

**Temple Ohabei Shalom  
Brookline, MA**

**Restoration of Sanctuary Entrance Stairway**

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

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.



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.