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WHERE WILL THE CENTER BE LOCATED?

There are a few pieces to this project, most of which you will find inside Temple’s walls! The construction project includes a state-of-the-art archival storage wing in converted storage space located by the DeRoy Sanctuary. What was the cloak room and storage room will now be home to over 2,000 linear feet of high-density shelving and will house the bulk of the archival collections that are currently within the Franklin and Simons collections. The Franklin Archives will also keep its dedicated room on the second floor for collections and a digitizing station. Bringing the two archives under one roof is extra special because up until the move to TBE, most of the Simons archival collections were housed all the way in downtown Detroit - which means someone studying Jewish Michigan history has a great deal of traveling to access the various collections. Moving their collections into our building, alongside the Franklin collections, will allow better access, ease of use, and more awareness to our history and heritage.

Another exciting piece is the addition of a reading room within the Prentis Memorial Library. The general use of the library will remain, but there are added researcher tables and staff desks to allow users better access to the collections with professional assistance - all while surrounded by even more incredible resources that are already in our library!

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These upgrades and changes mean more use and appreciation of these archival materials, giving community members and traveling researchers a better understanding of the incredible impact of Jewish people and organizations in our state and beyond. The Jampel Center is for everyone, so I hope you will visit us and learn more about the histories of those who helped build our community and see how your story fits into the larger picture of Michigan’s Jewish heritage.

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MEMORANDUM & REMEMBER

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7:00 PM Family Shabbat (IP)
10:00 PM Beth Elders Event (IP)

**FEBRUARY 5**

7:00 PM Celebration of Tu Bishvat (V)
10:00 AM Beth Elders Event (IP)

**FEBRUARY 6**

7:00 PM Purim Carnival (V)

**FEBRUARY 7**

7:00 PM Beth Elders Event (IP)
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**FEBRUARY 8**

2:00 PM Out With The Boys Social Hour (IP)

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