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## **Kaplan Construction receives two EICA from ABC MA**

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Boston, MA Kaplan Construction was honored with two Excellence in Construction Awards (EICA) from the Mass. Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC MA). The company received two Eagle awards. Congregation Kehillath Israel received the Eagle Award in the category of Historical Restorations/Renovations over \$1 million, and The Revolution Hotel received the Eagle Award in the category of Commercial Construction over \$5 million.

### Congregation Kehillath Israel

Kaplan oversaw the two-phased addition, restoration and renovation of the historic Congregation Kehillath Israel (KI) in Brookline.

Phase one consisted of an extensive exterior renovation of the existing sanctuary building and schoolhouse on-campus buildings, which were originally constructed in 1924. Phase two of the project included the interior renovation of the sanctuary and adjacent school building, totaling 30,000 s/f. The interior renovations required heavy structural modifications with the installation of new bathrooms and modern HVAC, mechanical, and lighting systems.

During the second phase of the project, a 10,000 s/f addition was completed, which included a catering kitchen and social hall that connects to the sanctuary through a sunlit atrium, and will be used for hosting wedding receptions, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and other special events. The synagogue also hosts a dedicated space for Congregation Mishkan Tefila, who has co-located with KI on their Brookline campus.

### The Revolution Hotel

Kaplan completed renovations for the Revolution Hotel, converting a former hostel into an urban boutique hotel located at 40 Berkeley St. in Boston. Built within the existing walls of one of America's first YWCAs, the company renovated guest rooms, bathrooms, and common areas, throughout the seven-story, 77,000 s/f building. Kaplan upgraded many other interior features of the existing building, including energy-efficient windows, amenity areas, and a lobby which showcases custom concrete flooring and a custom mural. Exterior work included a full roof replacement and improvements to the private courtyard. Kaplan also did a full fit-out to accommodate a basement bar, lounge, and fitness room. The bar and lounge functions as the co-working space Conspire during the day. The hotel has been open to the public since December 2018.

The EICA judges stated this was a “very complex project, successfully completed, quality outcome.”

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