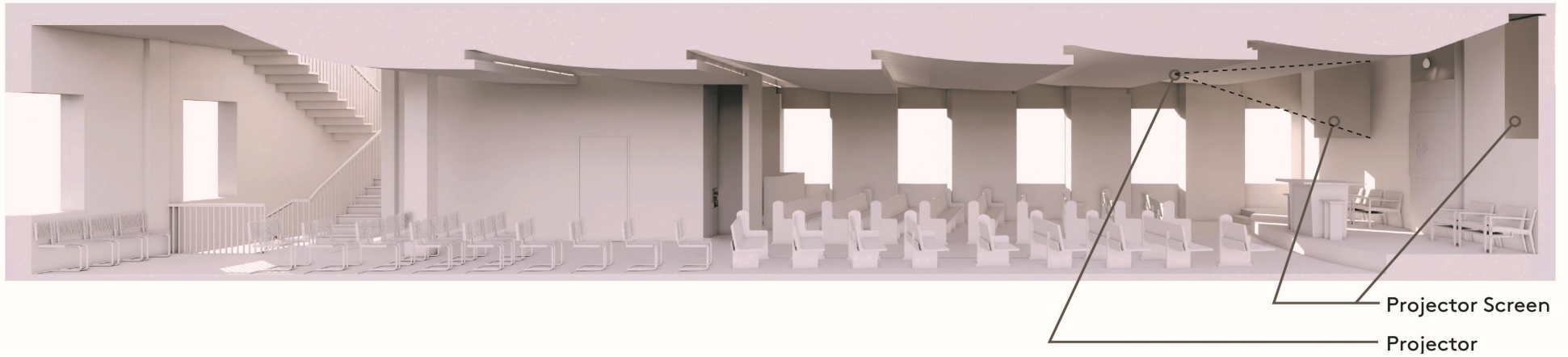
OUR NEW NRT – THE SANCTUARY



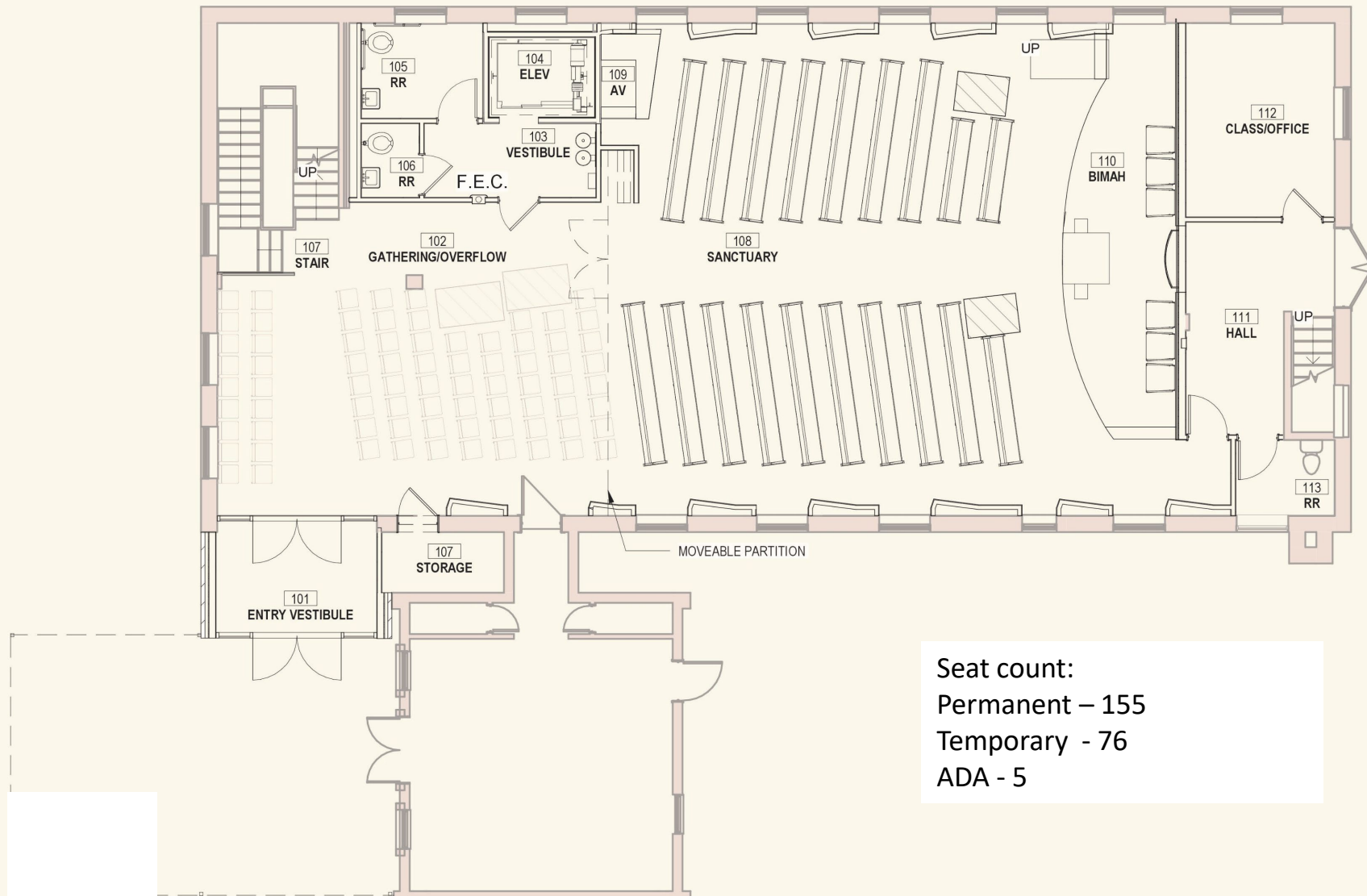
OUR NEW NRT – THE BIMAH



OUR NEW NRT – SANCTUARY SECTION

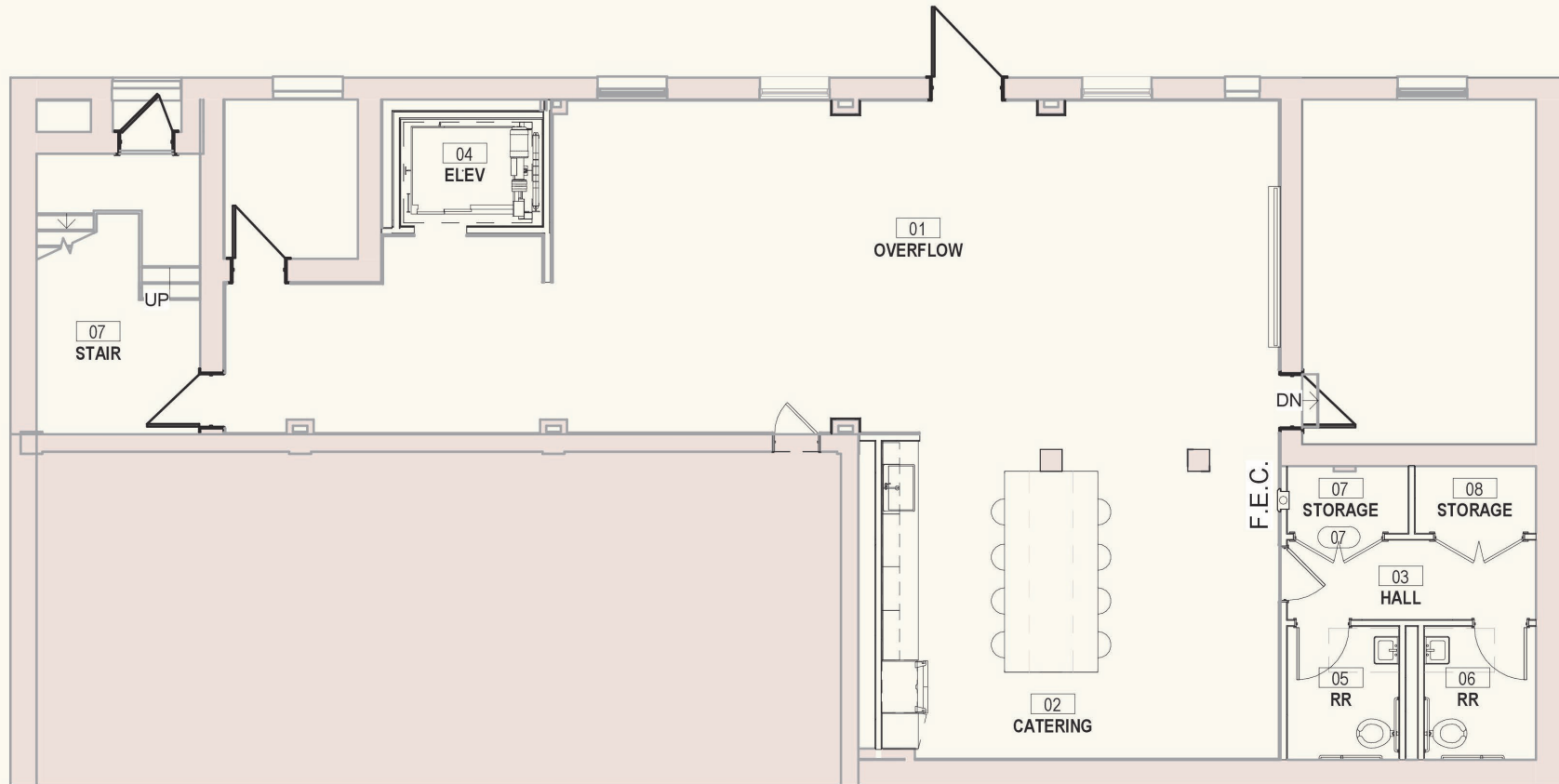


OUR NEW NRT – MAIN FLOOR PLANS

