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## **Abbot completes restoration of Temple Ohabei Shalom stairway**

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Abbot Building Restoration Company, Inc. recently completed a restoration to the grand stairway of the sanctuary of Temple Ohabei Shalom.

Constructed of pre-cast concrete with a bullnose face design, the sanctuary stair treads had been deteriorating over the years and were repaired numerous times with unsatisfactory results. Contracted by the synagogue to investigate the situation, Abbot proposed a more permanent alternative solution to the problem, and worked with the architect/engineer, Eisenberg/Haven Architects, to implement the new design.

Rather than perform another repair and coating of the stairs that would create an artificial appearance, Abbot replaced the most severely deteriorated steps and repaired the less severely deteriorated bullnose faces with "dutchmen" salvaged from the demolition. The result was a durable, elegant stairway that should stand up to the rigors of steady traffic and the New England weather for years to come. Significantly, Abbot was able to complete the permanent restoration at a similar cost to the previous repairs.

Abbot specializes in repair and maintenance of the building enclosures of aging structures in the greater Boston area.

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- \* Pointing
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The first Jewish synagogue in Massachusetts, Temple Ohabei Shalom has resided at the center of Jewish Boston life since its founding in 1842.

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