

Summary of BEKI Sanctuary Redesign Survey

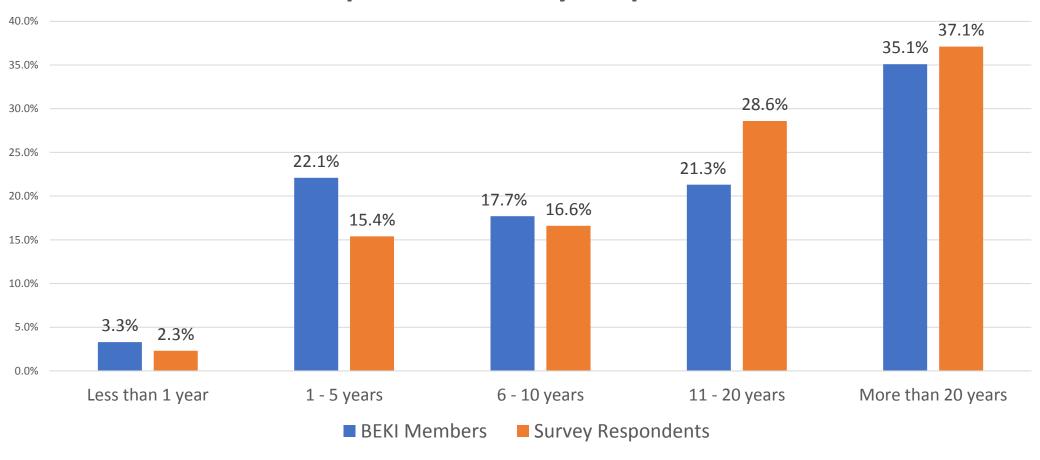
The web-based survey was opened for 8 days starting on November 14th