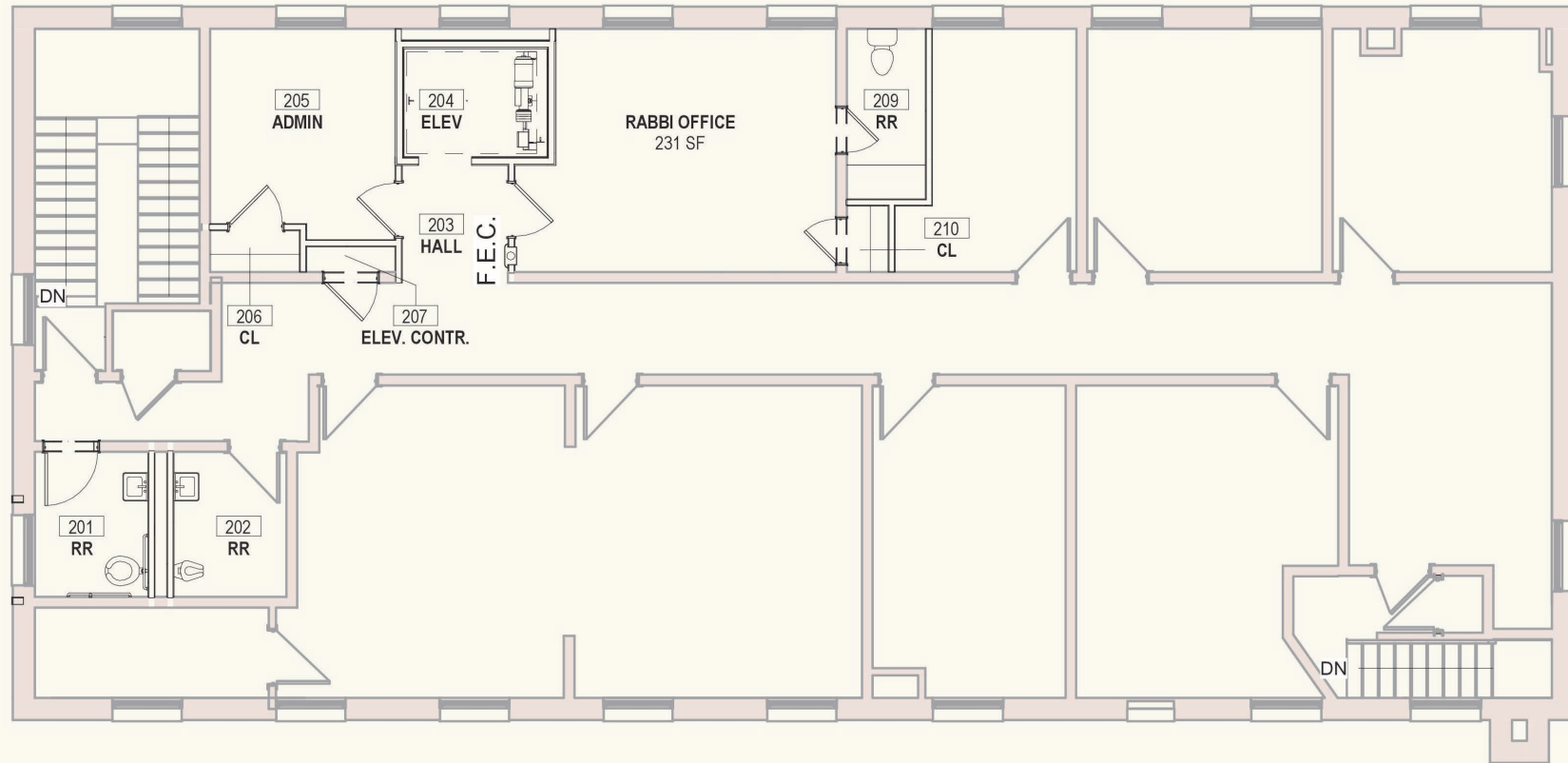


Seat count:
Permanent – 155
Temporary - 76
ADA - 5

OUR NEW NRT – LOWER LEVEL PLANS



OUR NEW NRT – 2ND FLOOR PLANS



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- Budget is **\$2MM-2.4MM**
 - Requesting **commitments of 90%** before beginning construction
 - Pledges payable for up to 5-year period
 - Dedication opportunities are available
- Currently raised over **\$1.65MM**, over 2/3 of our goal.



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