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Phase I Rehabilitation to begin for Augusta Jewish Museum



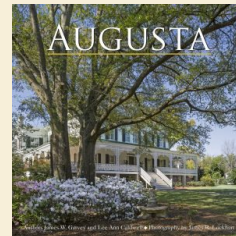
Court of Ordinary and Temple

The **Augusta Jewish Museum** is about to become a reality after five years of diligent effort by **Historic Augusta**, the **Augusta Jewish Museum Board** chaired by **Jack Weinstein** and **concerned citizens** to save the **former Court of Ordinary** and **former Congregation Children of Israel Synagogue** from demolition for a parking lot.

A press conference will take place on **Wednesday, June 17th at 3:00pm** at the Court of Ordinary. It will be [live-streamed on our FaceBook page to allow you to tune in!](#) On April 21st, The Augusta Commission approved plans for Phase I for rehabilitation of the Augusta Jewish Museum and the Court of Ordinary. **Ellen Neal Pruitt**, architect with **Studio 3 Design Group** along with general contractor, **Duckworth Development**, were engaged for the project. Work will begin this month, and the museum is expected to open by the end of the year.



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Interior of Temple circa 1950

The original Telfair Street Temple, built in 1869, is the oldest standing synagogue structure in Georgia. Many congregants came from nearby Hamburg, SC, and Aiken, SC, as well as the Augusta area. The Greek Revival style building was a place of worship until 1950 when it was converted into offices. The Court of Ordinary was constructed by Richmond County in 1860 to house irreplaceable wills, deeds, marriage licenses, and other court records. Built as a "fire proof" building, it was designed in a time when many courthouse fires destroyed invaluable records throughout the nation.

Phase II will expand the museum by adding the adjacent Temple into a larger museum and will provide a venue that can be rented for events.

Following restoration, both buildings will become a regional center of learning and awareness with exhibits and programming chronicling the life, history, and contributions of the Jewish community in the Central Savannah River Area as well as educate about the horrors of the Holocaust.



Interior of Temple circa 1950

Historic Augusta is pleased that the future buildings of the **Augusta Jewish Museum** are being saved and that the organization will be able to realize its dream. This is a wonderful example of **Historic Augusta** accomplishing its **mission: to preserve historically or architecturally significant structures and sites in Augusta and**

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significant structures and sites in Augusta and Richmond County, Georgia. We serve as an advocate for those with preservation interests. When an historic building is threatened with demolition, we intercede to try and prevent the loss of irreplaceable history. Historic Augusta also encourages the preservation of historic buildings by other groups and individuals and works to help them accomplish their goals.



Temple circa 1950

Historic Augusta is a non-profit organization. Your tax deductible donation helps us save historic buildings such as the Temple and Court of Ordinary buildings. If you'd like to make a difference and be a part of our mission, click here to become a [member](#) or make a [donation](#).

Learn more about the [Augusta Jewish Museum](#) by visiting their website.

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Events

Please check our website and social media pages on FaceBook and Instagram for the latest updates about our fall events which are currently being planned keeping health safety as a top priority as we navigate COVID-19 concerns in this unprecedented time.

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Robyn Anderson, our **Preservation Services Director**, recently spoke with **Chris Rucker** and **Lauren Smart** at **Kruhu** to discover what Historic Augusta means to them. Kruhu is a Branding and Marketing Studio in **Downtown Augusta** that has created and designed *Historic Augusta News* and print materials for our events since 2011. **Kruhu** is an [Annual Partner in Preservation sponsor](#) supporting the mission of Historic Augusta. We value our relationship with Kruhu and thank them for their dedication to our mission.



Although the month of May has ended, Historic Augusta celebrates **Preservation Month** all year long. When you are out and about and see a **place that matters** to you, you can always **snap a picture** and **include a tag** to show your love for **historic preservation** and **Historic Augusta** on [Facebook](#) or on [Instagram](#)

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