

## North Suburban Synagogue Beth El-Field Sanctuary Bimah



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Architects & Urban Designers



**Context:** The Field Sanctuary is a somewhat timeless modernist space with simple clean lines and motifs bringing forth the metaphor integral to the faith and ritual in Judaism

**Concept:** Our vision for the space, removed the backdrop wall to the Bimah which made the whole space look heavy and dated. We restored the Bimah to become more of an object within the sanctuary by lowering the panelling on both sides, removing dated lighting in one of the roof canopy elements, adding an accessibility ramp to the Bimah and replacing different railing types with a consistent bronze railing. In addition we refinished all the panels inside the sanc-

### Project Data:

Building type  
Religious-Synagogue  
Sustainability/LEED  
Material and ADA upgrades

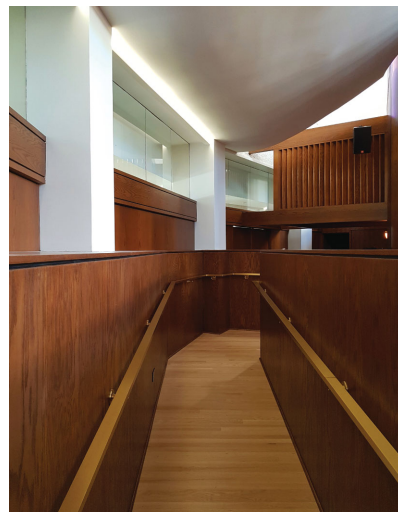
Location  
Highland Park, IL

Site Area  
6.5 Acres

Project Area  
Approx. 1,200sf

Client  
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El  
Completion Year  
Bimah Renovations completed Sep 2018

Construction Cost  
\$ 410,000 in 2018



Top: Restoration of main steps and entire arc clearstory  
Bottom: Views toward Ark and Ramp Access

Team  
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