There were 183 responses to the survey

95% of the survey respondents are members of BEKI



Number of Years of Membership All BEKI Members Compared to Survey Respondents

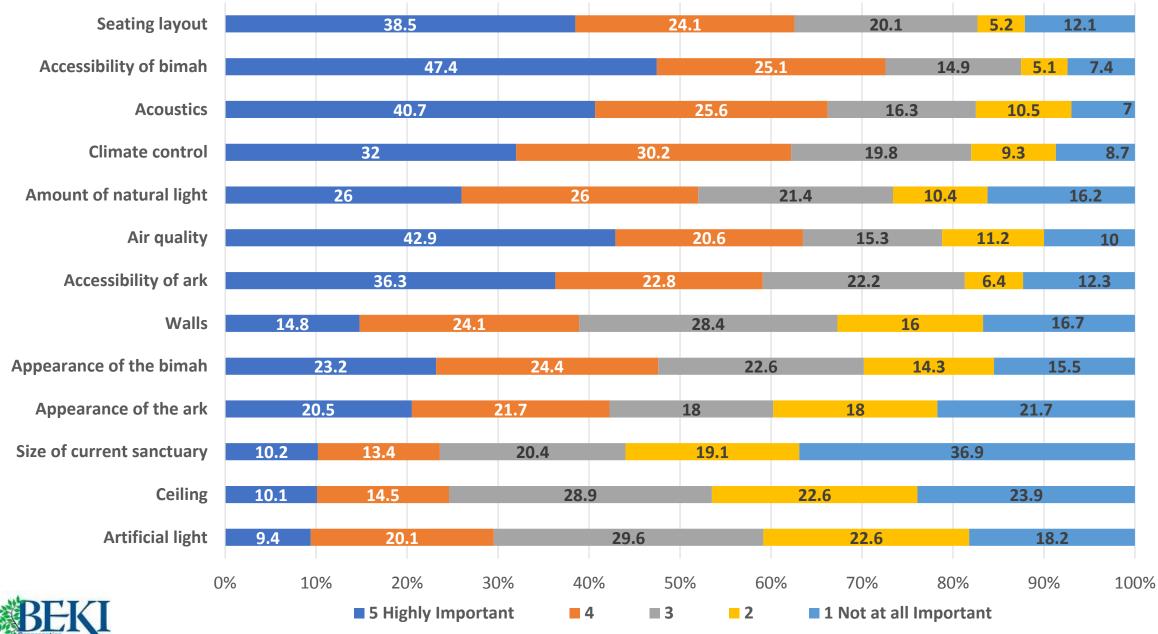


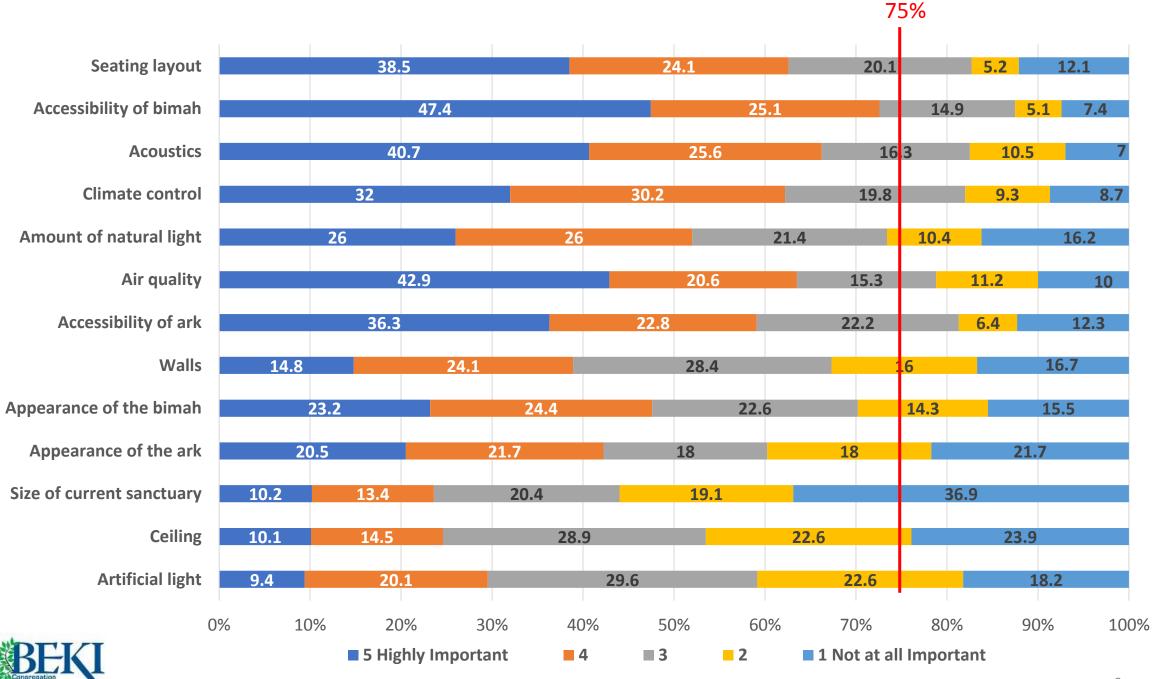


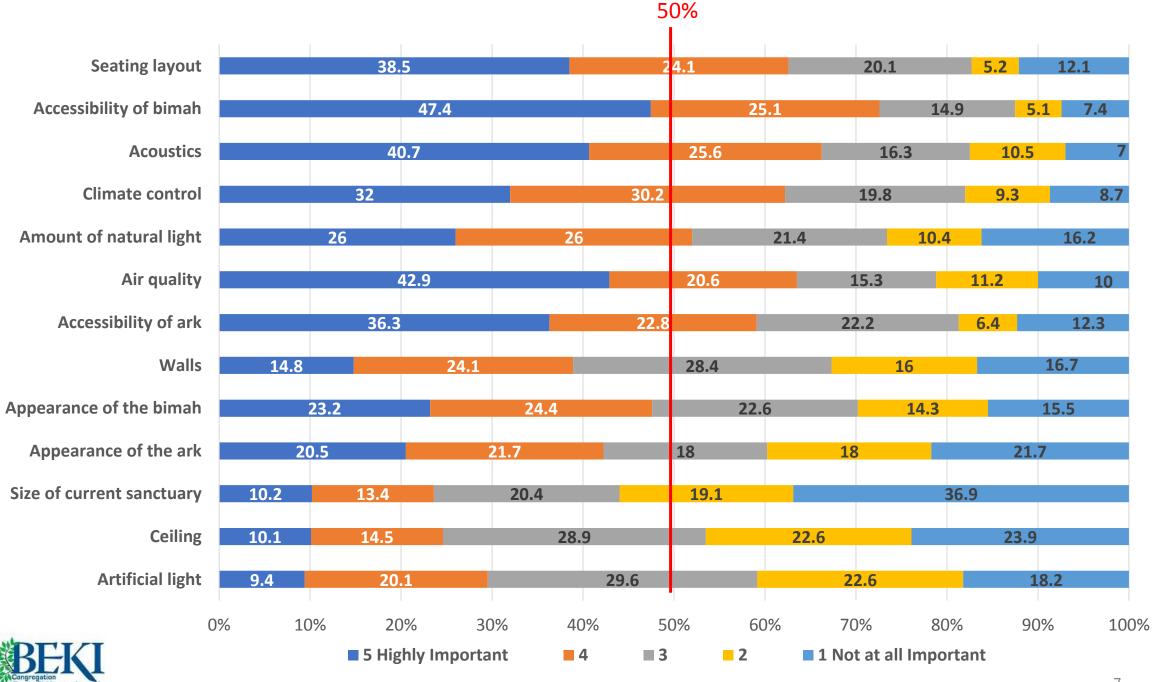


Percent who Ranked each <u>Tangible</u> Aspect as Top 3 and the Average Score of Importance for Each

	% that rank role as top 3	Average score of importance (5 to 1)
Seating layout	52.5%	3.72
Accessibility of the bimah	48.6%	4.00
Acoustics	37.7%	3.83
Climate control	28.4%	3.67
Amount of natural light	27.8%	3.35
Air quality	27.8%	3.75
Accessibility of the ark	19.7%	3.64
Walls	15.3%	3.04
Appearance of the bimah	13.7%	3.26
Appearance of the ark	6.0%	3.01
Size of the current sanctuary	6.0%	2.41
Ceiling	4.5%	2.64
Artificial lighting	0%	2.80



