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A beautiful new ark designed by Cincinnati architect David Lee Smith and built in Cincinnati especially for the Albert and Sadye Harris Memorial Sanctuary of North Avondale Synagogue will be a highlight for those attending the dedication this Sunday, December 10 from 2 to 4 PM.

The entire community is invited to attend the dedication and reception and to hear well-known New York singer and entertainer Shelly Lang perform a selection of Jewish songs.

Crafted of special matching grains of white oak inside and out and featuring handsome oak columns echoing the entry hall columns of the turn-of-the-century room, the ark's design is very traditional in form with just a contemporary suggestion. It was custom built by Joe David of Midwest Woodworking Company.

An enlarged bimah, new walls, lighting and carpeting are among the features of the renovation and ^{restoration} ~~renovation~~ project donated by Bernice and Arthur Friedman in memory of her parents, Albert and Sadye Harris.

In addition the original stained glass ceiling atop the raised area above the bimah has been restored to use, ^{once again} filtering in daylight from the skylight above.

The congregation continues to maintain an important presence and function in the North Avondale community. The new sanctuary is part of an ongoing