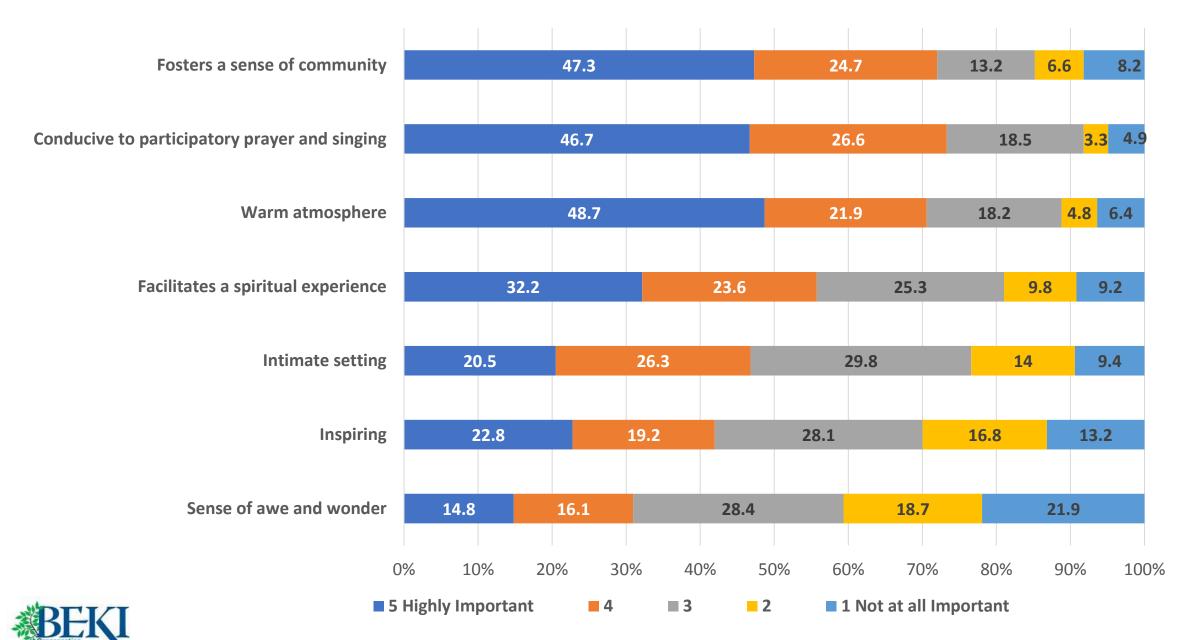


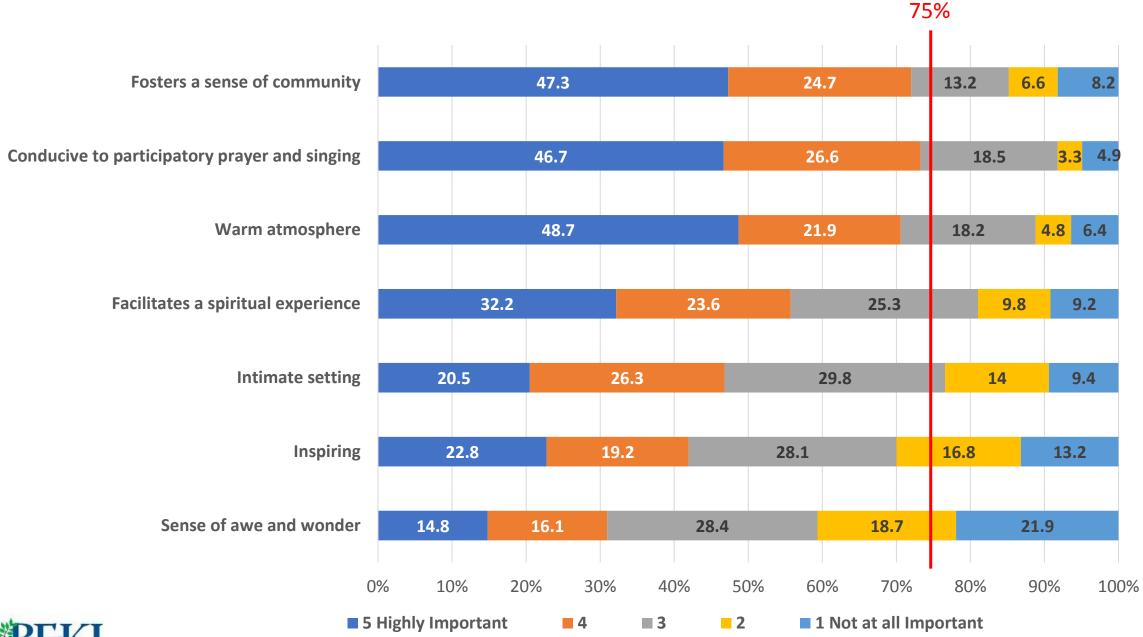


Percent who Ranked each Intangible Aspect as Top 2 and the Average Score of Importance for Each

	% that rank role as top 2	Average score of importance (5 to 1)
Fosters a sense of community	55.2%	3.96
Conducive to participatory prayer & singing	48.1%	4.07
Warm atmosphere	41.5%	4.02
Facilitates a spiritual experience	27.9%	3.60
Intimate setting	15.3%	3.35
Inspiring	4.9%	3.22
Sense of awe and wonder	4.4%	2.83









Is there anything else you want the committee to know as we plan for the redesign of the BEKI sanctuary?

Out of the 183 responses to the survey, 113 (61.7%) included a response

Data was analyzed to identify themes, only themes endorsed by **5 or more respondents** are included in the summary

The responses to this question grouped into 4 themes:

- Finances for the renovation
- Accessibility
- Whether to renovate
- Seating layout



Is there anything else you want the committee to know as we plan for the redesign of the BEKI sanctuary?

A number of congregants commented about the **finances for the renovation**.

- Some reported that they want more information about the funding source as they do not want the synagogue to take on more debt or to pass the cost on to members.
- Others want BEKI leadership to think about the cost of the renovation in relation to how much the sanctuary is used.



Is there anything else you want the committee to know as we plan for the redesign of the BEKI sanctuary?

Some congregants expressed that accessibility is their primary concern so that all members can fully participate in all aspects of services.

Others expressed that they do not think that the renovation is needed as **they like the current sanctuary** or that **they do not think this should be a priority** for our community.

Some expressed their desires regarding the **placement of the seats** in the sanctuary with about half reporting that they want to sit in the round and the others feeling that the seating layout should stay as it is.



Is there any aspect you think we should focus on that is not included in this list?

Out of the 183 completed surveys, 127 (69.4%) include a response to this question

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Is there any aspect you think we should focus on that is not included in this list?

Individuals made comments about the seats in the current sanctuary.

- Comfort of the seats was mentioned, with respondents indicating that the current seats are **very uncomfortable**.
- Accessibility of the seats including increasing the space between the rows of seats
 to make it easier for people to walk down the rows.
- Some expressed the desire for the seats to be movable to increase the flexibility of the space.

Others made comments regarding **finances for the renovation** similar to the comments made for the previous question.



In Summary

183 responses to the survey; 95% synagogue members

Tangible aspects

- Seating layout
- Accessibility of bimah
- Acoustics
- Climate control
- Amount of natural light
- Air quality
- Accessibility of the ark

Intangible aspects

- Fosters a sense of community
- Conducive to participatory prayer & singing
- Warm atmosphere

In response to the open-ended questions, members expressed the desire to learn more about how the renovation will be financed and why it is being done. People also expressed the desire for more comfortable seats and for the sanctuary to be accessible.